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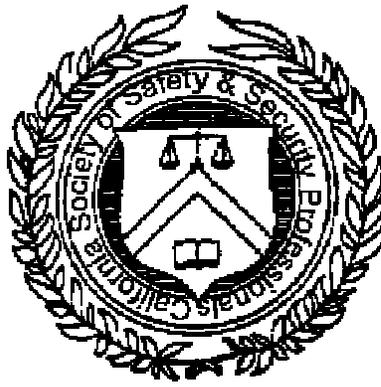
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## California Society of Safety & Security Professionals Los Angeles County Chapter

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### *June Speaker*

Our guest speaker for this month is Mr. Joseph M. Kaplan. He is the President of the Los Angeles Safety Council. He will highlight the recent changes in the National Safety Council's move and opening of its new offices at 600 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 1263. He will highlight what this means to a continued mission to educate and influence our society to adopt safety, health and environmental policies, practices and procedures that will prevent and mitigate human suffering and economic losses arising from preventable causes.

Mr. Kaplan will also induct the Chapter's new Officers for the 2004-05 year.

### *April Speaker*

Mr. Michael Nicholas of California Loss Control presented information of the Workers Compensation Reform that is forthcoming.

### *New Members*

Brian Cullen                      Lori Jimenez  
Simone Vu

### *Prize Winners*

Rhonda Rithmire – Scarface DVD  
Joanette Alpert – Polo shirt  
Lynn Allen – Seabiscuit DVD  
Harlen Lambert – JoshuaCasey CD Holder  
Roger Harris – Make Room for Daddy DVD  
Fred Garcia – Quartz clock  
Stacie Miles – CPR Barrier  
Bud Henderson – 3 autographed prints from Vincent Takas

### *Membership Survey Update*

For the past two e-mailings for membership information and updating, we got a total of 9 responses out of 103 members. The board members are soliciting the membership for ideas and how we can make the meetings meaningful for your attendance. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey form and send it back. It will go into my Spam Mailbox listing first. I will check there daily, so you won't need to send me a message to let you in. I will add you when I get your response.

### *President's Message*

Hello fellow members,

With my Presidency ending after the June 4th lunch meeting, I would like to recap the past year:  
August - *Mr. Hal Lindsey* (Executive Director of Corporate Health & Safety Services, Department of Water & Power, City of Los Angeles) spoke about achieving safety excellence through joint labor management participation in a public utilities setting.  
October - *Mr. Dan Leiner* (Area Manager Cal/OSHA Consultation) spoke about how Cal/OSHA Consultation service can assist industry from a consultation overview and how they differ from the compliance unit.  
December - *Mr. Harlen "Lamb" Lambert* (All States K-9 Patrol/Explosives & Drug Detection) spoke about the use of trained police dogs in detection and other uses related in crime prevention and security.  
February - *Capt. Ernesto Ojeda* (Los Angeles City Fire Department) spoke about emergency response.  
April - *Mr. Michael Nicholas* (California Loss Control) spoke about workers compensation reform. Thank You to all our guest speakers.

I would also like to Thank You, the members of our Chapter, for your support during my Presidency. It's you the members that make the Chapter. To our board members, a big Thank You for your support during the past year.

I'll be turning over the Presidency to Linda Hunter (Zee Medical). Let us all support Linda in her new role a President.

Be safe and I'll see you at our next meeting.

Fred Garcia

### *2004 – 2005 Chapter Officers*

The new officers to be inducted will be:

President, Linda Hunter  
President Elect, Byron Jamerson  
Vice President, Jeffrey Makek  
Secretary, Joann Blaney  
Treasurer, John A. O'Toole

## **ASSE Publishes a Business Resumption/Disaster Safety Checklist**

Every business is different, so there is no one-size-fits-all solution for business resumption following a disaster.

However, in light of the recent Midwest tornados, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is offering the following disaster safety checklist to help businesses before, during and after a disaster.

Following a disaster it is critical that all businesses do a hazard evaluation and assessment performed by a safety professional, and note the following:

- **Structural Security:** Have the structural integrity of the building or facility validated by qualified professionals before anyone enters the facility.
- **Safe Entry:** Contact the proper government agencies to get approval to resume occupancy of the building. Do not enter a facility or building unless the proper clearances have been attained.
- **Clean-Up Safety:** Implement your clean-up and business resumption processes in a safe and healthful manner. You will accomplish nothing if your employees are injured or killed during the post-disaster phase-in period. Provide training in proper selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for your employees and yourself such as eyewear, gloves, and dust masks/respirators for cleaning, and where appropriate in other operations.
- **Air Quality Assessment:** Make sure the atmosphere in the workplace environment is tested for asbestos and other chemical/toxic agents. Air quality is an issue businesses may wish to pay careful attention to when restarting business operations.
- **Ventilation:** Have vents checked to assure that water heaters and gas furnaces are clear and operable. Dust and debris can stop or impede airflow decreasing its quality and healthfulness. Safely start-up heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, which includes prior inspection of lines before energizing and pressurizing of the systems. Test your systems now after inspection or have a qualified specialist do so. Blow cold air through HVAC systems first, as opposed to warm air, as it will help prevent the growth of mold in duct systems.
- **Interior, Exterior Exposures:** For interior spaces, ensure no wall or ceiling materials are in danger of falling. If such exposures do exist, the work environment is not ready for occupancy. Check for cracked windows and outside building materials, as these could fall onto pedestrians at any time - now and in the future.
- **Protection Equipment:** For fire and smoke alarms it is important to assure that these have been cleaned and tested before allowing occupancy of the building. If such systems are wired into other systems ensure that they are still compatible and work in an efficient and effective manner. Thorough inspection of fire-fighting systems such as sprinkler and chemical equipment functions is a must do item.
- **Electrical Safety:** Have checks made of electrical systems, computer cables and telecommunications' equipment to ensure that they are still safe and there is no danger of exposure to electricity. Wiring inspections should be conducted from the outside in to ensure all wiring and connections are not in danger of shorting out due to water damage from rain or fire-fighting efforts
- **Use Existing Federal Guidelines:** Utilize existing start-up guidance materials provided by government agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh).
- **Health/Sanitation Issues:** The general facility sanitation systems with the facility should be inspected and tested to guard against potential employee exposure to toxic agents. Food sanitation should also be an issue. Any unused foodstuffs should be discarded. If the workspace has a kitchen, inspect oven hoods and other ventilation devices to ensure they are not clogged and are working efficiently.
- **Office Furniture:** Inspect the furniture to ensure it can withstand expected loads and usages. Ensure that binder bins (storage devices screwed or bolted to railing systems on walls and panels) have not become unstable due to water damage or shaking due to explosions. Inspect office equipment to ensure it is level, stable and cannot tip over.
- **Lighting:** Make sure there are adequate illumination levels for employees. Emergency lighting should be checked to ensure it operates and functions in the correct manner.
- **Emergency Planning:** Ensure that there is a clear path of egress for the emergency evacuation of employees, that the fire extinguishers are still operable and that checks for damage and serviceability are made to see if any fire extinguishers' facilities were used during the disaster. If damage is found, they should be replaced immediately.
- **Evaluate waste disposal issues** prior to beginning clean-up operations to ensure it can be properly disposed of.

- **Solid/Hazardous Waste Removal:** Broken glass, debris or other materials with cutting edges should be safely gathered and disposed of immediately. Ensure that such materials can be disposed of before collection to avoid creating even bigger hazards for both employees and the public. Solid waste disposal will be an issue, especially if hazardous waste is involved.
- **Power Checks:** If there is no access to electricity on the site, do not use fueled generators or heaters indoors. Ensure that there are no gas and sewer leaks in your facility. You will need to check with your local utilities for information regarding power, gas, water and sewer usage.
- **Check Mainframes:** If your facility has mainframe computer applications, see that lines and cabling for chiller systems are checked to avoid chemical leak out.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Create a new emergency plan and distribute it to employees as soon as they return to work. In case of emergency, designate a place for employees to gather once out of the building or a phone number they should call following the emergency so that all can be accounted for.
- **Frequently update the emergency contact list of names and phone numbers.**
- **Machine Inspections:** Inspect the condition of drain, fill, plumbing and hydraulic lines on processes and machines. It would be prudent to have plumbing lines evaluated and tested in order to detect any hazardous gases.
- **Surfaces:** Make sure flooring surfaces are acceptable and free from possible slips, trips and falls - the second leading cause of on-the-job deaths in the United States. ANSI standard A1264 – protection of floor and wall openings – is a good starting point.

Written by Sandy Smith

### Selecting the Incentive Award

Although selecting the incentive award sounds like the fun part, it is often the most important step in the success of your program. Rewards that aren't motivational or inspirational are doomed to be disappointing. The choice of awards should take into account the following factors about participants:

- *Relationships:* Employees all have different skills and attributes, not to mention personalities. These should all be considered when selecting the awards.

- *Former experience:* Because of previous awards and presentations, expectations may be high. The selection must be up to the same standards as the products employees have received in the past.
- *Demographics:* Their age, income, and family structure will cue you to the level of expense and refinement the awards should have. But choosing an award of higher quality is always smarter than the opposite scenario.
- *Provide a mix:* Variety is important because people have different tastes and interests; your own opinions must never be the guiding factor.

### Abrasive wheel equipment grinders

Violations of abrasive wheel equipment grinder standards rank among the top 20 most common OSHA violations. More importantly, hand and eye injuries, hearing damage and even respiratory problems can result from unsafe usage.

This checklist courtesy of OR-OSHA, Oregon's Occupational Safety & Health Division, highlights some of the safety precautions that should be taken when working with these useful but dangerous tools.

- Is the work rest used and kept adjusted to within 1/8 inch of the wheel?
- Is the adjustable tongue on the top side of the grinder used and kept adjusted to within 1/4 inch of the wheel?
- Do side guards cover the spindle, nut, flange and 75 percent of the wheel diameter?
- Are bench and pedestal grinders permanently mounted?
- Are ANSI-approved goggles or face shields always worn when grinding?
- Is the maximum RPM rating of each abrasive wheel compatible with the RPM rating of the grinder motor?
- Are fixed or permanently mounted grinders connected to their electrical supply system with metallic conduit or by another permanent wiring method?
- Does each grinder have an individual on/off switch?
- Is each electrically operated grinder effectively grounded?
- Before mounting new abrasive wheels, are they visually inspected and ring tested?
- Are dust collectors and powered exhausts provided on grinders used in operations that produce large amounts of dust?
- To prevent coolant from splashing workers, are splash guards mounted on grinders that use coolant?
- Is cleanliness maintained around grinders?