



Next Meeting:

Date?

- 10/8/2009

Time?

- 5:30 pm

Where?

- Bentley's (Cary)

Cost?

- \$20

Topic?

- ConAgra Foods Event

Presenter?

- Josh Creighton, Wake County

Member and Family Fun at the Annual Durham Bulls Baseball Outing!

The score from our annual chapter outing: Durham Bulls 5, Scranton Yankees 2. Go Bulls!

For everyone who could make it to the chapter outing, I hope you and your family had fun. I know at the Duke household there was a lot of bellyaches over the food and sugar that was ingested. I sincerely wish everyone had as much fun as my family did. A special thanks to Horace Rozier (Chapter President) for suggesting the idea this past year and Dave Machles (Webmaster) for coordinating everything with members and the ballpark. You both did a great job. For those who could not make it, as a chapter we want this to be an annual outing, so keep us in mind next year!



I also wanted to thank Tom Snow (pictured above). Instead of letting food go to waste, Tom had it worked out to bring kids sitting nearby up to the pavilion to grab some free food. I'm a big fan of integrity and compassion. Awesome work Tom!

Lastly, we would love to hear your thoughts on the evening. Did you have fun? Was anything missing? Any input you have on what went well and where we can improve would be great! Please email me at dduke@smeinc.com.

Thanks, Dave Duke.

New Chapter Website!

The chapter website has a spectacular new look. We are now hosting the website through a service offered by ASSE headquarters. Please visit the new site at: <http://www.nc-asse.org/> for a preview. You will find up to date information on future meetings, event pictures, government updates and job postings. We hope this site will offer our members a point of communication and will assist in the Executive committee goal of increasing meeting attendance. If you have any suggestions for the website or meetings please drop a note to one of the officers.

If you would like to post a job opening or a personal resume on the website please email Dave Machles at davidm@dimensions-ohs.com. Please attach a Microsoft Word document containing your job description, formatted how you would like it to be posted on the website.

You can also visit the following websites for job postings, the Nexsteps (www.nexsteps.org) and EHS careers website and www.safetyemployment.com.

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY NEWS

New Construction OSHA standards effective October 1, 2009

NC DOL OSH Division has adopted new construction standards for Cranes and Derricks. They go into effect on October 1st of this year. There is a certification requirement for operators that will go into effect in two years (9/30/11). The 27 rules are: 13 NCAC 07F .0901 to .0927.

The text can be found on NCDOL's website: http://www.nclabor.com/osha/etta/state_specific_rules/stds.htm

NC DOL OSH Division are also offering free training around North Carolina. The training dates and locations can also be found on their web site.

This update courtesy of National Safety Council web site.

Pandemic Flu..... What to do?

The Seasonal Flu kills on average 32,000 Americans annual. Add this to the H1N1 threat and those numbers could easily double.

Does your company have a plan for dealing with a potential 30-60% absentee rate?

If the seasonal flu or Pandemic H1N1 begins to take it's toll on the American public as the CDC has suggested in recent publications, then one third of your employees could be out sick, along with another one third of your employees out of work tending to sick children or family members. This could be devastating to a business.

Some tips for business continuity during a Pandemic event:

Identify business critical process and the critical employees that staff these task.

Identify business critical vendors and suppliers.

Plan for the worse and cross train employees to back fill critical task.

Contact vendors and ask for their Pandemic plan and inform them of your expected service level requirements during a pandemic

Create flexible work schedules and encourage employees to work from home when sick.

Buy and stock small supplies of N95 respirators and gloves for critical employees that may have to interface with public or sick employees during a pandemic event

If possible, provide hand sanitizer for all associates and train them on proper hand washing and how to cough into there elbow or upper sleeve instead of their hand.

Create a plan for dealing with employees that present Flu symptoms at work and a possible return to work policy for those that have had confirmed Flu infections.

The CDC has a website dedicated to the Swine Flu at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

Horace Rozier

President NC Chapter ASSE

Pandemic Plan Site lead for BD Technologies RTP



Government Affairs Updates

Howard to Return to NIOSH

Wednesday, September 9th

As the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports at <http://www.ajc.com/news/howard-returns-to-cdc-131563.html>, Dr. John Howard has been appointed by the Obama Administration to lead NIOSH once again. ASSE said the following on the appointment –

“ASSE is pleased that this Administration has recognized the quality leadership of Dr. John Howard and appointed him to return to lead NIOSH,” said Chris Patton, President of ASSE. “At NIOSH, he ably helped the talented professionals at NIOSH take their appropriate leadership roles in occupational safety and health and set a visionary direction for NIOSH that, with adequate resources, can address the rapidly changing risks in today’s workplaces. As it has in the past, ASSE and its member safety, health and environmental professionals look forward to working with Dr. Howard and his staff at NIOSH to continue to advance our understanding of workplace risks and their solutions.”

The CDC email from Thomas R. Frieden, CDC Director, appointing Dr. Howard is below –

From: Thomas R. Frieden (CDC)

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 1:49 PM

To: CDC All - CDC & ATSDR and non-CDC & non-ATSDR

Subject: Appointment of John Howard, M.D., as Director of NIOSH

I am pleased to announce the selection of John Howard, M.D., as the new director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); he’ll assume his new role on September 8, 2009. Dr. Howard previously served as the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health from 2002 through 2008. He also served as Coordinator of HHS World Trade Center Health Programs from 2006 to 2008. He will again assume a dual role, and serve as the World Trade Center Programs Coordinator for HHS.

Dr. Howard is one of the nation's leaders in occupational health and worker safety. He has worked with scientists, medical professionals and workers to effectively lead investigations into new and potential health hazards and address workplace health and safety concerns. Importantly, he brings to this position the dedication and passion needed to achieve the safest workplaces possible.

He is board-certified in internal medicine, legal medicine, and occupational medicine. He is also admitted to the practice of medicine and law in the State of California and in the District of Columbia, and he is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar. He has written numerous articles on occupational health, law, and policy and serves as a Professorial Lecturer in Environmental and Occupational Health in the School of Public Health and Health Services at the George Washington University.

Dr. Howard received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University of Chicago in 1974, a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard University School of Public Health in 1982, a Doctor of Laws from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1986, and a Master of Laws degree in Administrative Law and Economic Regulation from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1987.

I would also like to thank Christine Branche, Ph.D., for her excellent work over the past year as Acting Director of NIOSH. Christine will remain at NIOSH and will work with John to ensure a smooth transition of authority and prepare to transition into her next position as a Distinguished Consultant in the Office of the Director.

Please join me in welcoming John back to the leadership of NIOSH and thanking Christine for her service as acting director.

Courtesy ASSE website

http://www.asse.org/professionalfaffairs_new/gaupdate/index.php?issue=2009-09-09&article=1333

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2009—2010 NC Chapter Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker	Location
Sept. 10, 2009 11:30am	Associate in Risk Management (ARM) Designation	Bob Uhorchak, CSP, ALCM, ARM	Bentley's at Crossroads
Oct. 8, 2009 5:30pm	Review of the ConAgra Foods Event (Joint Meeting with CHMM)	Josh Creighton, Wake County Emergency Management	Bentley's at Crossroads
Nov. 12, 2009 11:30am	Ergonomics and the Aging Workforce	The Ergonomics Center	Bentley's at Crossroads
Dec. 10, 2009 11:30am	NC-OSHA's New Crane Safety Standard	Tom Savage, NCDOL	Bentley's at Crossroads
Jan. 14, 2010 5:30pm	Influenza A-H1N1: Update on Pandemic Status	Chris Murray, The El Group	Bentley's at Crossroads
Feb. 11, 2010 11:30am	Emergency Phone System (GETS)	John Graves	Bentley's at Crossroads
Mar. 11, 2010 5:30pm	NC_OSHA Update	Cherie Berry, Commissioner, NC-DOL	Bentley's at Crossroads
Apr. 8, 2010 5:30pm	Roundtable - NCSU/IES Education and Training Opportunities *Chapter Officer Elections	Wendy Laing, NCSU Industrial Extension Service	Bentley's at Crossroads
May 2010 Luncheon	ASSE Luncheon at the Statewide Safety Conference	Statewide Safety Conference	Greensboro Four Seasons

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For more information, visit www.asse.org.

The NC ASSE Chapter executive committee are committed to serving you by providing you with relevant safety news, a forum for safety discussions and networking opportunities.

We have a full schedule of speakers set for the 2009-2010 year and hope to increase participation in the monthly meetings. We request your help in spreading the news of our exciting website and providing us with updated contact information for your self and our fellow safety professionals.

Invite your fellow safety professionals to join us once again and help increase national safety awareness and the many benefits of local chapter participation.

We all benefit from a stronger professional safety organization.

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