



Quad Cities Chapter American Society of Safety Engineers

Next Meeting:

TOPIC: Silica for Construction/Air
Sampling/ Respiratory Protection

Speaker: Mary Daniels

When: April 25th @ noon

Where: Tri-City Electric

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Thurs May 18th @
noon
Year Wrap-Up BBQ &
Scholarship
Presentation @
QC Safety



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New Members!!

The Quad City Chapter would like to welcome our newest members: Marilyn Carter w/Greystone Manufacturing, Ethan Owen, Waylon Thola, David Blair, Jeff Gilmore, Todd Nyquist, Angelique Sadoris, Steven Schaffer & Timothy Wassel all w/Excelon.

Welcome!!

If you know of someone who is interested in joining our chapter, refer them to the refer-a-member link on <http://www.asse.org/>

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Fire hoses spray water on the upper floors of the Asch Building (housing the Triangle Shirtwaist Company) on Washington and Greene Streets, during the fire in New York City, March 25, 1911. (Photo by Keystone/Getty Images)

Violation Tracker Database Catalogs Corporate Crime, Safety Violations

Violation Tracker Compiles Company Data from 39 Different Agencies Including OSHA Whistleblower Allegations

Between Election Day and the inauguration, federal agencies collected more than \$20 billion in fines and settlements from corporations. This data along with recent cases is available in an online database called Violation Tracker, a project funded by Good Jobs First's Corporate Research Project.

Good Jobs First is a national advocacy group that "promotes corporate and government accountability in economic development and smart growth for working families," according to its website. The organization's Corporate Research Project focusses on strategic research to help drive businesses to "behave in a socially responsible manner."

Violation Tracker compiles information from 39 different agencies including Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs and data involving companies that have been penalized under OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program.

The database contains more than 120,000 entries with penalties in excess of \$320 billion. Among the most recent cases added to Violation Tracker are rulings against Deutsche Bank (\$7.2 billion), Credit Suisse (\$5.3 billion), Volkswagen (\$4.3 billion) and Takata (\$1 billion). Banks and other financial companies account for the largest portion of the recent cases, racking up nearly \$15 billion in fines and settlements. Automotive companies are second with \$5.5 billion.

Offenses included in the database range from financial to environmental, health and other harms to large numbers of people.

Violation Tracker is available at <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/violation-tracker>.

[Stefanie Valentic](#) | OSHA Enforcement

New App from NSC, University of Iowa Offers Virtual Tour of Vehicle Safety Systems

The National Safety Council and the University of Iowa have teamed to develop a first-of-its-kind virtual reality mobile app, designed to provide users with a 360-degree tour of advanced vehicle safety systems.

"CarTech VR360" details six vehicle safety features:

- Adaptive cruise control
- Automatic emergency braking
- Blind spot monitoring
- Back-up camera
- Drowsiness alert
- Lane departure warning



"This might be one of the few cell phone apps that help people be safer drivers," NSC President and CEO Deborah A.P. Hersman said in a press release. "Virtual reality is more engaging than any owner's manual; we hope that people use the technology to discover all of the advanced driver assistance systems their vehicles have to offer."

CarTech VR360 is [free to download](#) for both [Apple](#) and [Android](#) operating systems.

OSHA Challenge

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, every 2 days, on average, work-related ladder falls result in how many deaths?

A) 2

C) 4

B) 1

D) 5

ASSE Recognizes the Anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire

Occupational safety and health became front-page news 106 years ago on March 25 because of a workplace tragedy in New York City that claimed the lives of 146 workers.

Arguably, the turning point for occupational safety and health in this country was the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in lower Manhattan on March 25, 1911, when 146 garment workers – mostly young women from immigrant families – lost their lives attempting to escape the burning building. Fire exit doors were locked and other doors only opened inward, making it impossible for the onrush of workers to open the doors. A ninth-floor fire escape led nowhere. Fire department ladders and hoses could not reach the upper floors. Many workers died by jumping out of windows and into an elevator shaft as they fought to escape the flames.

“It was the deadliest industrial disaster in New York City history, but it did help begin our nation’s effort to address workplace safety in an organized way that had not existed,” said ASSE President Tom Cecich, CSP, CIH. “The fire led to legislation requiring improved factory safety standards. It also caused a concerned group of insurance company safety engineers to start what is now ASSE. The work of occupational safety and health professionals for over a century has contributed to dramatic drops in workplace injuries, illnesses and fatalities.”

And a few months after the fire came the creation of this country’s oldest professional safety society, dedicated to supporting its members’ work in protecting workers in every industry, every state and across the globe. That organization – the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) – recognizes this important anniversary and is proud of the role it has played in ensuring that American workers are safer today than ever before.

Founded in October 1911, ASSE has grown into a global membership of more than 37,000 occupational safety and health professionals. But the work of safety organizations, employers and federal agencies like OSHA, NIOSH and the U.S. Chemical Safety Board is never complete.

“Whether you work at a construction site, in a restaurant, or with students in a classroom, the lessons of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire never should be forgotten,” Cecich said. “Keeping our workplaces safe takes an unwavering commitment, and not just from safety professionals, but from everyone. There are always improvements to be pursued and exceptional ideas to be shared.” ASSE encourages workers across the country to pause on Saturday and join the society in paying tribute to the workers who lost their lives in that heartbreaking factory fire. ASSE remains dedicated to the advancement of its members and the safety profession through advocacy, education and standards development.

“We need to remind businesses and our legislators that our nation’s commitment to occupational safety and health systems and policies brings significant value to business and the well-being of the American people,” Cecich said. “Workplace safety not only saves lives, it decreases healthcare and workers’ compensation costs, reduces production delays and improves a company’s reputation.”

Sandy Smith

APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING MONTH

National Work Zone Awareness Week reminds drivers: ‘Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands’

Silver Spring, MD – National Work Zone Awareness Week will take place April 3-7, with a national kick-off event planned for April 4 at the Maryland state [Randolph Road/Georgia Avenue Interchange Project](#).

The theme for this year’s event is “Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands” and will focus on the importance of driving extra cautiously in work zones. Drivers should be alert and remain aware of their surroundings while following the speed limit and obeying traffic control devices. National Work Zone Awareness Week is an annual event. Since 1999, the Federal Highway Administration has partnered with the American Traffic Safety Services Association and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to promote work zone safety, adding other transportation partners through the years.

According to the 2017 edition of “Injury Facts,” a chartbook from the National Safety Council, 700 deaths and 35,500 injuries occurred in work zone crashes in 2015.

Traffic safety group releases ‘2017 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws’

[Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)
Washington – Five states and the District of Columbia earned top scores in the [2017 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws](#) from the group Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

The roadmap is an annual report that rates all 50 states and the District of Columbia on the adoption of 15 traffic safety laws.

The states that scored highest are Delaware, Louisiana, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington and the District of Columbia. However, 17 states earned the lowest rating based on Advocates’ analysis. Underperforming states include Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Other findings from the report:

- Nine states do not have a texting ban for all drivers.
- 16 states do not have a [primary enforcement seat belt law](#) for front-seat passengers, and 32 states do not have such a law for rear-seat passengers.
- 31 states need to pass an all-rider motorcycle helmet law.
- 39 states and the District of Columbia need an optimal booster-seat **law**.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 35,000 people were killed and more than 2.4 million were injured in crashes in 2015 (the most recent year for which data is available). Traffic fatalities increased by 7.2 percent from one year earlier – the largest percentage increase in nearly 50 years.

“The problem is clear – too many lives are lost, serious injuries sustained and needless costs incurred due to motor vehicle crashes,” Jackie Gillan, president of AHAS, said in a press release. “And so is the solution. Today, every state has dangerous gaps and loopholes in their traffic safety laws that needlessly make our roads dangerous and put families at risk. The report’s title, ‘Have We Forgotten What Saves Lives?’ raises a pressing question. And, unfortunately, the answer is ‘yes.’ This public health crisis demands legislative action and not legislative amnesia about what works and what is needed.”

HELP WANTED

3M is seeking a Sr. EHS Engineer for the Materials Resource Division (MRD) located in Cordova, Illinois, responsibility for providing self-initiated safety/environmental services as assigned. Defines and conducts technical and/or project tasks within the safety/health/environmental field. Maintains a flow of major safety/environmental management systems, such as standards, guidelines, and procedures, and communicates them by way of internal reports, technical presentations, and/or publication. To apply: Go to http://www.3m.com/3M/en_WW/careers-select-location?WT.mc_id=www.3m.com/careers Click on United States then Click on Search & Apply. You can then search for Job requisition R00025639 or paste the job requisition in the search bar.

Risk Control Technical Specialist, Davenport, IA provide technical support for branch and field office risk control operations, monitor more sensitive and difficult prospective and service assignments, evaluate risk control consultant reports for customer risk control services. For more information or to apply visit BITCO.com>employment opportunities>Risk Control>Home Office Risk Control Technical Specialist to apply or contact Tori Forsberg, 563.232.0301, tori.forsberg@bitco.com

Safety, Health and Environmental Engineer, Davenport, IA,
<https://cobham.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=218054&src=JB-10240>

Construction Site Safety Person, Sagecar Solutions - Quad Cities
Looking for a fulltime safety auditor for large construction site, construction experience a must. Safety training helpful but will train right person. To apply please visit <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Sagecar-Solutions/jobs/Construction-Site-Safety-Person-f188e433081431ca?q=safety>

Health & Safety Manager, Cedar Rapids,
<https://cargill.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=CED00853&src=JB-11960>

SHE Manager, Thompson, IL <http://careers.dupont.com/jobsearch/job-details/safety-health-environmental-she-manager/011935W-01/?src=JB-10421>

Safety Specialist, Mount Pleasant http://www.continental-jobs.com/index.php?ac=jobad&id=324253&codes=BB_indeed_organic

Safety Coach, Dubuque, IA
http://hirschbach.applytojob.com/apply/job_20170308183139_RPTZXL3MUOATUCU/Safety-Coach?source=INDE

Safety Coordinator, Burlington, IA <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Career-Advantage/jobs/Safety-Coordinator-b23d44e9e017381e?sjd=QwrRXKrQZ3CNX5W-O9jEvfJ3BvpBn-sV9u2ooigvcZnd9obApJuLp9NJI0sD4qFpVN6HMBlkTdvZRWYMHtDImQ>

See more job listings like these on the members' only page located at <http://members.asse.org> or <http://qc.asse.org>



Workers' Memorial Day April 28, 2017

Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28. It is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers. It is also the day OSHA was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their workers. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

Every year, events are held across the country to remember workers who have died on the job and honor them by continuing to fight for improved worker safety. For more information visit <https://www.osha.gov/workersmemorialday/index.html>



ISOES

International Society for Occupational Ergonomics & Safety

ISOES 2017 Annual Conference, Seattle, WA

The International Society for Occupational Ergonomics and Safety (ISOES) will be holding its [XXIXTH Annual International Conference](#) on June 1-2, 2017 at the Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South. Conference attendees include global professionals from various industries and academic settings. If you are interested in attending, please click [here](#) for more details, or email conference@isoes.info.

OSHA Challenge Answer

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