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Upcoming Meetings & Events

• Monthly Meeting: March 12 Lynchburg
• Monthly Meeting: April 16 Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Tour
• Monthly Meeting: May 14 Lynchburg
• Monthly Meeting: June 11 Salem Red Sox Baseball Night Out

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MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday February 7th

Topic: “Virginia’s VPP and How to Get There”**

Milford Stern, VPP Manager at VA Department of Labor and Crystal Main, Virginia Challenge Coordinator

Nathaniel Griffin, VOSH Consultation Program Information

Chapter Bylaws Revision Voting

Time: 12:00 – 1:15 pm Lunch & Program

Cost: We will be ordering off the menu

Location: Corned Beef & Company
107 S Jefferson St, Roanoke, VA
(540) 342-3354

** This month’s discussion will introduce the membership and guests to the State of Virginia Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) and Consultation Program.

Chapter Bylaws Revision Voting

The next step in the transformation from ASSE to ASSP is revising Chapter Bylaws. We are hoping to have a quorum (Seven Chapter members and at least one elected member of the Chapter Executive Committee) at our February meeting to pass our revised Chapter Bylaws.

To learn more about these proposed changes, view the motion:
https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Star_Valley_Chapter_Bylaws_Amendment_Motions.pdf

View a copy of our chapter’s bylaws with the proposed amendments:
https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Star_Valley_PROPOSED_Bylaws_11.2017_a.pdf

NOTE THE NEW MEETING DATE AND TIME!!!
This meeting was selected to test afternoon meeting popularity and support.
January Star Valley Chapter Meeting
The January meeting had to be cancelled due to hazardous winter weather. We have no new or revised Chapter business to present.

Blood Donations are Down, Step Up
January, National Blood Donor Month, unfortunately severe winter weather all over the country has significantly impacted blood donations and supplies. More than 500 blood drives have been cancelled resulting in nearly 13,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations. Consider giving live-saving blood by contacting your local blood center.

BLS Releases Fatal Occupational Injuries in 2016
The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released its National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries in 2016, which reports 5,190 workplace fatalities in 2016 — a 7 percent increase from 2015. The fatal injury rate also increased from 3.4 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers in 2015 to 3.6 in 2016. More workers lost their lives in transportation incidents than any other event in 2016, accounting for about two out of every five fatal injuries. Workplace violence injuries increased by 23 percent, making it the second most common cause of workplace fatality. The report also shows the number of overdoses on the job increased by 32 percent in 2016. For OSHA’s statement on the data, see the news release. Source OSHA Quick Takes January 17, 2018 Volume 17, Issue 2

OSHA Adjusts Penalty Amounts for 2018
On Jan. 2, civil penalty amounts for violations of workplace safety and health standards increased by two percent from last year. In accordance with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, the Department of Labor is required to adjust penalties for inflation each year. New penalties for willful and repeat violations are $129,336 per violation; serious, other-than-serious, and posting requirements are $12,934 per violation; and failure to correct violations is $12,934 for each day the condition continues. Source OSHA Quick Takes January 17, 2018 Volume 17, Issue 2

Resolve to Make Your Workplace Safe + Sound in 2018
The Safe + Sound Campaign encourages every workplace in the United States to have a safety and health program that includes management leadership, worker participation, and a proactive approach to finding and fixing hazards. The Safe + Sound Campaign supports employers’ efforts by offering free webinars; resources from campaign organizers; and local events to support safety and health program development. For ways to get started and for other resources, visit the Safe + Sound Campaign webpage. Source OSHA Quick Takes January 17, 2018 Volume 17, Issue 2

Get started today:
- 10 easy things to start a safety and health program.
- Use OSHA’s new tool to look back at past incidents to move your program forward.
- Find a course to learn about completing your OSHA 300 log.
Tell Virginia General Assembly to Make Virginia Drivers Put Down Their Phones!

Virginia legislators convened in Richmond to start the 2018 General Assembly session. Right now, DRIVE SMART Virginia is aware of 10 bills that are related to a hand-held phone ban waiting to be considered. We have an excellent opportunity to pass a stronger and more enforceable distracted driving law THIS SESSION but we need your help!

First, please take a moment to **sign our pledge** supporting a hand-held ban in Virginia.

Second, write your legislator and let them know you support a hand-held ban in Virginia. You can find out who your local legislators are by **using this link**.

Last, share this email with your co-workers, friends, and family. Forward this email, put the information out on social media, ask others to sign the petition, anything to help get the word out.

According to the Virginia DMV, last year Virginia had an 11% increase in roadway fatalities from 2016. Something needs to be done to reverse this dangerous trend! Please take a moment to address the growing issue of distracted driving.

Information from Janet Brooking, Executive Director DRIVE SMART Virginia

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**ASP/CSP Prep Course**
September 16-18, 2018
ASSE Region VI PDC

Registration open 2/1/18
https://region6.asse.org/pdc/

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