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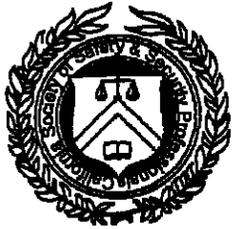
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February Speaker

Mr. James Black, CPP, CSP, CSC, CET. Mr. Black will speak on threat assessment and how his company can assist your organization to address this issue.

Mr. Black is a senior consultant with TRC in Irvine. TRC provides security technology engineering and consulting for a diverse group of infrastructure clients.

December Speaker

Our own CSSSP Member Chief Harlan "Lamb" Lambert with All States K-9 Patrol/Explosives & Drug Detection. Chief Lambert is retired from the Santa Ana Police Department. He is certified by P.O.S.T in bomb and Drug Detection and is licensed by ATF and DEA. He spoke on ways his area of expertise can assist your business.

Memberships

Jay Bart
Miguel Davila
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Dues Notice

You should have received a letter for renewing your membership. The cost of our membership is \$60.00. Please take a moment to submit your renewal dues. Make the checks payable to CSSSP and mail to our treasurer, John O'Toole.

Rewarding Employees

When management shows through actions rather than words that you're a valuable employee, that your input is valued no matter what level you work at, it's very motivating.

President's Message

Half of my service as president of the California Society of Safety and Security Professionals completed. As with my previous messages from the President, I have attempted to impart some words of wisdom to our officers and members. However, I am now at a loss for words. Not to be hindered by this phenomenon, I looked again to my past.

As a child, I recall driving cross-country from Pennsylvania to California in our old 1946 Ford and reading all of the Burma Shave ads posted along the highway. For those of you who never saw these signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930s and the 1940s. Before the interstates, when everyone drove the old two lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmer's fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs about 100 feet apart, each contain 1 line of a 4 letter couplet...and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave.

Even back then messages were being delivered to address our awareness of being safe. I thought I would share a few of these with you as follows:

Don't lose your head to gain a minute	Drove too long driver snoozing
You need your head Your brains are in it	What happened next Is not amusing

Brother Speeder Lets rehearse; Altogether Good morning nurse	No matter the price No matter how new The best safety advice In the car is you
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Enjoy your new year and remember:

Our dues are due
As you well know
So give your pound
So our Treasurer won't frown

Crist Wagner, CPP, RSSP, CFE

Cal State Dominguez Hills Named OSHA Training Institute Education Center

Carson, Calif., Jan. 4 – California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) has been named by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as an OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Center. The University participated in a competitive 50 state search and was chosen as one of just eight new centers nationwide.

“We are extremely pleased that OSHA has selected our University as an OTI Education Center for Region IX,” said CSU Dominguez Hills President Mildred García. “The designation is an acknowledgment of the quality occupational safety and health training we have been offering for many years. As an official OTI Education Center we look forward to taking a leadership role in ensuring the region’s employees are properly trained in workplace safety.”

The new center at CSUDH will be administered by the College of Extended and International Education, and will provide training and education to improve employee safety and health throughout OSHA’s Region IX, which includes California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and the Pacific Territories. In addition, CSUDH will provide online training as well as contract training for organizations nationwide.

The Director of the new Center, Scott MacKay, brings a wealth of valuable experience to the post, having served as Director of the Region X OSHA Training Institute Northwest Education Center from 1999 to 2006. Since joining CSUDH in 2006 Scott has directed the College of Extended and International Education’s Extension programs including the Certificate programs in Environmental & Occupational Health and Safety and Safety and Security.

The new centers were selected through a national competition announced last July. Applicant organizations were evaluated based on occupational safety and health experience, continuing education training background, classroom and laboratory availability, and the ability to provide training throughout the region.

The OTI Education Centers program was created in 1992 to complement the OSHA Training Institute

(OTI) in Arlington Heights, Ill., which is OSHA’s premier training provider. The OTI Education Centers provide training nationwide to private sector and federal personnel from agencies outside OSHA.

The CSUDH College of Extended and International Education offer academic, professional development and lifelong learning opportunities through degree, certificate, and credential programs and non-credit courses. For more information on Extended Education programs, call 877-GO-HILLS, or visit the Web site at www.csudh.edu/exed.

How to Stop Office Colds in Their Tracks

Cold season can be a costly season for business owners, especially if several of their employees come down with it. The lost revenue and loss of productivity can also come at the busiest time of year for some businesses.

What steps can a business owner take to prevent office colds from spreading?

Supply Antibacterial Soap, Wipes and Gels

Colds are spread through contact with germs and an office environment is a literal breeding ground. Shared phones, computers and office equipment are some of the best ways that a myriad of workers can come into contact with a cold.

It is important to provide your employees with antibacterial soap, hand wipes and gel to make sure that they do not spread these germs if they have a cold, and to prevent others from coming down with it.

Offer Paid Sick Leave

Many workers can't afford to miss a day of work, and as such, will often go to work, even if they are sick. This means that they are putting every other person in your office at risk for catching their cold. Offering paid sick leave gives your employees a chance to stay home without worrying about a loss of income.

Although this can be an added expense, it is much cheaper than having to deal with several sick workers who cannot come in or do their jobs properly.

Keep it Clean

In addition to the antibacterial methods mentioned above; it is also important to pay special attention to office cleanliness during cold season. Make sure that the trash is taken out each night, as tissues can be full of germs.

Make sure that all surfaces are thoroughly cleaned to prevent the spreading of a cold and instruct your workers on procedures for keeping their own work area clean.

Instruction is Key

Make sure that your employees are aware of the ways that they can prevent common colds from occurring and educate them on the benefits of strengthening their immune systems before cold season strikes. Armed with this knowledge, they'll be able to protect themselves from falling prey to a nasty cold and spreading it around your office.

Although some of these methods may entail an extra investment on your part as a business owner, over the long run, they may actually turn out to be very cost effective.

Sending Sensitive Information Over Wi-Fi

When you access Web pages or send e-mail over a Wi-Fi network, those transmissions are sent "in the clear." In the clear means that a sophisticated and determined hacker could grab that information right out of the air and capture your emails and Web page. This can occur from your local coffee shop. Keep in mind that the chances that a hacker would capture your transmissions in this way are very slim. Nevertheless, you should be aware of the risk -- especially if you're sending sensitive information over a Wi-Fi network.

Excuses For Calling In Sick

The most popular motivator for missing work is good, old-fashioned R&R. Almost half of workers said they needed to relax, while 24 percent wanted to catch up on sleep. Other top reasons included running personal errands (20 percent), doctor's appointments (17 percent), plans with family and friends (16 percent) and housework (16 percent).

Almost half of employers have caught an employee calling in sick with a fake excuse; 27 percent said they have fired a worker for calling in sick without a legitimate reason.

Forty-one percent of hiring managers said they have received unusual or suspicious sick-day alibis. When asked to share the most unusual excuses workers gave for missing work, hiring managers revealed some of their favorite alibis.

1. Employee was poisoned by his mother-in-law.
2. A buffalo escaped from the game reserve and kept charging the employee every time she tried to go to her car from her house.
3. Employee was feeling all the symptoms of his expecting wife.
4. Employee called from his cell phone, saying that he was accidentally locked in a restroom stall and that no one was around to let him out.
5. Employee broke his leg snowboarding off his roof while drunk.
6. Employee's wife said he couldn't come into work because he had a lot of chores to do around the house.
7. One of the walls in the employee's home fell off the night before.
8. Employee's mother was in jail.
9. A skunk got into the employee's house and sprayed all of his uniforms.
10. Employee had a bad case of hiccups.
11. Employee blew his nose so hard, his back went out.
12. Employee's horses got loose and were running down the highway.
13. Employee was hit by a bus while walking.
14. Employee's dog swallowed her bus pass.
15. Employee was sad.