



Accident Photography headlines Chapter May meeting

May 12, 2009 - 12:00-1:00pm - *Speaker: Jon Moldestad*

Jon Moldestad is an Independent Analytical and Forensic Safety Consultant with more than thirty years of experience in the identification, evaluation and control of hazards to personnel, property and operations. He is a technical consultant and expert witness on numerous topics including accident investigation, occupational ergonomics, and risk management. Jon has worked with hundreds of domestic and foreign companies. Jon is an ASSE professional member and maintains a number of certifications in the professional practice of safety, health, and environmental.

Forensic photography (sometimes referred to as forensic imaging or crime scene photography) is the art of producing an accurate reproduction of a crime scene or an accident scene for the benefit of a court or to aid in the investigation. It is part of the process of evidence collecting. It provides investigators with photos of bodies, places and items involved in the crime. Pictures of accidents show broken machinery, or a car crash, and so on. Photography of this kind involves choosing correct lighting, accurate angling of lenses, and a collection of different viewpoints. Scales are often used in the picture so that dimensions of items are recorded on the image.

Jon will discuss the fundamental principles of accident photography including some common dos and don'ts reconstructing an accident scene applying the art and science revolving around photographs taking.



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The officer candidate slate was announced at the April chapter meeting. A vote of the chapter membership will be taken at the May 12 chapter meeting if there are 25 members or more in attendance. Otherwise, a ballot by electronic mail will be taken of the 299-strong membership.

Spotlight shining on Chapter President Jay Jamali

By Tyler Nguyen, President-Elect

Jay Jamali was selected and honored (April 30, 2009) as a local citizen to receive a San Jose Police Department's Simpson-Silva Citizen's Award. This award is given out to citizens who have shown bravery while assisting a police officer or who performs an act under emergency conditions, wherein that service rendered results directly in sustaining a human life.

On January 16, 2009 Jay Jamali was teaching an outdoor aerial lift safety class near the Capitol Expressway and McLaughlin Avenue in San Jose, when he heard gunshots and witnessed a suspect that had been stopped by a police officer. The suspect attacked the officer and gained control of the officer's handgun. Suspect then began to chase and shoot at the officer.

Jay instructed his students to take cover, and continued to watch the scene unfold around him. When the suspect appeared to be gaining on the officer, Jay yelled and waived at him to attempt to distract and to slow him down. The suspect paused long enough for the officer to get away. When SWAT and other Police units arrived, Jay was able to successfully guide them to the gas station, where the suspect had holed up, and where he was eventually found, deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The officer's stolen gun was also located on the premises.

Officers first encountered the suspect during a routine vehicle check Friday morning that showed the 2006 Ford Taurus was confirmed stolen out of Washington state. When an officer approached the vehicle, suspect exited the car and attacked the officer, taking the officer's gun and fired shots, police said. He also exchanged gunfire with two officers in the parking lot, before entering the gas station's store.

Police said they found a ballistic helmet, bulletproof vest and several high-capacity bullet magazines in the trunk of suspect's stolen car.



PANDEMIC/SWINE FLU

Your safety and the safety of your employees, clients, customers and the people you serve should always be a **Core Value** of your safety program. With the recent cases of swine flu/- H1/N1 influenza in the Bay Area, the nation and abroad many corporations, non-profits and government agency's are taking aggressive, proactive steps to mitigate the transference of the illness while continuing services to the health and well being of the their employees, their customers, their clients and the publics they serve.

Stephen Polk, Senior Safety Analyst, Synopsys, asked his fellow employees to provide follow up suggestions or insight regarding additional deterrents to the current swine flu situation after he drafted and distributed a flu policy throughout his company. Stephen's message to Synopsys' employees was to minimize the risk of exposure and to stay home and work remotely, if were experiencing flu-like symptoms. Stephen also encouraged employees to wash their hands more frequently with soap, increase the sanitation/cleaning in the restrooms and limit business travel.

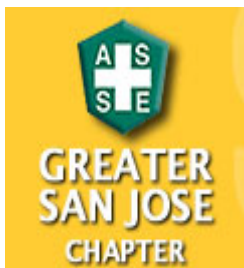
Mark Gordon, Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) noted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has cleared for marketing a new, more rapid test for the detection of influenza A/H5N1, a disease-causing subtype of the avian influenza A virus that can infect humans. The information Mark shared stated that according to the FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health this test is an important tool to help quickly identify emerging influenza A/H5N1 infections and reduce exposure to large populations. It was noted the clearance of this test represents a major step toward protecting the public and the threat of **pandemic flu**.

The Center of Disease Control (CDC) have also made the following recommendations in preventing the possible spread of this flu:

1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
Do no use handkerchiefs, but disposable tissues. Throw away used tissue immediately
2. Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Stock restrooms with antibacterial soap.
3. Avoid touching your nose, mouth or eyes.
4. Avoid close contact with sick people, if possible—influenza is though to spread person-to-person
Through coughing and sneezing of infected people
5. If you get sick, stay home from work and limit your contact with other.

To avoid confusion with other illnesses, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department released these specific conditions about swine-flu testing:

1. Symptoms must include a fever above 100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C and one or more signs or symptoms including: head and body aches, cough, sore throat, chills, trouble breathing and vomiting and/or diarrhea.
2. People who experience a fever of 100 degrees F and one or more symptoms should call their doctor or clinic. Plan to provide the following information: types of symptoms you are experiencing; recent travel to Mexico; contact with someone who may have influenza
3. The Santa Clara County Public Health Information Line (PHIL) will be staffed to answer public question about the swine flue. **Call 408-885-3980.**



DIR Director Duncan to speak at Greater San Jose PDC

As California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Director, John Duncan manages a department with 2,700 employees and a \$382 million budget. DIR consists of eight divisions or programs including

- the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (Labor Commissioner's Office) which enforces labor law in California, investigates wage claim disputes and discrimination complaints;
- the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) which monitors safety and health in the workplace through standards enforcement, consultation assistance to employers and training programs;
- the Division of Apprenticeship Standards which administers California law governing standards for wages, hours, working conditions and the specific skills required for state certification at the journey level of apprentice-able occupations;
- the Division of Labor Statistics and Research which publishes information on economic, employment, workplace safety and health statistics;
- and the Division of Workers' Compensation which monitors administration of workers' compensation claims and assists in resolving disputes over claims for workers' compensation benefits.

Mr. Duncan has accepted the invitation to present the keynote address at American Society of Safety Engineers Greater San Jose Chapter's Professional Development Conference scheduled for October 8-9, 2009 in Monterey, California.



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SAVE THE DATE—Our very own Professional Development Conference (PDC) sponsored by the Greater San Jose Chapter of the ASSE is scheduled for **October 8 and 9, 2009 in Monterey, California.**

State Department of Industrial Relations **John Duncan** along with Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH/Cal-OSHA) Chief **Len Welsh** are slated and confirmed to kick off this year's conference.

Conference theme "What's Around the Corner" and the pending program agenda promise to make this one of the best PDCs ever in the Chapter's nearly 45 years of existence. Stay in touch with your chapter officers for more information.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

June 9, 2009	Seismic Mitigation to Minimize Earthquakes and Other Disasters' Damage to Your Property	Glen Granholm, Project Manager, Essrig Taylor Construction, Inc.
July 14, 2009	A Psychologist's Perspective on Safety Leadership: How to Motivate Safety Behaviors in 4 Simple Steps	Thomas E. (Ted) Boyce, Ph.D., President and Sr. Consultant Center for Behavioral Safety LLC