

VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet



Valley Coastal ASSE Newsletter

October 2014

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President's Message

The board and I are working hard to enrich your membership in the Valley Coastal Chapter. We just completed our annual chapter survey. My thanks to the many members that provided input. The board and I are reviewing the responses and look forward to using many of the suggestions to improve your chapter experience. Congratulations to Chris Smith, Sr. VP, Safety & Health Zenith Insurance Company, winner of the \$25 gift card for completing the 2014 Chapter Survey. If you have not taken an opportunity to participate, you can still provide your input and suggestions by completing the survey on the following link [2014 Valley Coastal Member Survey](#)



President's Message Continued....

I would like to personally invite you to attend November meeting and hear from Dan Leiner, Cal OSHA Area Manager, about the direction and priorities for Cal OSHA in the coming year. You can also see the future meeting dates on our web page <http://valleycoastal.asse.org/>.

Let us know how we are doing:

- **General issues or Feedback** Feedback@valleycoastal.asse.org
- **Membership Assistance** Membershipchair@valleycoastal.asse.org
- **Program Suggestions** Programs@valleycoastal.asse.org
- **Newsletter Items Opinions** Newslettereditor@valleycoastal.asse.org
- **Student Members Support** Studentmemberchair@valleycoastal.asse.org
- **Post a Job Opening** Jobs@valleycoastal.asse.org

A Special Election will be held for the 2014/15 President Elect and Chapter Vice President. These positions are open to anyone in our Chapter with a minimum of one year of membership in the American Society of Safety Engineers; and are willing to commit to the required meeting attendance and related activities, an estimated 6-8 hours per month. These positions are on track to serve as the Chapter President in the following years.

If you are interested in serving the chapter please submit your name, membership and phone numbers and email address to president@valleycoastal.asse.org. The deadline for submission is November 19, 2014. All qualified submissions will be listed on the Special Election Ballot to be presented to the chapter for selection on November 30 and will close on Midnight December 7, 2014.

IF you are interested in volunteering in any way to support the chapter or have ideas to improve the chapter's support of your career or any feedback on our activities you can let me know

Tom Logan, President Valley Coastal Chapter – president@valleycoastal.asse.org



October 22, 2014
Long Beach, CA

www.CalJTS.com

2014 Joint Technical Symposium
OC ASSE, OC AIHA, LB ASSE
SC AIHA, ASSE LA

2014 JOINT TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014
THE GRAND LONG BEACH EVENT CENTER

CO-HOSTED BY AIHA AND ASSE:
AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION - SCAIHA, OCAIHA
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS - LBASSE, OCASSE, LAASSE

Next Meeting: **November 18, 2014**



November 18th, 2014

Cal-OSHA Special Emphasis Program Update

Dan Leiner is currently the Area Manager of the San Fernando Valley Cal/OSHA Consultation Service office in Van Nuys. He has been the Area Manager since 2000. Prior to being the Area Manager, he was an industrial hygiene consultant for six years with Cal/OSHA's Santa Fe Springs' consultation office. Dan is an instructor with the University of California, San Diego's OSHA Training Institute Education Center.

Dan has over 20 years of experience in the health and safety field as an industrial hygienist working in the aerospace industry, in a Los Angeles County lead-using industry outreach project, and with Cal/OSHA Consultation. Dan holds Bachelors and Master of Science degrees in Environmental and Occupational Health from California State University, Northridge.

January 20th, 2015 Exelis RF Radiation Exposure & Safety Tour (Van Nuys)

Jonathan Cooper EHS Manager, Exelis

March 17th, 2015 Earthquake Disaster Preparedness

Glen Granholm, Director of Seismic Services Programs

A thirty year veteran in management and marketing, Glen joined the SAFE-T-PROOF/ETC team in 2006, where he helped manage Los Angeles area operations and projects involving clients such as City of Hope National Medical Center, Adobe Systems and Johnson and Johnson. In 2007 he was instrumental in the company receiving recognition in the international "Out of the Box" contest, sponsored by UPS, where SAFE-T-PROOF was named "One of the Most Innovative Companies in the World."

The next year, Glen moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he directed the NPC-3 seismic retrofit project at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Following that project, Glen led the ETC team through the completion of multiple additional construction projects at the facility, including the new, state-of-the-art "Breast Center at San Ramon".

As the coordinator of outreach and education for the Bay Area Earthquake Alliance, Glen is heavily involved in the Seismic Readiness education of businesses, schools and communities throughout the region. He is also a member of the Cascadia Region Workgroup. Glen is a frequent speaker at California organizations such as the American Society of Safety Engineers and the International Facility Managers Association.

ASSE Newsroom

ASSE's Professional Safety Journal: A New View of the Great Safety Pyramid

Since its creation 83 years ago by H. W. Heinrich, the safety triangle offered a ratio formula that encouraged safety professionals to focus on the causes of minor injuries as a way to reduce the probability of having major accidents. It sparked a new way of interpreting safety data that may be flawed.

Dave Rebbitt, author of the cover story "Pyramid Power" in the September issue of the American Society of Safety Engineer's monthly journal Professional Safety, makes the argument that the safety pyramid's assumptions are off base. Managing minor incidents only improves these types of incidents. It does not affect the major incident rate.

"Attempts to apply a ratio or pyramid on a wide scale are not doomed because the concept is wrong, but because of the wide variation among industries and within individual companies," Rebbitt writes.

In 1931, Heinrich's safety pyramid was built around the ratio of 300-29-1: one serious injury was related to 29 minor injuries and 300 non-injury related events. Heinrich claimed 88 percent of incidents were caused by the unsafe acts of people, 10 percent were caused by unsafe conditions and 2 percent were unpreventable.

"Today, many believe that Heinrich's work was important, but superficial, and the numbers in the triangle questionable at best," Rebbitt writes.

Heinrich's real contribution isn't in the ratio formula but in advocating for the use of data to find common causes as a function of injury investigations. "Using ratios can identify trends and give early warning that something is outside the normal expected parameters," Rebbitt writes. "We should not dismiss these concepts or assumptions but understand what they mean to the profession today. The figures published by pioneers were meaningful to them, but forward-thinking professionals must make their own to keep things relevant and effective."

Read this article at: https://www.asse.org/professionalsafety/pastissues/059/09/F1Reb_0914Z.pdf

For more than 50 years, ASSE's Professional Safety journal has been sharing the latest technical knowledge in SH&E—information that is constantly being developed through research and on-the-job experience. Each issue delivers practical guidance, techniques and solutions to help SH&E professionals identify hazards, protect people, prevent injuries, improve work environments and educate management that investing in safety is a sound business strategy. For more information please visit <http://www.asse.org/professionalsafety>

To Read More from ASSE's Newsroom, Visit:

<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/>



Upcoming Live Webinars

[Protecting Temporary Workers](#)

October 22, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[Using the CDC INPUTS™ Survey to Improve Workplace Health and Safety](#)

October 29, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[Generating Culture Change Mindsets](#)

November 5, 2014 - 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CENTRAL

[Process Safety Management - The Essentials of the OSHA Standard](#)

December 3, 2014 - 11:00am - 12:30pm Central

[Raising Safety Mindfulness](#)

January 21, 2015 - 11:00am -12:30pm Central

Visit <http://www.asse.org/education/virtualclassroom.php> for more information.



On Demand Offerings

[Actively Caring For People - A Special Session By Dr. E. Scott Geller](#)

[ANSI/AIHA/ASSE Z10-2012 - Standard for Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems](#)

[Best Practices in Industrial Hygiene](#)

[Changing Behaviors – Balancing the Elements for Effective Safety Management Systems](#)

[Global Safety Experience](#)

[Improving Safety Through Mobile Technology](#)

[International Society for Fall Protection Symposium](#)

[Law for the Safety Professional](#)

[Loss Control Virtual Event](#)

[Making Metrics Matter](#)

[Overcoming the Top 10 Safety Leadership Mistakes](#)

[Prevention Through Design Virtual Symposium](#)

[Recordings From ASSE's Fatality and Severe Loss Symposium](#)

[Risk Management for the SH&E Professional](#)

[Safety Issues in the Upstream Oil and Gas Sector](#)

[Slips, Trips and Falls: Best Practices and Standards](#)

[We Have to Do What? Learn the Good and Bad Practical Results of Recent Legal Developments from an OSHA Lawyer](#)

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Would you like to present at a future VCASSE Meeting?

Valley Coastal ASSE invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to programs@valleycoastal.asse.org. Valley Coastal ASSE endeavors to provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals
- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession



Visit the ASSE Region 1 Website!

The ASSE Region 1 is made up of 20 Chapters and now has a new Web Page, <http://region1.asse.org/>. you will find links to other member chapters, Regional and National news updates along with links to ASSE Industry & Interest Groups - Enjoy networking, service and leadership opportunities, technical and educational resources, publication opportunities and access to leadership guidance and advice and Government Affairs Resources – Keep up with Safety legislation, ASSE is committed to ensuring that any decision by federal or state government impacting the safety health and environment of the workplace is based on good science and sound technology