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NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting was hosted by BWC at the Safety & Health training facility in Pickerington. Scott Duff from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) gave an interesting talk on Meth Labs. The BCI is the law enforcement arm of the State Attorney General and they are located in London, OH.

Although Scott and his group are mainly involved in finding and eradicating Marijuana plants, over the last 5 years they have found themselves dealing with Meth Labs. He said that in 2000 they found 18 labs, 2002 141 labs, 2004 350 labs, 2005 500 labs, and 2007 year to date only 200.

Meth is a very powerful and addictive central nervous system stimulant that looks like cocaine and can be injected, snorted, or taken orally. Meth labs pose a variety of hazards from flammable, reactive, and corrosive chemicals. Scott's group has to deal with inhalation injuries from Anhydrous Ammonia, burns from fires and explosions, acid burns, oral ingestion of toxins, skin absorption, and slips, trips, and falls in the cluttered labs.

Scott told us that the labs can be set up anywhere especially since the Anhydrous Ammonia method does not need electricity or heat. He warned us that the producers will commonly dispose of their waste along the side of the road so he likes to get the message out to road crews to be careful when they find trash. He said that a Meth lab will have an ammonia, ether, or starter fluid smell and the waste will have a large amount of Sudafed, Advil, coffee filters, and unused matches. Some of the things that might indicate a lab is operating are flammable solvent containers, coffee filters with unusual stains, containers with duct or electrical tape, containers with tubing, drain opener containers, propane or oxygen cylinders that have been altered, and trash bags with an ether, solvent, or ammonia odor.

One of the last points he made was that cocaine and heroin are produced elsewhere and shipped here, but Meth is made right here in our neighborhoods and is usually produced for use by the person who is making it.

You can contact Scott at BCI headquarters at 1-800-282-DRUG (3784) or the Clandestine Laboratory Unit at 1-740-845-2490.

DOOR PRIZES AND 50/50 WINNERS!

Paul Brown, J.C. Alcox, & Bob Wuichek were the winners of the door prizes sponsored by our ASSE chapter and Bob Beck was the 50/50 Raffle drawing.

UPCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS

1/8/08 OSHA VPP, Partnerships and Alliances

Speaker – Howard Eberts, OSHA

**Location – SEA Limited Charlie Guinther (614)-888-4160
7349 Worthington-Galena Rd
Columbus, OH 43085
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2/15/06 Temporary Workforce Orientation as it Relates to Safety

Speaker – Michelle Cook

**Location – The Limited
2 Limited Parkway, Columbus**

3/14/08 ASSE Movers & Shakers – a roundtable discussion with ASSE Delegates

Speaker – Various National ASSE Officers

Location – Motorists Insurance, Columbus

4/18/08 HSE Legal Considerations

Speaker – Doug Suiter

Location – Cardinal Health, Dublin

5/16/08 Hand Protection: Design, Selection, & Application

Speaker – Ray Morris, Ansell

**Location – City of Columbus
750 Piedmont Road, Columbus**

6/13/08 Industrial Hygiene Topic

Joint Meeting with AIHA

Speaker & Location - TBD

25 Years of ASSE Membership

Three chapter members were recognized for 25 years of membership in ASSE! Mark Alexander, Tim Govenor, & Dave Link will each receive a framed certificate showing this achievement.

SH&E Professionals Contend Corporate Support Lacking

(From the November issue of the ASSE Newsletter)

Recently chapter leaders from around the world met at ASSE headquarters and they were asked to identify the top six issues faced by the profession today. They all said that the lack of corporate support for SH&E initiatives topped the list. One member noted, “the top dog should hold employees accountable and businesses must integrate safety into the overall business plan.”

Rounding out the rest of the top six issues were:

#2: the aging profession/workforce

#3: lack of resources

#4: (tie)

- the need for more safety training
- increase safety professionals’ ability to market their value/improve their “enforcer” image

#5: (tie)

- globalization without safety education
- not enough time or funds for professional development

#6: (three-way tie)

- outdated PELs
- shortage of SH&E college programs
- increased job demands/job burnout

ASSE President-Elect Warren Brown, CSP said that the responses were across the board and include issues that ASSE is addressing today.

Safety-on-the-Job Poster Contest Accepting Entries

(From the November issue of the ASSE Newsletter)

Keep your kids busy during the upcoming holiday vacations. From now until Feb. 14, ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews can enter the 6th annual Kids' Safety-on-the-Job poster contest. Top prizes will be awarded to one child in each of the five age groups-ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14 – whose poster best represents safety at work. First-place winners will receive a \$1,000 savings bond, second-place winners receive a \$500 savings bond, and third- and fourth- place winners receive a \$200 savings bond. In addition, winning posters are displayed in Washington, DC, during NAOSH Week. The winning poster in each group also will be featured on the NAOSH Week 2008 poster that is distributed worldwide.

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