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12 Noon

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December Speaker

Mr. Harlen "Lamb" Lambert of All States K-9 Patrol/Explosives & Drug Detection will be our speaker. Mr. Lambert has over 3 decades of combined experience in Law Enforcement and Security. He will be discussing the use of trained police dogs in detection and other uses related in crime prevention and security.

October Speaker

Our guest speaker was Mr. Dan Leiner, Area Manager Cal/OSHA Consultation Service. He discussed how Cal/OSHA Consultation service can assist industry from a consultation overview and how they differ from the Compliance Unit.

New Members

Donald J. Funkhouser Raymond Cox
Brian Cullen John K. Miksad
Harlen DeLeon Lambert

RSSP Recipients

Lee. F. Pfeffer Harlen DeLeon Lambert

Dues Reminder

All members who recently were sent final notice letters for dues payment in November, to avoid being dropped from the Chapter rolls, your dues must be remitted by December 15th. Contact John O'Toole if you have any questions.

President's Message

Hello fellow members,

I would like to take a moment to extend a special thank you to fellow member Dan Leiner (CAL/OSHA Consultation Area Manager San Fernando Valley) for stepping in at the last minute replacing our guest speaker Herman Jett (CAL/OSHA Consultation Service Area Manager). Herman was called away unexpectedly and Dan presented Hermans' presentation on his behalf. The presentation was well received, and the question & answer portion addressed some concerns of our fellow members. Thank you again Dan Leiner.

Just a reminder, our Chapter has received notification from the IRS that we now have a status of 7-C-6 Tax Exempt Organization. This means that the Chapter can now apply for grants and receive donations. This new status allows the Chapter the opportunity to offer seminars to our members at no charge via the Chapter Training Institute. Tentatively, the Institute will begin providing seminars for the Associate Risk Manager (ARM) Exam in January 2004.

The Chapter is always in need of donations for the raffle drawing, as well as corporate sponsorships. All proceeds go to the Chapter scholarship fund. The donations are a full IRS deduction for the donor.

Once again upon review of our membership roster, I noticed that there are members who still have not paid their dues. It would be appreciated that the dues be paid as quickly as possible. In order to be and active member of the Chapter, your dues payment must be received by the end of December 2003. If your not sure about your dues payment, I would be glad to look it up for you.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Fred Garcia, Chapter President

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.csssp.com.

Joshua Casey

Joshua Casey Corporate Training - one of our corporate sponsors provides a comprehensive range of training services including CPR/First Aid/AED, Forklift, Hazardous Materials, Confined Space, Fall Protection and many others.

Classes available on-site or at our Anaheim training center. Visit us on the web at: www.joshuacasey.com. Call for more information (714) 245-9440.

Safety Dynamics Group

Safety Dynamics Group (formerly COMCO Safety) is a full-service occupational safety and health consulting and training firm with over 23 years experience in the field of OSHA regulatory compliance. Our programs include, HAZWOPER (CSTI), CPR/FA, Forklift, Confined Space, Site Safety Audits, Written Programs and Compliance Consultation. Call (562) 981-5335 or visit them at: www.safetydynamicsgroup.com

Los Angeles Safety Council

The Los Angeles Safety Council offers a variety of safety related courses during the year. Call (213) 385-6461 for further details on registering for classes.

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.

Tips for Preventing Mold Growth

The key to mold control is moisture control. Here are some preventive tips for reducing the risk of toxic mold growth and exposure:

1. Fix leaky plumbing and leaks in the building envelope as soon as possible. Watch for condensation and wet spots. Fix sources of moisture as soon as possible (within the 24- to 48-hour window).
2. Take steps to prevent moisture from condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level (humidity) in the air. To increase surface temperature, insulate or increase air circulation. To reduce humidity, repair leaks, increase ventilation (if outside air is cold and dry), or dehumidify (if outdoor air is warm and humid).
3. Keep heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) drip pans clean, flowing properly, and unobstructed.
4. Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside.
5. Maintain low indoor humidity, below 60 percent RH, ideally 30 percent to 50 percent RH, if possible.
6. Perform regular building/HVAC inspections and maintenance as scheduled.
7. Clean and dry wet or damp spots within 48 hours.
8. Don't let foundations stay wet. Provide drainage and slope the ground away from the foundation.

NIOSH Recommends Ways to Prevent Driving Fatalities

Employers, employees, and others can take practical measures to prevent work-related roadway deaths while research continues in areas that are critical for further progress, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recommends in a new report.

The report, *NIOSH Hazard Review: Work-Related Roadway Crashes--Challenges and Opportunities for Prevention*, provides in-depth data, analysis, and recommendations for preventing the leading cause of job-related fatalities. Employee deaths in roadway crashes increased by 18.7 percent from 1992 to 2000, totaling 11,952 over the nine-year period.

The burden of fatalities and injuries is not limited to full-time professional drivers such as long-haul truckers, according to NIOSH. Other employees who operate company-owned vehicles over shorter trips and employees who drive personal vehicles on the job also are at risk. NIOSH recommends the following preventive measures:

- Employers should:
- Enforce mandatory on-the-job use of seat belts,
- Ensure that employees who drive on the job have valid licenses,
- Incorporate fatigue management into safety programs,
- Provide fleet vehicles that offer the highest possible levels of occupant protection in the event of a crash,
- Ensure that employees receive necessary training to operate specialized vehicles,
- Offer periodic vision screening and general physicals for employees whose primary job duty is driving,

- Avoid requiring workers to drive irregular hours or significantly extended hours,
- Establish schedules that allow drivers to obey speed limits,
- Set policies in accordance with states' graduated driver's licensing laws and child labor laws, and
- Assign driving-related tasks to younger employees incrementally.

Employees should:

Use safety belts,
Avoid using cell phones while driving, and
Avoid other potentially distracting activities such as eating, drinking, or adjusting non-critical vehicle controls while driving.

CAN YOUR EMPLOYEES WALK OUT OF A BLACKOUT?

Do you and your employees know what to do if a catastrophe, such as a major blackout strikes your workplace?

According to OSHA, before an emergency occurs, employees in high-rise buildings should:

- 1) Be familiar with the worksite's emergency evacuation plan;
- 2) Know the pathway to at least two alternative exits from every room/area at the workplace;
- 3) Recognize the sound/signaling method of the fire/evacuation alarms;
- 4) Know who to contact in an emergency and how to contact them;
- 5) Know how many desks or cubicles are between your workstation and two of the nearest exits so you can escape in the dark if necessary;
- 6) Know where the fire/evacuation alarms are located and how to use them; and,
- 7) Report damaged or malfunctioning safety systems and back-up systems.