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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS HONOR MEMBERS LOCATED COUNTRYWIDE WHO HELPED REACH MILLIONS ON BEING SAFE AT WORK

DES PLAINES, IL (June 19, 2008) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recognized members for their help as volunteers in reaching millions of people and thousands of businesses on the importance of being safe at work during the May North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day last week. ASSE members from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio and Washington, D.C., received the ASSE NAOSH Champion Award for going above and beyond. Four relatives of members were awarded the new “junior” NAOSH Champion award for their ongoing volunteer support. The awards were announced at the annual ASSE House of Delegates meeting held Monday, June 9, in Las Vegas as part of Safety 2008.

Due to ASSE member efforts and the NAOSH Champion award winners, the sixth annual ASSE “Safety-on-the-Job” poster contest drew a 310 percent increase in poster participants from the year before for children aged 5 – 14. ASSE members’ children, grandchildren, aunts and uncles can enter the annual contest as well as children sponsored by ASSE members or chapters. Through this contest, which awards those that best illustrate being safe on the job, ASSE and its members seek to educate children on the importance of safety and what occupational safety, health and environmental professionals do to protect the people they work with and to keep their community safe. The NAOSH Champions also sponsored events at work as well as in their communities during NAOSH Week.

The ASSE NAOSH Champion 2008 award winners are:

- Joseph A. Fulliero II, of Tyngsboro, MA, planned and implemented the Greater Boston Chapter’s annual NAOSH activities and worked with Senator Bryan Joyce and Governor Deval Patrick’s office to obtain a state NAOSH and OSHP Day proclamation as well as setting up and running the first-ever Safety Day at the Massachusetts State House. Officials from several other safety organizations and the MA Department of Occupational Safety and Health and the regional Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) office participated.
- Donald L. Legg, P.E., of Double Oak, TX, director of Bell Helicopter Textron Environmental Health and Safety, spearheaded NAOSH Week activities at Bell by providing continuous support including budget support since 2005. Described by his co-workers as an enthusiastic supporter and as the voice of the employee to corporate management his efforts resulted in increased interaction with employees on safety at work and at home. In addition safety flash lights were handed out to employees, an ice cream social to thank employees for their efforts in making Bell a safer place to work was provided along with a breakfast for 250 Bell employees to discuss safety and issues at Bell Helicopter.
- At the suggestion of Environmental, Health and Safety Manager for Navistar Timothy W. McDaniel, CIH, CHMM, of Springfield, OH, Navistar donated NAOSH tote bags and safety flashlights for hundreds of the participants at the annual NAOSH kick-off held Monday, May 5, in Washington, D.C. The bags were given to the children who won and entered the 6th annual ASSE “Safety-on-the-Job” poster contest along with their families, ASSE members, federal officials, and members of 70

other industry trade associations supporting safety professionals and NAOSH Week. Tim's daughter Abby was a first place poster contest winner in 2007.

- Amy Stewart of Columbus, Ohio, sponsored several local school children in the "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest. This not only raised awareness of workplace safety in the local community and schools, but increased local member participation in NAOSH Week. One of the children she sponsored ended up winning first place in his age group. To assist the winner and his family, Amy and the local Columbus ASSE Chapter rallied members for donations to help the poster contest winner and his large family travel to Washington, D.C., for the poster contest award events. ASSE members from around the U.S. donated funds for this effort.
- Catreana L. Bennet, the director of the OSU-OKC Precision Driving Training, of Oklahoma City, OK, has coordinated the annual Oklahoma State University and ASSE Oklahoma City Chapter Family Health and Safety Day event during NAOSH Week. Due to its success at reaching out to the community, Oklahoma State University declared it to be an annual event. The event features occupational safety and health information and safety and health related vendors, sponsors and exhibitors. In 2007, more than 1300 parents and children attended the event.
- Deputy Chief for Risk Management for the National Gallery of Art Philip E. Goldsmith, CSP, ARM, received the award for arranging for a special tour of the National Gallery of Art and art education session for the 45 ASSE poster contest winners, entrants and their families who traveled to D.C. for the NAOSH events. The education session was taught by five Gallery educational employees with art and museum degrees.
- The New Jersey Chapter led this year by President Nazer Ali and President-Elect Kristen Kelley received a NAOSH Champion award for their ongoing support of NAOSH Week. The New Jersey chapter submitted the most posters of any state in the U.S. for 2008 and utilized the ASSE Safety Suitcase to teach children from the Mountain View School in Mount Olive Township about safety. All New Jersey chapter members contributed to this success helped by the NJ Chapter's Frank Gesualdo, Alex Ruiz, Jack Fearing, Gina Mayer-Costa, Bob Sagendorf, Hector Santiago, Daniel Rollino, Rita Oleas, Bill Flaherty, John Kraynanski, Mary Bell, Stan Bell, Joe Del Greco, Charlie Morgan, Rob Weissman, Barry Weissman, Brian Connell, Joanne Kreisberg and Joseph Schwed.
- Region III was honored for sponsoring the second NAOSH Week brunch for the ASSE "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest winners, entrants and their families. This year it was held at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Region III Vice President Greg Smith, of Austin, TX, and Treasurer and Gulf Coast Chapter President-Elect Cindy Lewis, of Houston, TX, who planned the events, accepted the award. Region III states include TX, AR, and OK.

Junior NAOSH Champion awards went to Sean, 7th grader, and James, 9th grader, (IV) Morris, Virginia Beach, VA; Chelsea Crowley, 12th grader, Canton, MA; and, Sonja Menese, of Morris, IL. For the past few years young Sean and James, the sons of ASSE Regional Vice President Jim Morris, have volunteered their time along with their father to assist during the NAOSH kick-off events in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Labor and at the U.S. Capitol by helping hundreds of guests at each event and serving as a NAOSH key contact. For the past two years Sonja, mother of ASSE Region III Treasurer Cindy Lewis, has donated her time and resources as a volunteer welcoming ASSE guests to its NAOSH kick-off events in Washington, D.C., and the poster contest brunch on Sunday. She serves as a welcome and familiar face for members and NAOSH supporters at the events. Chelsea Crowley, the daughter of former Greater Boston Chapter President David Crowley, CSP, CET, CHMM, has gone above and beyond in reaching out to schools and communities in her area on the importance of being safe at work for the past few years. She has

provided brochures on key workplace safety and health information making a difference in her neighborhood and building upon the work of the local occupational safety, health and environmental professionals.

ASSE, OSHA, the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) - Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Belt Partnership, 72 corporations and associations representing all industries, thousands of businesses and millions of people, including the 2008 NAOSH Champions, provided tools, best practices and solutions on how to increase workplace safety during NAOSH Week. NAOSH is one of the activities ASSE does each year to increase awareness of workplace safety. Due to the efforts of many, millions of people go to and return home safely from work every day. However, in the U.S. alone, 5,840 workers died from on-the-job injuries in 2006 and millions more suffered workplace injuries and illnesses. These can be prevented.

Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL-based ASSE is the largest and oldest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Its more than 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor and education. For more information and photos on NAOSH Week go to <http://www.asse.org/naosh08>. Next year NAOSH Week runs from May 3-9 in 2009, OSHP Day is May 6 and the poster contest opens up September 19, 2008 and closes on Valentine's Day 2009.