

Jeff Funke, Omaha OSHA Area Director, discusses OSHA's enforcement and outreach priorities.



Mr. Funke answers audience questions during the ASSE Great Plains Chapter August meeting.

The ASSE Great Plains Chapter board would like to thank Mr. Funke for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us for lunch on August 18th and answer questions about OSHA's enforcement and outreach priorities in the state of Nebraska for fiscal year 2018. Mr. Funke announced he would like to partner with ASSE in the future to help small businesses provide a safer work environment for their employees (more photos, next page).

NIOSH Announces NLE Calc

The NIOSH Lifting Equation Calculator app (NLE Calc) allows users to quickly calculate manual lifting risks as they occur on the job. NLE Calc even uses the composite lifting index (CLI) to calculate manual lifting risks for multiple and complex lifting tasks. Download NLE Calc from Apple iTunes or Google Play

today to identify the physical stresses associated with manual lifting. [CLICK HERE](#)

Breaking Down Barriers – with Cesar Martinez



The inability to speak English should not be an obstacle to providing quality and effective safety training to your Spanish speaking employees. This session will provide participants with an understanding of cultural differences that impact learning, techniques to overcome language barriers, and how to successfully apply adult learning principles to their safety training. Participants will leave with ideas and practices they can implement immediately to provide more effective safety training to their Spanish-speaking employees. Please join us September 15, 2017 for the Great Plains ASSE Lunch Meeting at Spezia. Guests are also welcome. RSVP/Register at: <http://greatplains.asse.org/>



Regulatory Update

OSHA Unified Agenda Status as of August 28th, 2017. OSHA will undertake a review of the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and section 5 of Executive Order 12866. The review will consider the continued need for the rule; whether the rule overlaps, duplicates, or conflicts with other Federal, State or local regulations; and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors may have changed since the rule was evaluated. Go to [OSHA](#) for more information.




Students listen intently to Mr. Funke's presentation during our August meeting.



ASSE Foundation News - It's fast becoming that time of year again. ASSE scholarship applications are due soon. See page 3 for details and to apply [CLICK HERE](#)

Dec 1	Student Application Due
Jan 1-Mar 31	Committee Review
Apr 1	Award Announcement
May 1	Award Funds Distributed

 At Safety 2017, the annual ASSE PDC & Exposition, Fred Kohanna, M.D., MBA, discussed the workplace safety implications of medical marijuana. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)

ASSE July Board Meeting at the American Legion



Serving on the ASSE GP Chapter board is both rewarding and fun. Contact one of our officers to learn more.

OSHA Issues Proposed Rule to Extend Deadline for Crane Operator Certification Requirements

OSHA issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to extend the employer's responsibility to ensure crane operator competency and enforcement for crane operator certification to Nov. 10, 2018. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE](#)



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ASSE Foundation News – (continued from Page 2)

The Great Plains Chapter is happy to announce that we are again sponsoring a \$1,500 scholarship for a Great Plains Chapter Member or a Non-Chapter member attending school in our chapter area. Recent recipients are:

2017 Great Plains Chapter Scholarship

Adenike Sulaiman

University of Nebraska - Medical Center

Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health
\$1,500

2016 Great Plains Chapter Scholarship

Doris Burns, MPH, CSP, EurOSHM

University of Nebraska - Medical Center

Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health
\$1,500

For more details and to apply, see link below or contact Beth Fye, ASSE Great Plains Chapter Foundation Chair

<http://foundation.asse.org/scholarships-and-grants/>

ASSE Members: Help Aid Hurricane Harvey Victims



Picture courtesy of ASSE National

The remnants of Hurricane Harvey continue to be a threat to millions of residents of southeast Texas and parts of Louisiana. Rain totals being measured in feet have caused dangerous flooding throughout Houston and many other communities, with the forecast calling for continued torrential rains for the next several days. Our ASSE family is personally impacted as we have 2,570 members in

southeast Texas and 850 members in southern Louisiana. Our thoughts are with all of these members and their families as we hope they remain safe and healthy.

The American Red Cross is working to provide safe shelter and comfort for all those people impacted by this disaster. ASSE members interested in contributing to the recovery efforts are encouraged to make a donation to the Red Cross. To contribute:

Text the word HARVEY to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Visit redcross.org. Call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Hurricane Harvey 2017

Our hearts go out to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This is a good time to talk about preparedness, as well as what to do after a flood. There are numerous health and safety issues that arise with such a devastating natural disaster. For dependable information on preparedness and response, the following source of information can be trusted:



[Centers for Disease Control Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#)

[The Occupational Safety and Health Administration Flood Preparedness and Response](#)



[EPA Natural Disasters – Flooding Guidance](#)



[National Weather Service Current Flood Information](#)



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