

January 2009



Philadelphia Chapter ASSE Local Chapter Newsletter



**January, 2009 Lunch Meeting
Wednesday, January 14th**

Meet the Regulator: OSHA & Preparing For A Workplace Inspection

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthy workplace for their employees. The Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) role is to promote the safety and health of America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health.

OSHA's primary tool of enforcement and compliance is the workplace inspection. Preparing for an inspection should be just as important as any project for a customer, client or company executive. How can you best prepare for a workplace inspection should OSHA knock on your door?

Join the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE for our January 14th lunch Meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy in King of Prussia, PA. Our speaker will discuss current OSHA inspection and enforcement programs, and provide guidance on how to prepare for an inspection, including the necessary documentation and the appropriate inspection response should one be needed.



MEETING AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Registration/Networking

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Lunch

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Presentation

1:30 PM Executive Team Meeting

The cost of this meeting is \$35.00, to be paid by check or by cash at the door (sorry- credit cards/PO's and vouchers cannot be accepted).

Checks should be made payable to "Philadelphia Chapter ASSE".

Deadline for pre-registration is the end of the day on Friday, January 9th

Pre-registration for this meeting is MANDATORY. Registration will be cut off, without notice, when the number of seats available are filled.

In order to ensure a space at this meeting, EARLY pre-registration is strongly recommended.

To pre-register:

Please send an email to register@philaasse.org, with your name and company affiliation.

About Our Speaker: Scott Shimandle, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA Allentown Area Office.

Scott Shimandle has been with OSHA for nearly 23 years as a *Compliance Officer (Industrial Hygienist/Health Inspector)* and as an *Assistant Area Director (Health Supervisor)*.

For the last 8 years he has been the office's *Compliance Assistance Specialist*, a position designed to promote OSHA and its resources through non-enforcement means. In this position, Scott conducts outreach, training, education and compliance assistance to businesses, business associations, local labor affiliates and other stakeholders, with the goals of increasing the understanding of, and ultimately, compliance with OSHA's safety and health regulations, and promoting safety and health best practices.

Scott is a graduate of Kutztown University, with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, with a concentration in Biology.

Maggiano's Little Italy– King of Prussia, PA



Maggiano's Little Italy is located in the southwest corner of the King of Prussia Mall complex, off Mall Boulevard.

From PA Turnpike (I-276):

Take exit #326 at Valley Forge; follow this road to exit #327 onto N. Gulph Rd.; take a right at the second light onto Goddard Boulevard; Follow this road to the mall.

Traveling I-76:

Take 76 W towards Valley Forge; Take exit #327 onto Mall Boulevard; This puts you directly at the mall.

Traveling Route 202:

King of Prussia Mall is located directly off Route 202; Turn onto Mall Boulevard to enter the mall.

Traveling Route 422:

From 422 E, Take First Avenue exit; Turn Right onto N. Gulph Road; Turn Left onto Goddard Boulevard and follow this road to the mall.

Traveling I-95 (from Delaware and Points South)

Follow 95 to 476 N; From 476 N, Take exit #16B onto 76 W; Follow 76 W toward Valley Forge to exit #327; This puts you on Mall Boulevard, directly at the mall.

Traveling I-95 (from NJ, Bucks County and Points North)

95 S; Take Rt. 1 S; Take PA Turnpike W; Take exit #326 at Valley Forge; Follow this road to exit #327 onto N. Gulph Rd.; Take a right at the second light onto Goddard Blvd.; Follow this road to the mall.

President's Message



Holiday greetings to all!

This is a special, and challenging, time of the year for everyone. With 2008 coming to a close, and the holidays upon us, we struggle to balance many priorities - year-end deadlines; reflecting on our beliefs and values - and gather with friends and family to look ahead to the possibilities of a new year. Amongst the intensity of these competing priorities, please remember that the health & safety of you and your loved ones must be your greatest commitment, since our well being is essential for all we do.

Our November meeting on Preventing Workplace Violence by Joseph Potterton of Children's Hospital was very informative and beneficial for those who were able to attend. I have three extra presentation paper binders available; please contact me if you would like us to mail you a copy – first contact/first serve.

Our next two events include our Holiday Social on the evening of December 18th, and our upcoming January 14th lunch meeting, "Meet the Regulator: OSHA & Preparing for a Workplace Inspection" with guest speaker Scott Shimandle (Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA Allentown Area Office).

The Philadelphia Chapter ASSE's Executive Team continues to work on ways to improve our management of the Chapter so that we can better serve you. We are planning on some ambitious short and long term initiatives which we think will bring value to you, as safety professionals, and that will help improve occupational safety. Stay tuned and stay in touch.

We hope you will join us at the Holiday Social on the evening of December 18th and/or at our upcoming January 14th lunch meeting!

On behalf of the Philadelphia ASSE Chapter Team

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PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ASSE



HOLIDAY/NETWORKING EVENT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008

4:30PM – 8:30PM

**\$10.00 COVER PER PERSON INCLUDES OPEN BAR
(IMPORTED/DOMESTIC BEER, HOUSE WINE),
ASSORTED MUNCHIES INCLUDING WINGS, RIBS,
ZITI ALFREDO, CAESAR SALAD AND MORE!**

(CASH BAR FOR LIQUOR OR MIXED COCKTAILS)

FOX AND HOUND

1501 SPRUCE STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

(215) 732-8610

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANYONE INVOLVED IN
THE LOCAL SAFETY INDUSTRY.**



**THIS EVENT IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY THE
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COUNCIL**



No RSVP REQUIRED

Job Postings

The following job postings are currently listed on the Philadelphia Chapter ASSE web site:

- **Health and Safety Manager**
(Marcor Remediation: Philadelphia/Downingtown)
- **Health, Safety and Environmental Manager**
(Recruiter Placement: Northern NJ)
- **Safety Manager**
(McMaster-Carr: Trenton, NJ)



New positions are being posted all the time.

Be sure to check the [Philadelphia Chapter ASSE web site](#) for additional information.

Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter ASSE Meetings

February 2009: February 19th (1/2 Day PDC): **Aging Work Force, POET and FCE**: NovaCare Center (Philadelphia stadium area)

March 2009: March 19th **Greening**: time/location to be announced

April 2009: Joint meeting with Penn-Jersey ASSE (date/time/topic/location to be announced)

May 2009: May 19th: **Plant Tour** (time/location to be announced)

June 2009: **2009-2010 Chapter Planning Meeting** (date/time/location to be announced)

June 2009: June 28th - July 1st: **Safety 2009 Professional Development Conference & Exposition** (Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas)

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