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August 2, 2002 LUNCH MEETING

12 Noon

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August's Speaker

Mr. Warren Etchells who has recently retired from the Bureau of Investigations (BOI), Cal/OSHA as their Senior Investigator. He will cover the role played by the BOI when investigating serious injuries and fatalities in the work place. Mr. Etchells will relate some of the high profile cases that he has handled over his many years as a BOI Investigator.

Join us for a most informative presentation by Mr. Etchells where if time permitting, he will be able to answer questions from you the audience.

June Speaker

Dr. Margaret Gordon, Ph.D. Dean of Extended Education at California State University, Dominguez Hills provided an overview on the progress being made to obtain an approval from the OSHA Training Institute to become an "OSHA Training Education Center" at CSUDH Extended Education Department.

8 Student scholarships were awarded for the Occupational & Environmental Health & Safety Certificate Program.

Membership Dues

We have sent out the annual dues notices over the past few months. Your prompt return of the annual dues of \$35.00 would be appreciated!

President's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Past President, Vincent Takas for leading our organization for the past 1 ½ year. He stepped up when our own Mr. Ted Gegoux needed to resign due to his work schedule. I wish to welcome everyone to a new year of the California Society of Safety and Security Professionals. I have been serving this organization as the newsletter editor for 3 years now and would like to encourage some of you to take on a more active role in the coming year. I would be happy to assist/pass on the Newsletter responsibility to anyone interested. The general format is already laid out and new creative editors are welcomed.

This organization will continue to allow for new leaders to lead and members to take on new challenges to shape the future of this organization.

I challenge each of you to continue enrolling new quality members to strengthen and build up CSSSP. I plan to continue the legacy of CSSSP through the CSUDH Scholarship program.

I am looking forward for your continued support during my term of office. Please call me (213) 689 – 4203 or email me at: petergin@earthlink.net with your ideas and suggestions for speakers/programs you would like to have.

Peter Gin
President

Staying safe in ... a parking lot?

What do you get when you combine a bunch of vehicles, a couple of running kids, and several pedestrians all late for theft appointments? You get a modern urban parking lot, and an accident waiting to happen. And they do happen. The Independent Insurance Agents of America estimates that one in every five vehicle insurance claims is the result of a parking lot accident, and thousands more go unreported each year. Damages run the gamut from minor vehicle scratches to million-dollar personal-injury claims.

To protect yourself, your vehicle, and those around you in a parking lot, you'll need to be alert, cautious, and courteous, and follow these tips:

- Slow down! Keep it at 5 to 10 mph if possible, no matter what the conditions and even if there is no posted speed limit.
- Follow all markings, including arrows and lane and stall markings. Be especially cautious if there aren't any. Never cut diagonally across the lot, and watch out for those who do.
- Always stop at aisle intersections, especially if your view is obscured.
- Don't follow too closely behind the vehicle in front of you. Expect sudden stops.
- Give pedestrians the right of way. They don't have to follow marked paths, and generally take the quickest route to their destinations — a straight line through the lot.

- Watch for kids, especially at grocery stores, restaurants, and other areas where they may be prevalent.
- Use extra caution when it's dark. Pedestrians usually won't be wearing reflective clothing, and it's easy for drivers to forget to turn on their lights when leaving.
- In snowy or icy conditions, drive extra slow, especially when turning into a space — your momentum may cause you to slide into the car parked in the next spot.
- Use your turn signal whenever you turn.
- Never try to go around a vehicle that's backing out. If possible, avoid parking in a spot from which you have to back out. Nearly 30 percent of lot-related insurance claims are the result of improper backing.
- Don't feel rushed if someone is waiting to take your spot — if you hit someone in your haste to pull away, it's still your fault.
- It may be old fashioned, but don't be afraid to tap your horn to warn others. Though you may draw some stares, a little more attention on the part of those around you could save them (and your car) from injury.

Sure, parking lots are mundane, but many thousands of accidents and millions of dollars in vehicle damage occur there every year. Your chances of staying accident-free increase dramatically if you drive slowly, stay alert, remain courteous, and above all, make safety your main concern!

Excerpted from J.J. Keller.

Corporate Membership

To be a Corporate member, your Company can be a sponsor to the scholarship fund for a minimum \$50.00 donation. Contact Carleton Cronin, Associate Director of CSSSP Training Institute at (323) 258 - 2771

New Members

Kazuyo Fukuchi	Art Pedroza
Warren R. Etchells	Byron Jamerson
Bud Henderson	Chris M. Wright
Michael A. Bartolome	Jon Fessler
Chike Nwokike	

October Speaker

Ms. Chris M. Wright is the President and CEO of the Wright Group, a firm specializing in all aspects of investigations. She has over 25 years of hands on experience in business-related investigations, background investigations, and fraud in the work environment. She will speak on pre-employment screening, hiring to prevent violence and pre-employment screening.

OSHA Issues Final Rule On Recordkeeping Hearing Loss

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued a final rule today (July 1) in the Federal Registrar that revises the criteria for recording work-related hearing loss as of Jan. 1, 2003. The agency also will seek comments on a proposal involving the recording of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) on OSHA's injury and illness logs.

Beginning in 2003, employers will be required to record work-related hearing loss cases when an employee's hearing test shows a marked decrease in overall hearing. Under the new rule, the criteria will record 10-decibel shifts from the employee's initial

hearing test when they also result in an overall hearing level of 25 decibels. The old criteria recorded 25-decibel shifts. Employers can make adjustments for hearing loss caused by aging, seek the advice of a physician or licensed health care professional to determine if the loss is work-related, and perform additional hearing tests to verify the persistence of the hearing loss.

CSU, Dominguez Hills

The new class schedule for the upcoming quarter is posted on our website. Please visit the website and find out more about the classes, cost and location of the classes. Our website is: www.gegoux.com/csssp/.

Joshua Casey

Joshua Casey – one of our Corporate Sponsors has the following courses available. Call (714) 245 – 9440 for additional information, registration and pricing information.

Classes are available for on-site training. These include Environmental Health & Safety Topics, Human Resources Topics, and Professional Development Topics.

National Safety Council

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.

Attention All Members

If you currently receive this in the mail, please send an e-mail to: petergin@earthlink.net. I will add you to our electronic mailing. Our organization appreciates your consideration to help save postage expenses.