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NEW DISTRACTED DRIVING INITIATIVE

Jeremy Bethancourt, Government Affairs Chair, has been working with a group of hardworking individuals from diverse groups throughout Arizona, including Tucson representatives, a state senator, and others, to drive education regarding distracted driving. We have all seen the people on the road driving erratically, slowing down, speeding up and swerving, only to find that they are trying to text while driving down the freeway or are in an animated conversation with one hand on their phone at their ear. This initiative is to bring awareness regarding these actions and hopefully reduce the risk of



driving in our state.

<http://Drivesmartaz.com>

A new website has been created, and will continue to include resources, links and information regarding activities and legislation in Arizona. The website is currently under construction at:

The first annual Arizona Distracted Driving Summit will be announced soon, and one will see billboards regarding safe driving around the valley as well.



If you and/or your employer would like to make a difference and join our effort please contact Jeremy at jbethancourt@leblancbuilding.com

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LAST QUARTER'S CHAPTER MEETINGS

NOVEMBER



Eddie Greer, CSP, OHST, STS

Sustainable Leadership and the value of Certification

OCTOBER



Merl Miller, ATC, CIE, CPE

New Focus in OSHA Healthcare Inspections

SEPTEMBER



Al Brown, ASU

Post 9-11 EHS Professional Practice Improvements & Challenges

NOTE

The PowerPoints to the chapter technical presentations are available on the chapter website.

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CHAPTER SURVEY RESULTS

In September a survey was sent out to the membership to gauge the membership experience provided by the Arizona chapter. 69 responses were gathered. Here are the top ranking results.

Q1—Which hobbies are you interested in?

A—travel and hiking

Q2—Events you are interested in attending/participating in?

A—annual conference

Q3—Would you be interested in getting involved?

A—48% want to be more involved with the chapter

Q4—how can chapter provide more value to your

membership?

A—student/new member guidance; meetings in Spanish; Northern Arizona presence; more volunteer opportunities; more recognition

Q5— Do you currently attend the monthly luncheons?

A—12% have never attended a meeting

Q6—Are speaker topics relevant to you?

A—mostly relevant

Q7—how do speaker topics factor in to your meeting attendance?

A—mostly important

Q8—what would help you attend more?

A—consistent location;

topics of interest; time of day/day of week change; too much travel for work

Q9—best communication method to reach you?

A—email

Q10—anything else you would like the chapter to know?

A—have joint meetings with Southern Arizona Chapter; Facebook page needs revitalization; great job!; would like to help but too busy right now; retired; develop library of SMEs

Thank you to those who participated, and please look for more correspondence in the future, we are always looking to improve our membership experience!

HAPPENINGS PHOTOS



Healing Fields, 9/11/15
Tempe Beach Park



AZ WISE Team before the
Making Strides Against
Breast Cancer walk



Region II bowling fun at the
Leadership Conference

CONSTRUCTION SECTION MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Fall Protection and Exo-skeleton demonstration



OCTOBER

Hazard Assessments using Mobile Technology



SEPTEMBER

Healing Fields, Tempe



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Kyle Schoenberger,
Construction Section Chair
and Safety Superintendent for
Ryan SouthWest Construction

Kyle uses his experience as a paramedic and firefighter, his expertise in construction safety and all aspects of environmental and occupational health to create a safe culture that surpasses industry standards. He is a positive,

well-liked leader qualified to deliver on-site instruction for OSHA, rigging, and fork and scissor lift certifications. He holds a record of zero on-site fatalities and no lost time; his emergency medicine background enables him to treat and release on site under medical control.

While on the Maricopa County Court Tower project in busy downtown Phoenix, he helped to protect employees as well as pedestrians walking underneath the pavilion tower construction by utilizing out-of-the-box walkway techniques and more. He led the safety team at the massive 2,040,000-SF, 20-acre,

mixed-use Marina Heights development project, where he created innovative behavioral-based safety systems, used VDC construction modeling software to anticipate safety needs, shared information across teams, and collaborated with local fire departments. Additionally, his push for building a culture above and beyond OSHA requirements led to Ryan SouthWest's first SHARP Accreditation through ADOSH. He's known for adapting cutting-edge safety insights to the construction industry and for productive relationships he creates with workers as well as area emergency professionals.

ASSE Leadership Conference

Natalie Braunger, VP AZASSE

There is nothing like the Midwest in the fall, cooler weather, beautiful scenery and a touch of serenity that you can't find elsewhere. Add to this an opportunity for learning, growth and leadership and there is not much better. My attendance at the ASSE Leadership Conference this past October was a valuable and engaging experience. Sponsored by my local Arizona Chapter, I spent three days learning, networking and challenging my perspectives on safety values and management.



Typical of a conference, days were filled with classes on ASSE fundamentals: how to run an effective Professional Development Conference, Government Affairs and ways to improve your Chapter meetings and attendance. The keynote speaker, Harry Kraemer, spoke "From Values to Action", an effective and moving oratory in which I scribbled notes to refer back to again and again. The nights were less typical, an evening at ASSE Headquarters with local fanfare (Chicago hotdogs and pizza) and a competitive event with safety colleagues bowling and laughing.

My only lament is the event was simply too short and another day in the Windy City would have been ideal. I would encourage anyone who would like to take the next step in ASSE to attend the 2016 Leadership Conference. It gleans a new perspective on our organization and the inner workings of our volunteer efforts towards safety. Inspiring and informative, I left Chicago feeling more engaged, inspired and connected.

Regional Operating Committee Meeting

The presidents of the chapters of Region II, consisting of chapters in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, meet twice a year, each time in a different location within the

region to discuss chapter function. In September the meeting was held in Chico Springs, Montana. Topics discussed included the regional budget, regional PDC and awards and honors. Minutes can be found at the Region II

website, region2.asse.org



Next ROC will be in Scottsdale, AZ, April 22-23 at Chaparral Suites.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Arizona Chapter is to enhance the status and promote the advancement of the safety profession, to support our members, and to serve our community. We will foster the ethical, technical, scientific, and managerial knowledge, skills and competencies of safety, health and environmental professionals in our community so that they may better protect people, property and the environment.

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Upcoming Meetings

December 4—Chapter Meeting: Student Research Presentations and Toys for Tots Toy Drive

January 8th—Chapter Meeting: New Confined Space in Construction Standard

January 26-27—3M Workshop

February 5—Chapter Meeting : Marina Heights Technical Tour

March 4—Chapter Meeting: Solar Energy

March 15-17—NSC Southwest Safety Congress

April 1—Chapter Meeting: Executive Panel

April 20—Summit Kickoff Networking Event

April 21-22—Arizona Health and Safety Professional Development Conference and Summit

April 22—AZASSE Awards and Honors Banquet

April 22-23—ASSE Region II Operating Committee

April 26-28—VPPPA Conference

April 28—Workers Memorial Day and AZ Distracted Driving Summit

May 6—Chapter Meeting: ADOSH Update

June 3—Chapter Meeting: Sportex Manufacturing Technical Tour

June 27-30—ASSE Safety 2016, Atlanta, GA

For more information on Chapter meetings, events, and registration, please visit our website at: <http://az.asse.org>