



California Society of Safety & Security Professionals

October 5, 2018

NO Morning Seminar

Lunch Meeting - 11:30 am - 1 pm

Lakewood Country Club

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Morning Seminar

There is NO morning seminar for October, 2018.



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Morning Session Speaker

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Luncheon Speaker

This month, our lunch speaker will be our Chapter Co-President, Dan Leiner, who will speak on mold and indoor air quality. Cal/OSHA has one sentence in ALL of its regulations that addresses mold. Mold is everywhere and it is important to control conditions in the workplace that encourage its growth. Once established and the proper conditions exist, mold can easily multiply, spread and affect people's health and comfort. Dan will review the hazards of mold and how to conduct an indoor air quality investigation.

Lunch Menu

Caesar Salad
Chicken Marsala
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Caramelized Green Beans
Red Velvet Cake

Energizing Your Employees

Make sure your plan to help energize your workforce, you need to address one or more of these eight basic human desires:

- Activity
- Ownership
- Power
- Affiliation
- Competence
- Achievement
- Recognition
- Meaning

President's Message

This year I'm happy to be back sharing the role of chapter president jointly with Jennifer Keena. I'd also like to welcome Mario Quintanar as our newest Board member as he takes on the role of Vice President. I would like to personally thank Mario for volunteering to be a member of our Board. As a volunteer-based, non-profit organization, we would not function without the commitment of our volunteers. If you are interested in being more involved, please let Jennifer or me know.

This year we're working on legally reestablishing the CSSSP. We have finally reestablished the organization with the Secretary of State and have just a bit more paperwork to do before we can open a bank account (and start accepting checks again at our lunch meetings). I'm hoping this will be completed within the next few weeks.

As we reestablish legally, I hope we can build the CSSSP to a something that helps all of us in the field of security, safety, and health. To do this, we need to get more people to attend our lunch meetings so we can network and learn from each other. I've always said we have a wealth of knowledge amongst our members and I encourage everyone to get involved and share your knowledge... as a Board member, as a seminar speaker, as a lunch speaker, or even letting us know of an outstanding speaker you know or have seen that could be one of our seminar/lunch speakers. Again, please let Jennifer or me know if you would be one of our speakers or can provide us with a lead for a speaker.

I hope to see you at our October lunch meeting!

Dan Leiner
Co-President

12 Tips to Prevent Workplace Fires

October is National Fire Safety Month and while the main focus is on preventing residential fires, it is also a good time to revisit workplace fire safety and prevention. Fatal injuries involving fires and explosions resulted in 148 occupational fatalities in 2013. That coupled with the threat of fire to business equipment and buildings demands that all business owners and safety professionals avoid having a fire emergency.

Step 1. Get Organized – Practice good workplace housekeeping. Clutter contributes to fires by providing fuel and by preventing access to exits and emergency equipment.

Step 2. Designated Smoking Areas – Smoke only in designated areas, and extinguish smoking materials safely. Never smoke in storerooms or chemical storage areas.

Step 3. Fire Extinguishers – Maintaining the appropriate type and number of fire extinguishers and learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

Step 4. Electrical Hazards – Report all electrical hazards. Many fires start in faulty wiring and malfunctioning electrical equipment.

Step 5. Access to Control Panels – Electrical control panels need to have free access maintained so that the electric could be shut off easily.

Step 6. Maintenance – Maintain machinery to prevent overheating and friction sparks.

Step 7. Sprinkler Systems & Smoke Detectors – Never block sprinklers, firefighting equipment or emergency exits. Observe clearances when stacking materials. Testing of sprinkler systems and smoke detectors at least annually.

Step 8. Chemical Safety – Use and store chemicals safely. Read the label and the Safety Data Sheet to determine flammability and other fire hazards. Provide adequate ventilation when using and storing these substances.

Step 9. Waste Control & Storage – Control the accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials and residues so that they do not contribute to a fire emergency.

Step 10. Prevent Ignition – Use all precautions to prevent ignition in potentially explosive atmospheres such as those containing flammable liquid vapors or fine particles. Use non-sparking tools, and control static electricity as required.

Step 11. Exits – Emergency exit diagrams should be posted and emergency exits should be well lit with neon-regulation signs.

Step 12. Contact Info – Employees should have a list of emergency contact phone numbers in case of emergency. Remember that people will often panic in an intense situation; therefore basics such as the company address, phone number and floor plan should be posted.

Evacuation Procedures for Employees with Disabilities

During a workplace evacuation or fire drill, employees with disabilities should be assisted by one or more assigned designated assistants.

It's the job of designated assistants to help disabled employees to the nearest exit that leads outside of the building, to the nearest stairwell (area of refuge), or to another safe area to await evacuation by the fire department.

If two designated assistants are present, one should report the location of the individual with a disability to an emergency monitor for evacuation by emergency personnel, if necessary. If only one assistant is present, he or she should remain with the individual and have another employee inform the monitor of their location.

NOTE: Firefighters and rescue personnel always proceed initially to the area of greatest risk to systematically perform search and rescue operations.

Exit Routes

If normal exit routes are dangerous due to the fire, heat, smoke, etc., the designated assistant should proceed to an alternate exit, the closest stairwell, or to another building module.

If a stairwell must be used, once inside, the assistant and disabled employee should move against the wall and wait for the flow of traffic to stop. If the disabled employee cannot be safely evacuated down the stairwell, they should remain in the area of refuge until an all-clear message is received or they are assisted from the building by emergency response personnel.

Elevators should never be used for emergency evacuation unless the elevators are under the direction of the fire department or are equipped with special systems and are pre-approved for evacuation.

Visitors with Disabilities

Because visitors with disabilities will not have assistants assigned to them, the host employee should assume the role of designated assistant. Monitors should ensure that all areas on the floor, including restrooms, are thoroughly checked for any individuals with disabilities.

DO YOU LOOK BEFORE STEPPING BACKWARDS?

Stepping backwards without looking is an action that can be harmful; unfortunately, we have all done it. This single unsafe act is responsible for many slip, trip, and falls that have led to serious injury or death. Although there is very little research and even less regulation on this subject, this is a safety issue which needs attention, not only in all workplaces, but also at home and even while on vacation. People must look back before stepping backwards because the environment is continuously changing; one second is safe but the next is not.

Pedestrians step backwards and forklift drivers do it as well. We must remind ourselves that safety is

our business and that teaching people about this safety issue whenever or wherever we see it could save a life. Everyone should make a habit of looking back before stepping backwards to reduce the possibility of being injured so that at the end of the day we can all go home safe.

Let's consider the story of a newer employee who was hired at a construction company in Southern California. After just six months on the job, he was assigned to a supervisor who he had worked with and liked. They went together to dump some materials at a recycling facility and while standing by a truck with an open door, he took 3-4 steps backwards into the path of a loader who could not see him and he lost his life. This is a terrible situation that could have been prevented, if only he would have looked before he walked backwards. This employee was not on his cell phone or anything like that, he simply stepped backwards at the wrong moment.

All life is precious and irreplaceable... As a safety person, I believe that employers, as well as the general public, need to be educated about this critical issue of stepping backwards without looking because of being distracted, in the workplace, at home and even while on vacation.

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