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“How the District Attorney Enforces OSHA Violations”

Presented by

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Date: Sept. 10, 2002

Time: 11:00 - 11:30 Registration
11:30 - 12:15 Lunch
12:15 - 1:15 Program

Place: **MCRD Bay View Restaurant & Lounge**

Cost: \$15 Pre-registered Members
\$20 At the Door or \$1 Coffee Only

Registration: Please call the Chapter voicemail at (858) 621-2313 x19 to make your lunch reservation no later than Sept. 6, 2002. We are unable to guarantee lunch reservations made after this date. Providing an accurate head count is the only way to ensure the best prices for all of our members.

Executive Meeting: Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs will meet at the Bay View from 9:45 am to 11:00 am before the luncheon to conduct Chapter business.

Visit us on-line at www.sandiegoasse.org

Across My Press Desk...
Sam Cahan, PE

WTC Retrospect

343 firefighters lost their lives at the World Trade Center disaster. What advanced technological fire department changes might have reduced the toll or improved the readiness of FDNY? One retired FDNY fire chief offered the following suggestions to the Homeland Security Director in Washington:

1. A new portable radio system for high-rise fires. Radio communication at the WTC experienced significant transmission problems. Use antennas in high-rise buildings, tunnels and subways to insure clear transmission.
2. A new "smart turnout coat" which rings an alarm when a firefighter enters an area of 300-500 degrees F.
3. A firefighter tracking system to supervise and contact firefighters during smoky building fires.
4. A telescopic-video warning system to detect structural failure in burning buildings.
5. Robots, to be used to attack fires in superheated atmospheres and in haz-mat burning incidents.
6. Helicopters for rescues and to spray water into burning buildings.
7. Fireboats to protect waterfronts of New York and New Jersey.
8. Lighter self-contained breathing masks. The existing 35 pound masks, added to 30 pounds of turnout gear, hose and tools are a heavy burden.

Other recommendations were made relating to improved elevator controls, computerized simulators for training, and improved dispatching to realistically warn responding fire companies of special building hazards they may encounter.

(Note: Regarding your company Emergency Action Plan, a most vital element is communications. Is yours functioning in all critical areas?)

Pacific Southwest Conference

Plans are being made for the 2003 conference, which will be the event of the year for safety in San Diego. If you have any ideas for speakers or subjects, e-mail Marie Meese at mmeese@alarismed.com.



Our August speaker was Phil Valenti - with the High Hazard Unit of Cal-OSHA, who spoke on "The Changing Cal-OSHA". Phil described the 5 year strategic plan Cal-OSHA projected in 1999, which includes improving workplace safety and health outreach to instill public confidence and further education efforts. Changes in 2003 will include an expanded Voluntary Protection Program, reducing injuries by increasing the effectiveness of inspections, and improving service to the employer community (quicker turn-around time, for example). He also described new legislation being proposed, and encouraged members to participate in Standards Board Advisory Committees. If you are interested, go to www.dir.ca.gov.



Read All About It!

Attend 6 meetings from July 2002 to July 2003, and you will be eligible for a **special drawing** - two members will win free membership for a year, or the equivalent \$160 in cash, to be awarded at the August 2003 meeting.

Good luck!



On Mother's Day, the Council suffered a cataclysmic event--likened to a Tsunami! A flood from a neighboring office struck the Council and soaked half of our offices. Aside from the disruptions involved in drying the office and coping with the subsequent mold contamination, the Council has remained dedicated to organizing this year's auction benefiting our community safety programs. The focus this year is child safety seat awareness and education to ensure every San Diego parent has a proper safety seat and knows how to use it to save the life of their child.

The Pacific Safety Council's 49th Annual Auction: HAWAIIAN PARADISE

Saturday, September 21, 2002 From 5 pm-9 pm

at GEICO Direct Corporate Offices in Poway

14111 Danielson Ct. Poway, CA 92064

Be sure to wear your finest Hawaiian Shirt and Grass Skirt (maybe not together)

If you or your company would like to be sponsor, make a donation, volunteer or if you need to R.S.V.P., then please call us at (858) 621-2313 or e-mail at garrett@safetycouncilonline.com



Pacific Safety Council



Safety Calendar

We know how busy you all are...so block out the time in advance on your calendars for the upcoming safety-related events.

ASSE: The San Diego Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the **Marine Corps Recruit Depot** Bayview Room from 11:00 am -1:15 pm. Call the Chapter voicemail for more information at (858) 621-2313 x19.

AIHA: The San Diego Chapter meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the **Quality Inn Resort** in Mission Valley. Call (619) 685-7140 for more information.

FSHC: San Diego Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the **MCRD** Bayview Room from 11:30-1:00pm. Call (619) 532-9574.

PSC: September classes: **Backhoe Operator**, Sept. 5; **CPR and First Aid**, Sept. 19; **Defensive Driving**, Sept. 14; **Disaster Preparedness**, Sept. 13; **Ergonomic Evaluations -- Doing Your Own?**, Sept. 24; **Fall Protection**, Sept. 11; **Forklift Safety Refresher**, Sept. 12; **Mature Driver Improvement**, Sept. 7; **Safety Orientation for New Employees**, Sept. 27; **Sampling**, Sept. 16-18; **Trench & Shore**, Sept. 25. For more information call (858) 621-2313 or click on www.safetycouncilonline.com.