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Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 15-18 ASSP Region VI Virtual PDC
All Face-to-Face Events Are Pending

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**Stay Safe
Everyone!**



STAR VALLEY CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

Due to the pandemic, physical monthly meetings of the Star Valley ASSP Chapter will not be held until further notice however:

VIRTUAL MEETINGS are being planned using the ASSP Region 6 format and materials!

Periodic newsletters are still being published so provide any information, news of note or greetings to Bob Calhoun:

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Chapter New Member Contest

A very exciting contest has been developed for members of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSP.

Every member who sponsors a new member, now through October 31, 2020 are eligible to enter a drawing to win an original abstract painting created by our own **Glenn Hargrove**. The painting, titled "Can You See Me Now", as shown below, incorporates the hues typically associated with high viz wear. This work is a 14" X 14" stretched canvas painting.

Hats off to Glenn for providing the awesome painting and best of luck to all participating in the contest.





September is Bicyclist & Pedestrian Awareness Month

Everyone should be able to safely travel on Virginia's roadways, no matter what form of travel they use. Each road user has a responsibility to all other road users. Unfortunately, pedestrian deaths on our roadways have spiked in recent years and bicycle deaths also continue to increase. Over 100 pedestrians die and over 1,000 are injured on Virginia roadways each year. On average, a dozen bicyclists are killed and more than 600 injured on Virginia roadways each year.

Motorists

- Don't drive distracted or impaired and focus on the road
- Slow down when you see a bicyclist or pedestrian on the road
- Give space when passing bicyclists and pedestrians
- Make sure your headlights are functioning correctly

Bicyclists and Pedestrians

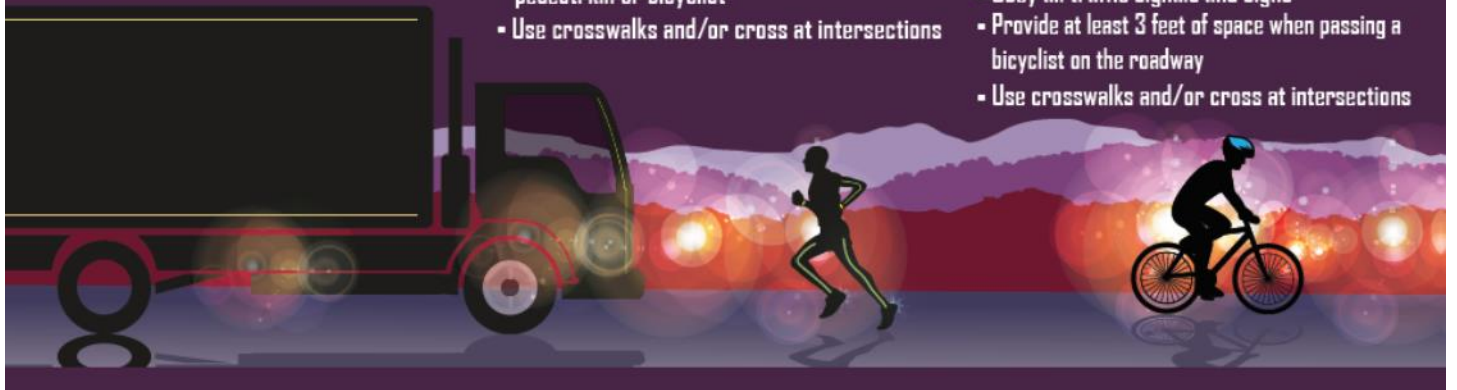
- Wear bright clothing with reflective fabric
- Use flashlights or bike lights
- Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle
- Don't walk or bike while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Pay attention, don't be a distracted pedestrian or bicyclist
- Use crosswalks and/or cross at intersections

Facts to Consider

- A major issue in pedestrian fatalities is alcohol impairment
- Most of pedestrian fatalities in Virginia occurred when the pedestrian was crossing the road where there was NOT an intersection
- Pedestrians are at fault in about one-third of fatal pedestrian crashes in Virginia

Virginia Roadway Laws

- Bicyclists and motorists use the right side of the road and yield to pedestrians
- Pedestrians use crosswalks and sidewalks
- If no sidewalk is available, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible
- Drivers are required to stop at occupied crosswalks and it is illegal to pass another vehicle stopped at a crosswalk
- Obey all traffic signals and signs
- Provide at least 3 feet of space when passing a bicyclist on the roadway
- Use crosswalks and/or cross at intersections



Drive Smart Virginia offers toolkits to participate in Bicyclist & Pedestrian Awareness Month and a webpage with FREE items you can download and use to raise awareness at work and in your community. See this link for information: <https://www.drivesmartva.org/>

DRIVE SMART Virginia is a non-profit organization charged with raising awareness and changing behavior in order to improve the safety of the roadways of the Commonwealth. They have endeavored to improve the lives of all Virginians through public information and education initiatives. Founded in 1995, the organization is led by a diverse board representing safety advocates, the insurance industry and law enforcement.





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7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls

The 7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls has been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. OSHA is partnering with other safety organizations to encourage employers to provide safety demonstrations on fall protection equipment, conduct talks regarding fall-related hazards, safety policies, goals and expectations, and promote the event by using the #StandDown4Safety on social media.

Extensive resources are available on OSHA's Fall Prevention Stand-Down webpage at <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown> in various languages. Resources include:

- A video entitled "5 Ways to Prevent Workplace Falls," encourages employers to educate and train workers on fall protection equipment;
- A series of fall prevention publications, with an emphasis on construction, and fall prevention videos;
- OSHA's Fall Prevention Training Guide, a lesson plan for employers, including several Toolbox Talks; and
- Guidance on ladder and scaffolding safety.

Newsletter Ventures

Now that we're at the start of a new Chapter year, it is the perfect time to begin new ventures. We're looking for suggestions and contributions for the newsletter. Here are some ideas:

- Provide a list of topics you would like to see presented virtually or at monthly meetings
- Supply us your bio to publish.
- Provide a list of topics you would like to see presented and discussed in the newsletters
- Identify those people who have shaped your career and how.
- Recognize people who contributed to your career
- Offer your favorite recipes, vacation spots, etc.
- Provide your baby photo for the membership to guess (and chuckle at)
- Identify software, equipment, websites, companies, etc. that assist job performance
- Give a shout out to your school, hometown, community etc.
- Tell us about your hobbies
- What makes you proud to be a safety professional
- List things that challenge you on the job
- List your profession pet peeves
- Provide us your birth date so we can keep track of this momentous occasion.

The newsletter is designed to be a resource. We're looking to make it fun as well. Consider contributing.

OSHA's COVID-19 Tip of the Day #157:

Physical distancing helps keep workers and everyone safe.

See this link for a wealth of information on this subject.



Protecting the American Workforce

OSHA is celebrating 50 years of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Join OSHA in making a renewed commitment to keeping workers safe and healthy.

See this link for a retrospective:

<https://www.osha.gov/osha50/>



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QUICK LINKS

[2020 Virtual PDC Registration](#)

[2020 Virtual PDC Schedule](#)

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[ASSP Region VI Website](#)

The 2020 Region VI PDC has gone virtual!

CEUs Approved - 2.4 Continuing Education Unit Credits will be provided. Attendees will be awarded 0.6 CEU's per day and must login each day, all 4 days to receive the full 2.4 CEU award.

The 4-day online conference runs from September 15-18. For complete details and to register, visit <https://region6.assp.org/pdc>.

Early Bird Registration, Only \$99
(until August 31) - [Click Here](#)

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2020 Virtual PDC Schedule
[Click here](#) to view the complete 2020 schedule.

If you have any questions, please call Erika May at 661-472-6591 or email safety@regionsixpdc.com.

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