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**APRIL 6, 2001 LUNCH MEETING**

**12 Noon in the Buffet Room of  
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## *President's Message*

Greetings. Your presence is requested at the next General Membership meeting to be held on April 6th, 2001, at the Crystal Casino. The meeting will begin at noon. Our speaker will be Ron Rita of the Draeger Company.

Since our February meeting, the Chapter Executive Council has met on three occasions to discuss issues which have been simmering for over a year. While the issues have been 'back burnered' for some time, we, collectively brought them forward and handled them in a manner which we ask you to find acceptable and agreeable.

A broad spectrum of our membership has asked us to more effectively define our scope, commitment, and purpose in reevaluating our organizational name. In a nutshell, our membership wants to know who we are and what we stand for.

First, we are a California based group of Safety and Security professionals whose concerns are Californian in nature. We acknowledge that we belong to a nation whose laws and regulations we are committed to compliance, but we are also a part of a subsection of that nation where more specific and regional laws put us under more strict compliance standards. There is a general rule of thumb that says 'As California goes, so goes the United States'. We, as Safety and Security Professionals in the State of California must stay ahead of the curve in our efforts to lead our Society and Nation.

It is the unanimous decision of our Executive Council to amend our name to the California Society of Safety and Security Professionals.

Our name change has been proposed to and accepted by the Secretary of State, in the State of California, our by-laws have been rewritten and approved, and, in the months ahead, all current members will be presented with new membership certificates.

The changes do not end there. We have always maintained our friendship and support with Cal State Dominguez Hills. The education of those behind us in our fields was an initial priority. This year we will present four scholarships. Margaret Gordon, Dean of the Extended Education Program, and Letty Rodriguez, Director of the Extended Education Department, will be in attendance at our June meeting for the presentation of the four scholarships.

After brainstorming sessions with the College Administration about fulfilling the needs of 'their students' and 'our professionals', an idea was percolated that can, in future years, become the greatest accomplishment for our organizations. A Training Institute has been established using the structure and educational resources of our two groups. We will be able to conduct training seminars to add to the professionalism of our members, and, just as all monies generated from Corporate Membership fees are earmarked for Scholarships, so too will all profits from Training Institute programs. This has Win-Win written into it and all over it.

This message has been longer than those in the past. I will continue to keep you current with all actions that effect our C.S.S.S.P. Please feel free to email me at [vincent.j.takas@disney.com](mailto:vincent.j.takas@disney.com) or by phone, at (818) 544-5795 if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope to see you on April 6th.

Vincent Takas

## ***April Speaker***

Mr. Ron Rita, Detection Specialist with Draeger, Inc. will be speaking on: Draeger's CMS (Chemical Measurement System) and Chip Technology, "The Electronic Draeger Tube."

Ron starting his career in safety sales and training with Bullard Safety in 1974. He move to Industrial Scientific Corporation in 1988 as a Regional Specialist. He joined Draeger in 1998 at this current position.

Ron has conducted numerous gas detection and confined space awareness seminars for both small and large audiences.

## ***February Speaker***

Mr. Arthur Goodwin, P.E. discussed and reviewed with us the current Alameda Corridor project. An overview of the whole project along with some of the special design work that needed to be done to make this corridor a means of moving goods from the harbor to the city. He also reviewed some of the safety efforts being done to minimize incidents on this project.

## **LUNCH MENU FOR THIS MONTH**

Garden Salad with House Dressing  
Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls & Butter  
Dessert: Cherry Pie  
Coffee/Decaf/Iced Tea

## **Attention All Members**

In our continuing effort to minimize our cost for the newsletter, we are making every effort to send the newsletter out via e-mail. If you currently receive this in the mail, please send your e-mail address to: [petergin@earthlink.net](mailto:petergin@earthlink.net). Thank you for your consideration to help our organization save postage expenses.

## **Donning A Harness: Six Easy Steps That Could Save Your Life**

Harness styles vary. Always refer to the instructions enclosed with your harness.

1. Hold the harness by the back D-ring. Shake the harness to allow all straps to fall in place.
2. If chest, leg, and/or waist straps are buckled, release the straps and unbuckle at this time.
3. Slip the straps over shoulders so the D-ring is located in middle of the back between shoulder blades.
4. Pull the leg strap between legs and connect to the opposite end. Repeat with the second leg strap. If belted harness, connect the waist strap after the leg straps. The waist strap should be tight, but not binding.
5. Connect the chest strap and position in the mid-chest area. Tighten to keep the shoulder strap taut.
6. After all straps have been buckled, tighten all buckles so the harness fits snugly but allows full range of movement. Pass excess strap through loop keepers.

## **Mating Buckle**

1. Pull the center bar buckle completely through the square link.
2. Allow the center bar buckle to fall into place on top of the square link.
3. Pull the loose end of the strap to tighten adjustment of the harness.
4. Slide keepers to hold any excess webbing.

## **Tongue Buckle**

1. Insert the loose strap of webbing through the tongue buckle, placing the buckle tongue through the appropriate grommet.
2. Push remaining webbing through the keeper to retain the loose end.

## **Friction Buckle**

1. Pass webbing under the buckle, over knurled bar, and back down between knurled bar and frame.
2. Pull web end to tighten.

## CSUDH Courses

Spring 2001

**HEX 978 – OSHA Law Fundamentals** (1.0 CEU) – Alan Coie, JD, Staff Legal Counsel, CAL/OSHA

5 meeting: Mondays, May 7 – June 4  
6 – 9 p.m. \$180.00. CSUDH SAC 1108

**HEX 947 – Introduction To Workers' Compensation** (2.0 CEU) – Michael Nicholas, RSSP, Safety Consultant, California Loss Control

7 meetings: Thursdays, May 17 – June 28  
6 – 9 p.m. \$250.00 CSUDH SAC 1106

Summer 2001

**HEX 979 – Recognition & Control of Workplace Hazards** (2.0 CEU) – John A. O'Toole, Ph. D., RSSP, Principal Safety Consultant, General Safety Services

7 meetings: Tuesdays, June 5 – July 17  
6 – 9 p.m. \$250.00 CSUDH EE 1210

**HEX 917 – Introduction to Industrial Hygiene** (2.0 CEU) – James Unmack, P.E., CSP, CIH, Principal, Unmack Corporation

7 meetings: Wednesdays, July 18 – August 29  
6 – 9 p.m. \$250.00 CSUDH EE 1206

**HEX 920 – Introduction to Ergonomics** (1.5 CUE) – Joannette Alpert, MS, PT, CIE, CPE, Principal, Woodward Alpert & Associates

5 meetings: Thursdays, June 28 – August 2  
(no class July 5<sup>th</sup>) 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. \$180.00  
CSUDH EE 1210

**HEX 955 – Industrial Hygiene Instrumentation & Sampling** (1.5 CEU) – Janice Minasian, BS, Industrial Hygienist, Universal Studios

5 meetings: Thursdays, August 9 – September 6  
6 – 9 p.m. \$180.00 CSUDH EE 1210

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter National Safety Council Training Institute will be offering the following courses over the next two months. You can sign-up by calling (213) 385-6461.

Safety Inspections – 4/10/01 – Burbank  
Forklift Instructor Training – 4/12/01 – Anaheim

Employee Training – 4/17/01 – Burbank  
Restaurant Safety – 4/19/01 – Burbank

HAZWOPER – 4/24/01 – Burbank

Excavation Safety (Shoring and Trenching) – 4/26/01 – Burbank

Essentials for a Safety Program – 5/1/01 – Anaheim

Construction Safety – 5/2/01 – Anaheim

Emergency/Disaster Preparedness – 5/3/01 – Anaheim

Communication Skills – 5/4/01 – Anaheim

Forklift Operator Training – 5/8/01 – Burbank

Personal Protective Equipment – 5/9/01 – Anaheim

Basic Safety Leadership – 5/10/01 – Anaheim

Basic Cal/OSHA – 5/15/01 – Anaheim

First Aid/CPR Instructor – 5/15-17/01 – Orange

Safety Committees – 5/16/01 – Anaheim

Confined Spaces – 5/17/01 – Anaheim

Ergonomics – 5/22/01 – Anaheim

Cal/OSHA Citation Appeals (Mock Trials) – 5/22/01 – Anaheim

Machine Guarding/Lockout & Tagout – 5/23/01 – Anaheim

Forklift Instructor Training – 5/24/01 – Burbank

Fundamental of Cal/OSHA – 5/24/01 – Anaheim

Handling Hazardous Material – 5/31/01 – Anaheim

Forklift Operator Training – 6/5/01 – Anaheim

Fire Safety – 6/5/01 - Burbank