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July 2010 Newsletter

Most Americans Not Prepared for Natural Disasters, Survey Finds:

A survey conducted by Trusted Choice and the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America indicates that most Americans are not fully prepared for a natural disaster. Findings also reveal that most households have not even taken the most basic steps to protect against a disaster.

Of the respondents:

- less than 22% said they felt they are fully prepared in case of a disaster;
- more than 50% admitted they are only somewhat prepared;
- more than 25% reported they are not prepared at all;
- more than 66% have not created a photo or video home inventory;
- more than 40% have not assembled a disaster and emergency supply kit.

For additional information on the survey, contact Sue Nester at susan.nester@iiaba.net.

Using the Lessons of BP to Improve Your Own Accident Response Plan

[Gerald A. Edgar](#)

June 25, 2010

Emergency Preparedness

BP is hardly the first company to face the challenge of accident response. We've all had our own "spills." An avoidable injury, a leaking 55 gallon drum. These things happen all the time and demand an effective response. The only real difference between us and BP is scale—and the fact that [...]

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

To reserve a seat via e-mail, please send your name, telephone number and email address to:

reservations@assesj.org

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 - 12:00pm - Biltmore Hotel & Suites

Haiti Earthquake Relief Disaster Medical Mission

Presentation by Brian Sherin, Deputy Director of EH&S, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

On Jan 12, 2010, Haiti was struck by a M7.0 earthquake that produced massive damage and loss of life in and around the capital of Port au Prince. Working in coordination with the UN and the government of Haiti, the US provided immediate and substantial assistance to the people of Haiti. One aspect of this response was the deployment of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). This included the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) from five states plus a field surgical response team. This incident was the first time that NDMS deployed the DMATs on an international relief mission. The author participated as a Safety/Security Officer in support of HHS Command Staff, working with all of the HHS assets in Haiti. The presentation will provide information about the disaster, the response, and special safety and health challenges faced by the response personnel during the initial two week deployment.

Brian Sherin is the Deputy Director of ES&H at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, a Department of Energy national laboratory, run by Stanford University. In this capacity, he is responsible for the emergency management and security programs. In addition, he is a volunteer with CA-6 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) where he serves as a Safety Officer. During times of national health emergencies, CA-6 can be called up and becomes part of Health and Human Services' National Disaster Medical System. Previously, Mr. Sherin was the co-founder of Environmental & Occupational Risk Management (EORM), a leading environmental and safety consulting firm, headquartered in Silicon Valley. In addition, Mr. Sherin also has 17 years of experience as a fire fighter with the Loma Prieta Fire and Rescue Department in Santa Cruz County, CA.



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President's Message - July 2010

ASSE: The Vision & Strategy

Having a vision and strategy are essential during these difficult economic times. Even more vital is executing the strategic plan and continuing to offer valuable products and services to our members. As ASSE approaches its 100th anniversary, major strides have been taken to realize our vision as the global champion of the SH&E professional, a global leader of the profession, and a premier resource for those engaged in protecting people, property and the environment. Furthermore, ASSE has a tremendous opportunity to increase its influence as a world-renowned leader in SH&E.

To clarify our strategic plan in order to better serve members and advance the profession, the Board of Directors participated in a strategic planning workshop earlier this year. We also engaged the House of Delegates to provide input on the Society's vision, mission, values and goals. This important dialogue ensures that we have a shared vision and strategy as we proceed into the future. Strategic plan discussion will continue during the upcoming Society year.

ASSE's strategic plan is based on the following eight goals:

1. Develop and promote standards relating to the scope and function of the safety profession, including academic, ethical and certification standards.
2. Influence regulations and legislation that affect the practice of the profession or the activities of the Society.
3. Promote SH&E issues, the SH&E profession and its positive effects.
4. Establish and maintain an effective and efficient organization for the advancement of the Society's mission.
5. Gather, encourage and participate in development of the body of knowledge relevant to the profession.
6. Develop and maintain mechanisms to recruit, retain and nurture the membership.
7. Deliver the highest quality professional development opportunities to enhance competence and position practitioners for success by understanding the needs of the profession, deliver the highest quality programs that meet those needs and recognizing the achievement of participants in the programs.
8. Establish and maintain a structured program to recruit, retain and nurture student members.

In addition, three strategic initiatives that align with these goals have been identified:

1. value of the profession;
2. body of knowledge; and
3. global growth.

I will address each of these initiatives in a future message.

In the article, "Time to Transform? Assessing the Future of the SH&E Profession" (PS, November 2002; reprinted December 2006), I expressed the need for our profession to speak the language of business and incorporate financial principles and related terminology into our everyday vocabulary. Strategically, we must work with business leaders, our members' customers, to demonstrate the value that SH&E professionals provide to the business community. We must demonstrate to company leaders that safety and health is a vital link in competing in today's global marketplace. ASSE is the preeminent safety society in the world. Furthermore, we are in an exciting period in our organization's history. But resting on our laurels will not provide the blueprint to future prosperity. Great thought, insight, creativity, commitment and energy must be the pillars to build upon our current foundation and ensure continued success. Also, the Board of Directors is committed to making knowledge- and fact-based decisions that have strategic implications. To reach our vision and secure future prosperity, we ask and seek your active participation. I hope each member can play a role during the upcoming year and help ASSE advance the Society's vision and mission. Society leaders will continue to listen to members and external customers in order to offer the highest levels of service and benefits. Let's work and have fun together and make this a productive year as we journey together toward ASSE's 100th anniversary.

Darryl C. Hill, PhD., CSP
2010 - 2011 ASSE President



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Upcoming events:

Free Flash Fire & Arc Flash Safety Seminar

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 - 8:00am to 11:30am - Crowne Plaza Concord

Sponsored by Contra Costa County and Westex, Inc.

This informative non-commercial half day workshop reviews the magnitude and dynamics of flash fire and arc flash exposures, NFPA 2112 and NFPA 70E requirements for protection against serious or catastrophic injuries caused by garment ignition. View rare video of real world and lab replications of flash fire and arc flash. New compelling independent research findings of actual real world flash fire duration. Debated hazard duration answered through multiple research studies.

Who Should Attend:

Employers, contractors and safety professionals who are concerned with potential exposure to Flash Fire NFPA 2112/2113 and Arc Flash hazards NFPA70E and how to best protect their employees and contractors.

What You Will Learn:

- You will see state of the art, debut video demonstrating real world Flash Fires and Arc Flashes conducted at TEEX and KEMA laboratories.
- You will leave with a sound understanding of the NFPA standards covering both hazards and how Flame Resistant fabrics perform and the variance in performance within the standards.
- You will understand how to enhance and compliment new or existing FR clothing programs and how the market is responding to changing regulations.

Location: Crowne Plaza Concord, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA 94520. [Flash Fire & Arc Flash Safety Seminar](#) (pdf)

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**2010 San Jose Chapter PDC - Nov. 4-5
SPEAKERS & TOPICS:**

"Nano Technology Safety and Health Concerns"
Speaker: Rick Kelly
Facility and EH&S Manager - Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

"Design For Safety (DFS) & Prevention through Design (PtD)"
Speaker: Jay Jamali, CSP, CHMM, CHCM
EHS Director - Enviro Safetech

"Cal/OSHA Standards: Upcoming, Proposed and Being Considered"
Speaker: Marley Hart