

Meeting Events and Highlights - February:



Weather just didn't cooperate with us for our meeting, so we held the meeting over the internet. We would like to thank Presenter Doris Burns, Manager of Safety Engineering for Union Pacific, for providing us with valuable information on selecting gloves in the workplace. Hand

injuries are all too common problem. The right gloves will help, but the wrong ones can present serious safety hazards. Presenter Doris Burns has been studying the plethora of European and American Standards related to hand protection and glove selection (41 criteria in all). Now, she is developing an app that allows the end-user to specify glove needs based on a hazard assessment. Doris explained how the app assists you in completing the assessment, and printing (or emailing) the exact specifications to your glove provider. No more guesswork, no more trial & error (or injuries). If you would like more information, contact one of our chapter board members.

Upcoming 2017 Meetings:

ASSE GP Chapter Awards and Honors Banquet honoring our Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), 25 Year Members, our Chapter Scholarship Winner and we will be having officer elections

When: Friday, May 5th, Time: 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Pasta Amore, Cost: \$35, dinner and 2 drinks

Note: 2017 Award winners and Past Chapter Presidents are no charge. See officer candidates on Page 3

To Register and for more details, go to:

<http://greatplains.asse.org/events/awards-and-honors-banquet/>

ASSE GP Chapter March DOT Seminar

On March 17, the chapter organized a seminar entitled; **How Safe is Your Fleet?** Sergeant Mike Maytum, Carrier Enforcement Division of the Nebraska State Patrol presented *FMCSA Rules*, David Stolp, Senior Consultant and Chris Bryant, Director for Workplace Safety Solutions, from the National Safety Council presented *Vehicle Safety* and *My Car Does What?* Dan Kloewer, Branch Service Manager from Penske Truck Leasing presented *Vehicle Inspections*. Thank you to all the presenters for a fantastic job. Your efforts will help keep our employees and the public safer on the back roads to the highways.



Looking for a Position?

Are you looking for a new opportunity? We have several openings posted on our Jobs page. Go to the Great Plains Chapter website for current

openings: <http://greatplains.asse.org/jobs/>

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Health and Safety Under the New Administration

The Trump Administration published "Implementation of Regulatory Freeze" on January 24th providing guidance on a memo that became known as the "Freeze Memo" issued days earlier, which states that all regulations that have been published in the Federal Register that have not taken effect will be postponed for 60 days. The memo also instructed agencies to withdraw regulations that have been sent to the Office of the Federal Register but have not yet been published and that not to initiate any further regulations. Exceptions include emergency situations or other urgent circumstances relating to health, safety, financial, or national security matters. Two rules that are often cited for cancellation are the electronic recordkeeping rule and the silica rule. However, this won't be easy, since both rules are outside the window for the Congressional Review Act (CRA) and they both must undergo a formal rules making process to be revoked. However, the Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017 was approved by the house in January. The Act amends the CRA to allow Congress to disapprove multiple regulations in one vote, instead of one regulation at a time. Read more at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/24/implementation-regulatory-freeze> and <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/21>

ASSE Local Meetings

You may have noticed that we are having quite a few meetings at the NSC offices on M Street in Omaha. Meetings are the third Friday each month, unless otherwise posted on our website. The NSC assists individuals and employers in many aspects of safety and health. To learn more about this incredible organization, go to:

<http://www.safenebraska.org/>



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Not an ASSE member?

On the home page of the website you can click on "Join ASSE" at the top right of the page and begin the process of joining: <http://www.asse.org>.

ASSE Foundation News

Winners of the National ASSE Scholarships will be announced on April 1st. The Great Plains Chapter also has a scholarship fund set up for local students. For more information about the GP Chapter scholarship, check out our website. For more information about National Scholarships, go to the National ASSE site at: <http://foundation.asse.org/scholarships-and-grants/>.

It's That Time of Year Again. Register for Safety 2017!



Registration includes:

- 3 full days of education with 2 lunches
- 2.5 days of exposition access
- 3 general session presenters
- 32 flash sessions & 10 roundtables
- 1.7 CEUs/Recertification points
- Opening reception, Plenary & Executive summit



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Repeal Of OSHA Record-Keeping Rule To President

The U.S. Senate on Wednesday passed a resolution to kill an Obama-era regulation that would allow the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to fine employers over a full five-year period for failing to properly track and report workplace injuries and illnesses after they occur, sending the measure to President Donald Trump for likely approval. The resolution would undo OSHA's so-called "Volks" rule, which was finalized late last year and extended to five years the statute of limitations during which regulators can penalize employers for inadequately keeping records of workplace safety incidents. OSHA finalized the rule in December to restore what the agency categorized as its "longstanding position" that employers must record and keep records of worker injuries or illnesses for a full five years or face a penalty. <https://www.law360.com/articles/905162?scroll=1>

Spring 2017 ROC to be Held in Omaha:

Our Chapter has been chosen to host the Region V Spring Regional Operating Committee (ROC) gathering for 2017. The ROC will be in Omaha, April 6th & 7th. Each chapter in Region V has been requested to send at least one representative and ours may send two. We will also host a tour of the Union Pacific Headquarters this year and may get to even drive a train (well, simulated anyway). The meeting will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 555 S 10th Street. Get involved and one day you may get to go to the ROC compliments of your local Chapter. For more info: <http://region5.asse.org/events/spring-roc-2017/>

New Beryllium Rule

OSHA has promulgated a new beryllium rule, which they estimate will save 90 lives from beryllium-related diseases and prevent 46 new cases of chronic beryllium disease each year. The rule reduces the permissible exposure limit (PEL) for beryllium to 0.2 micrograms per cubic meter of air ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), averaged over 8-hours. It also establishes a new short term exposure limit (STEL) for beryllium of 2.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, over a 15-minute sampling period. There are additional requirements which, if you are familiar with the new silica rule, will look very familiar. The rule was originally scheduled to take effect March 20, 2017, but has been delayed to May 20, 2017 pending further review.

You Decide

What do you think?
Was getting hit in groin by golf club an injury covered exclusively by workers' comp?



Answer: <http://www.safetynewsalert.com/was-getting-hit-in-groin-by-golf-club-an-injury-covered-exclusively-by-workers-comp/>

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