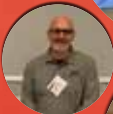


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THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "SAFETY BY CHOICE, NOT BY CHANCE."

Whether you are a member of the VPPPA at any level, serving on the Board of Directors or just attending for training and personal growth, we are glad to meet you. The board is here to provide assistance to members and non-members in safety related activities, including training and education.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board of directors for their hard work and diligence. Without them this forum would not be possible. If you would like to join our team, please contact any member of the board. We appreciate any and all help you can offer.

Region II OSHA has a new Regional Administrator, Richard Mendelson. We would also like to thank our OSHA partners Mike Levy, Richard Brown and all the compliance assistants who play critical roles in ensuring the program maintains its high standards. Their commitment to the program is amazing and greatly appreciated.

We are excited about our keynote speaker Gary Norland. Gary will tell us how his life changed when he came in contact with 12,500 volts. Gary's wife, Jeanne Norland, will tell us how his injuries changed her life.

OSHA has finite resources. Although OSHA has provided additional resources to support outreach initiatives, they are a lean, mean, fighting machine. In order to accomplish their mission, they need to determine the appropriate balance between enforcement and outreach. OSHA's budget remains flat, and they are doing more with less. As VPP Sites, we need to do what we can to support OSHA's mission. We have a strong contingent of SGE's in Region II. For those that have not participated on SGE activities, they need your help. It is amazing how much you can learn from working with our OSHA outreach partners. Having the opportunity to see firsthand how safety and health systems are implemented in another company and/or industry can have a profound impact on your own organization. Lessons learned can be brought back to your own site to improve and enhance existing safety and health programs.

In closing, thank you for coming and I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to network, spend time with our vendors and attend the breakout session.

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2019 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: GARY & JEANNE NORLAND



Gary Norland is a husband, father, electrician and speaker.

Gary spent several years traveling and working various jobs in construction. He eventually went to work as a union maintenance electrician for his local pulp and paper mill, no more travel, a good income and stability.

He was a healthy 6'3" 240# man who loved his work. His attitude was always about getting the job done. But one day his life changed when he was electrocuted by a 12,500 volt 200 amp overhead power line. He is here today to share with you how hard work and dedication to your job should be a focus, but not your only focus. Gary wants others to

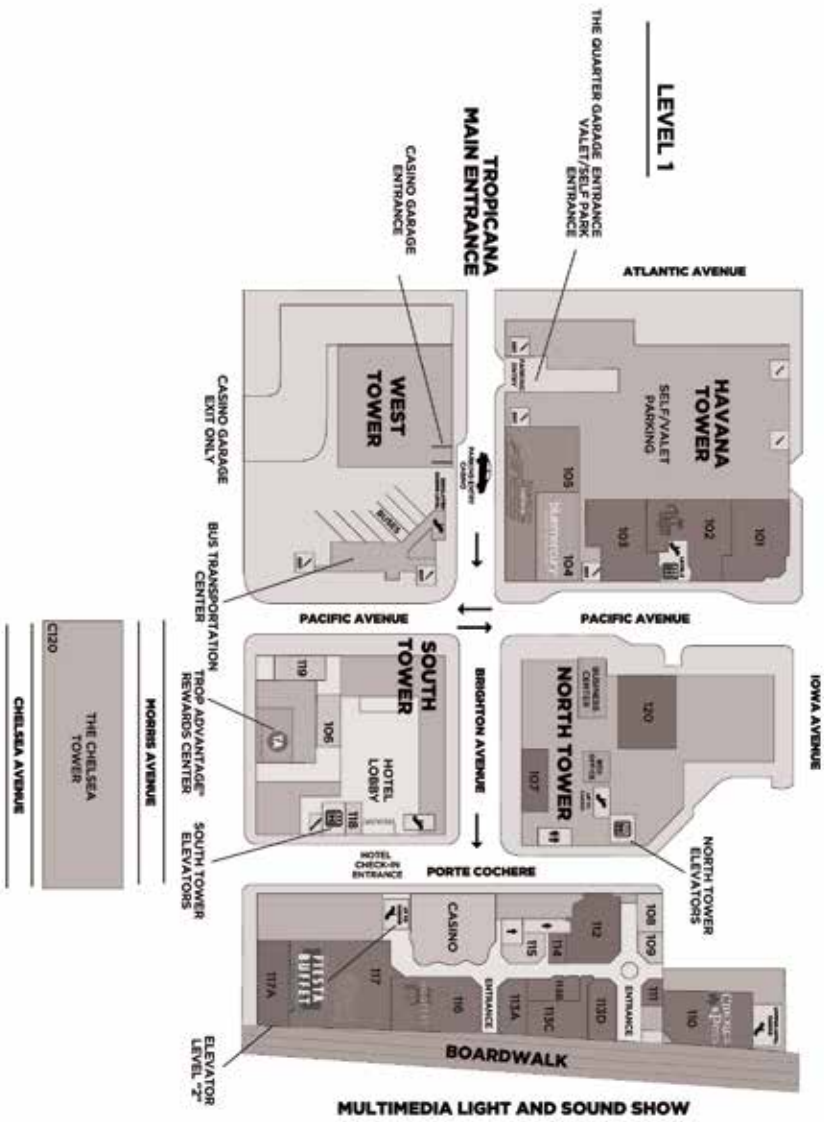
understand that if you don't take safety seriously; your life could resemble his in less than a second. **"This is a REALITY! IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU!!" Please Welcome Gary Norland!**

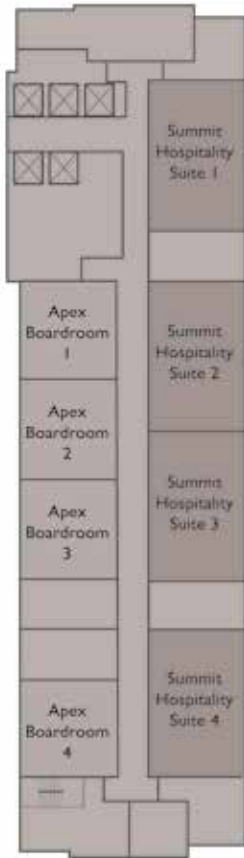
Jeanne Norland is a wife, mother, grandmother. As a grade school counselor, she has taught children and adults how to deal with the stress, anger, frustration and emotional upheaval that life can bring. When her husband, Gary Norland, was injured she began the process of learning to live with these emotions on a deeper, more personal level.

Gary's accident took less than a second. Jeanne is now thrust into the role of being Gary's primary health care director. This requires her to make medical decisions and provide medical care for him that he cannot do for himself. And she must provide the emotional support for their children to deal with the changes at home.

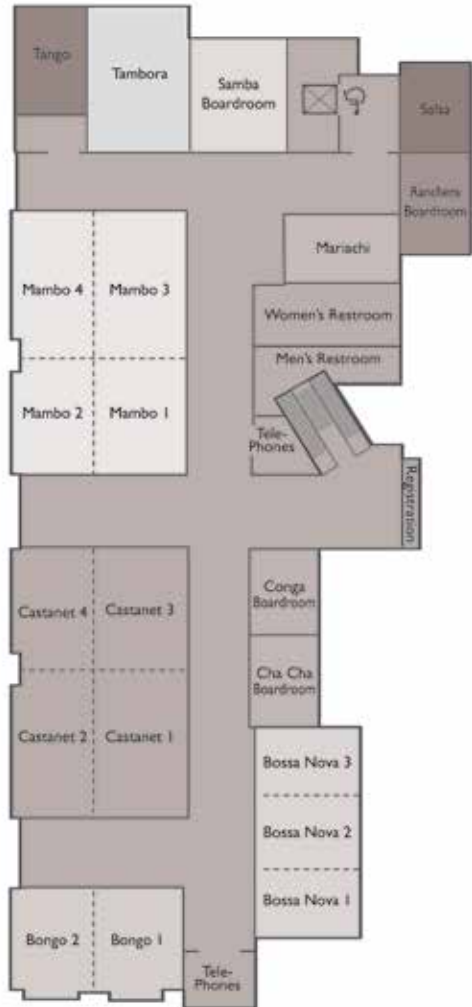


Jeanne shares the struggles, victories and blessings in such a way that you will become an active participant. Her story will motivate you to make safety the number one priority in your life, not only at work but also at home. Simply said, "we are safe not only for ourselves but, more importantly, for those who love us."





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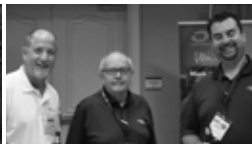


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5:00-8:00 PM | Reception is in the Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower

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Nightstick
Safety Management Systems, Inc. (SMS360)
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2019 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Day	Time	OSHA/VPP	Your Professional Development: On The Path Towards Becoming a Better Safety & Health Professional / Personal Experiences	Making Better Workplaces Construction & General Industry	Making Better Workplaces Construction & General Industry
	Room	Bossa Nova 1	Bossa Nova 2	Bossa Nova 3	Bongo 3
Mon June 24					
Tues June 25	8:00- 9:30	Survive a VPP Evaluation <i>Deitch & Bennett</i>	"Remember 40" <i>Riley, Lester & Hender</i>	Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Service Animal in the Workplace <i>Farrell, Fox, Vaccaro</i>	Static Grounding & Bonding <i>McMenamin</i>
Tues June 25	10:00- 11:30	Special Government Employee Workshop <i>Brown</i>	Side by Side a Successful Safety Program Tropicana	Reactive Chemical Safety <i>Finnegan</i>	The "Shocking" Truth: Electrical Safety Survival <i>Sagendorf</i>
Tues June 25	12:30- 2:00	Best Practices—What have we Seen? <i>Fitzpatrick</i>	Dancing with the Stars <i>Gattuso, Klein, & Smith</i>	Aerial Work Platforms & Fall Protection <i>White & White</i>	70E Awareness Training Part 1
Tues June 25	2:15- 3:45	Meet the OSHA Region 2 Compliance Assistance Specialists <i>Corbett, Colman, & DeLeys</i>	The Ripple Effect . . . The impact of unsafe work acts <i>Rath</i>	Improving Manual Valve Operation Ergonomics <i>Jarecha</i>	70E Awareness Training Part 2
POST FORUM WORKSHOPS Wednesday, June 26, 2019					
		RM #1 68th Floor Havana Tower	RM #2 68th Floor Havana Tower		
Wed June 26	8:00- 4:00	Strengthening Star Quality <i>Brynes & Wiederkehr</i>	OSHA General Industry or Construction Training on Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard <i>O'Brien</i>		

VPPPA 27TH SAFETY FORUM AGENDA 2019 SAFE BY CHOICE NOT BY CHANCE

Monday, June 24, 2019

- 08:00 - 12:00 Set Up Vendors (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 11:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 Registration (Registration Counter, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 1:00 Exhibit Halls Opens (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 1:30 Opening and Welcome (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
 - Robert Brynes, Chairman, VPPPA Region II
Region II Chairman's Award Presentation
 - Kristyn Grow, Director at Large, National VPPPA
 - Richard Mendelson, Regional Administrator, US DOL OSHA Region II
 - Richard Brown, VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA, Region II
The Cynthia Mahoney Region II SGE of the Year Award Presentation
Raymond Robbins
Lockheed Martin Corporation
Oswego, NY
Mentor Award Presentation
John Bawiec and Kevin Mihalenko
PepsiCo/Tropicana Products, Inc.
Jersey City, NJ
VPP Star Plaque Presentations:
New VPP Star
Solvay Specialty Polymers
West Deptford, NJ
Re-Approval VPP Star
Eii Mobile Workforce
Cranford, NJ

- 2:30 – 4:00 Key Note Speaker; Gary & Jeanne Norland, The Impact of an Injury. . . What are you Risking? (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 4:00 - 4:30 Business Meeting (Announcements/Elections) (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 5:00 – 8:00 Reception (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 8:30 Exhibit Hall Closes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast/Exhibit Hall Opens (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 8:00 Workshops (see schedule)
- 9:30 Break (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)

Wheelabrator - Peekskill

- 10:00 Workshops (see schedule)
- 11:30 Lunch (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)

SGE Appreciation Luncheon (Open to all)

- 12:30 Workshops (See Schedule)
- 2:00 Break (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)

Wheelabrator - Hudson Falls

- 2:15 Workshops (See Schedule)
- 3:45 Break (Beverages only) (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 4:00 VPPPA Region 2 Chapter Business Closing (Castanet 1-4, 4th Level, Havana Tower)
- 5:00 Exhibit Hall Closes

Post Safety Forum Workshops

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

- 8:00 – 4:00
 - “Strengthening Star Quality” (Room - Apex #1 68th Floor Havana Tower)
 - OSHA General Industry/Construction Training on Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard (Room - Apex # 2 68th Floor Havana Tower)

WORKSHOP NARRATIVES 2019

OSHA/VPP

Room# Bossa Nova 1 (4th Level), Havana Tower

Survive a VPP Evaluation

Brian Bennett
President, EHS Excellence Consulting LLC
Iselin, NJ

Norman Deitch
Senior Vice President, EHS Excellence
Iselin, NJ

Are you worried about your upcoming OSHA VPP evaluation? This workshop will prepare attendees for their initial and follow-up OSHA VPP onsite evaluations. The speakers will discuss the evaluation process, from the opening conference through the VPP award celebration. The presentation will include specific information to help you prepare for and manage the evaluation. It will address what written materials will likely be reviewed, what areas will be focused on during the walk around inspection of the workplace, and how the interviews will be conducted. Ideas and suggestions to facilitate the evaluation process will be presented, with an emphasis on the fact that no two evaluations are the same.

Special Government Employee Workshop

Richard Brown
VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA
Hasbrock Heights, NY

The Special Government Employee (SGE) Program was established to allow industry employees to work alongside OSHA during Voluntary Protection Programs' (VPP) onsite evaluations. This innovative program gives industry and government an opportunity to work together and share views and ideas. This workshop will describe the program's requirements and the benefits that are available for current SGEs. We will discuss the different SGE Qualifying Activities, how to volunteer for an assignment, and SGE Ethics during an evaluation. Workshop participants can ask questions about current policy and our procedures here in OSHA Region II.

Best Practices - What have we seen?

Tracy Fitzpatrick
VPP Central Region Coordinator, VDOL
Richmond, VA

Looking to discover some Best Practice's that other sites are doing? Do not reinvent the wheel. Come and learn about some of the Best Practices that have been discovered during VPP Evaluations. Take some ideas back to your site and share some of your site's Best Practices.

Meet the OSHA Region 2 Compliance Assistance Specialists

Mike Corbett, Robert Colman & Gordon DeLeys

Moderator -Richard Brown
VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA

Part 1 of this workshop describes OSHA's new approach to outreach in Region 2. As leaders in safety and health, VPP worksites play a key role in this process by reaching out and motivating others to act, ultimately making workplaces safer. Part 2 of the workshop focuses on Region 2's Compliance Assistance Specialists' other role as VPP Evaluation Team Leaders, including their insights from recent evaluations and may include an interesting anecdote or two.

Your Professional Development: On The Path Towards Becoming A Better Safety & Health Professional Room# Bossa Nova 2 (4th Level), Havana Tower

Remember 40

Steve Lester
Shift Supervisor (SGE)
Covanta, Camden, NJ

Keith Hender
Maintenance Mechanic (SGE)

Michael Riley
Facility Safety Coordinator

This workshop is about a mobile equipment fatality that occurred at our Camden Facility in 2007 and how it changed the safety culture here. Forty (40) was the nickname of the gentleman who passed away. We will discuss the vast improvement of safety on the tipping floor and the process to get there. We will explain how it happened and how the culture change led us down the road to VPP. We will share our improvements and best practices that have come from the process, along with some initiatives that came from assessing areas we thought were good but needed to be changed. It will be about how the continuous improvement concept of VPP helped us discover better ways of doing things by having employees become SGE's and by sharing the best practices of other companies. We will be discussing tipping floor improvements and many of these areas listed: OSHA regulations/compliance, emergency response, health/medical, construction safety, VPP, hourly, DoD, transportation, and general health, safety, or environmental.

Side by Side a Successful Safety Program

Maria Angioletti
LD&T Site Resource
Tropicana, Jersey City, NJ

Kevin Mihalenko
Teamster 553 Shop Steward

John Bawiec
Safety Committee Chairman

This presentation will take you through the unique role of the Union Safety Representation, Managers and Supervisors working side by side to operate a safe and efficient distribution warehouse. We will discuss taking employee involvement to the next level through ownership, pride, and teamwork. Our team will cover our safety committee, safety token program and our unsafe conditions, near miss and safety suggestion process.

Dancing with the STARS!!!!!!!

Justin Gattuso
HSE Manager
Solvay Specialty Polymers,
West Deptford, NJ

Nicholas Klein
HSE Supervisor

Carson Smith
Most Qualified Operator

From application to certification . . . this is our journey to dancing with the stars! We will show you how, through an innovative approach, we made a lasting first impression. We will break down how our site approached the final preparations for our initial onsite inspection. Join us and learn how to dance the night away with zero 90 – days!

The Ripple Effect . . . the impact of unsafe work acts

Kayla Rath
Motivational Safety Speaker
Safety Difference, Canyon, TX

Kayla Rath was nine years old when a decision her dad made at work nearly cost him his life. She tells the riveting story of what it was like to be pulled from school only to be told she may never see her father again.

She walks the audience through what it is like for a child when an unsafe decision causes a dad to not come home. From the first night alone, to growing up with a handicapped father, Kayla speaks to the often ignored truth that decisions made on the worksite cause a Ripple Effect in the lives of the family.

Making Better Workplaces Construction / General Industry Room# Bossa Nova 3 (4th Level), Havana Tower

Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Service Animal in the Workplace

Suzanne Farrell

Randy Fox

Kathryn Vaccaro

Manager Human Resources

QAQC Team Lead

Manager Health Resources

Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Raritan NJ

In 2016, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics developed a policy on the use of service animals. An employee who is highly sensitive to various allergens onsite has a service dog that can forewarn the employee is about to suffer a severe reaction to chemicals onsite so early treatment can be administered. The workshop will describe the issue and how the various departments in the facility worked collectively to develop a written Service Animal Policy that has been adopted throughout the organization.

Reactive Chemical Safety

Rich Finnegan

EH&S Manager

Veolia, Schenectady, NY

A Review of Health & Safety Principles for the safe handling & transportation of reactive chemicals. The workshop will focus on dangers of different classes of hazardous materials and safe methods of handling, transportation and disposal of these materials. The workshop will include lessons learned and a hands-on activity.

Aerial Work Platforms & Fall Protection

Mathew E. White

Vice President

L.G. White Safety Corporation

Schenectady, NY

Randy A. White

Vice President

L.G. White Safety Corporation's' Presentation will cover both Aerial Work Platform and Fall Protection information. The Aerial Work Platform portion of the course will cover OSHA standards, pre-use inspections, types of aerial lifts, training requirements, selecting the right lift, inspections, safety and shutdown procedures, and fall protection while working on an aerial lift. The Fall Protection portion of the course will cover OSHA standards for railings, safety nets, covers, and personal fall arrest systems. The course will also include information about fall protection equipment inspections, ABCD's of fall protection, and the difference between active and passive fall protection solutions. L.G. White Safety will bring to the course examples of commercially available fall protection equipment for demonstration.

Improving Manual Valve Operation Ergonomics

Ravi Jarecha

Safety Manager

Paulsboro Refining Company, Paulsboro, NJ

Using injury trend analysis, manual valve operation was identified as a cause of injuries at the refinery. A plan was then put into place to reduce the ergonomic risk factors – force, frequency and posture.

Participants will understand the value of data trend analysis, and implantation of engineering and administrative controls to reduce manual valve injuries.

Making Better Workplaces Construction / General Industry Room# Bongo 1 (4th Level), Havana Tower

Static Grounding & Bonding

Peter McMenamin

Newson Gale, Marlborough, MA

For any person responsible for the safety of employees, colleagues, plant equipment and plant property, one of the most potentially confusing aspects of providing a safe operating environment is trying to determine if that site's manufacturing or handling processes have the potential to discharge static sparks into flammable or combustible atmospheres.

Fortunately, there are several internationally recognized standards that provide guidance on ways to limit electrostatic hazards, enabling those responsible for worker health and safety to minimize the risk of static discharges. Hazardous area operators who can demonstrate compliance with these standards will go a long way to providing a safe working environment and preventing the ignition of ignitable atmospheres. The most comprehensive standards are:

NFPA 77: Recommended Practice on Static Electricity (2007).

CENELEC CLC/TR 60079-32-1: "Explosive atmospheres -Part 32-1: Electrostatic hazards, guidance" (2015).

API RP 2003: Protection against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning and Stray Currents (2008).

API RP 2219: Safe Operation of Vacuum Trucks in Petroleum Service (2005).

The standards, particularly NFPA 77 and CLC/TR: 60079-32-1, describe a range of processes where static charges can be generated including flow in pipes and hoses; loading & unloading of tank trucks; tank car loading & unloading; filling and dispensing portable tanks, drums and containers; storage tank filling and cleaning; mixing, blending and agitation operations; the conveying of powders and other operations.

The presentation will provide specific information on how static is generated, potential risk, standards for regulating the hazards of static electricity and industry standards for minimizing risks.

The "Shocking" Truth: Electrical Safety Survival . . .

Robert Sagendorf, CSP, ASP, CHST, CRIS

Corporate Safety Director, EII, Inc.

Cranford, NJ

This hands-on workshop will test your knowledge on electrical hazards in general and construction industry. You will actively participate in a team environment in electrical hazard recognition and mitigation. Knowledge skills will include LOTO, NFPA 70E, temporary and permanent power, low and high voltage systems, PPE, equipment clearances and safe work practices. This workshop will include a 'dynamic' lab to test your skills and knowledge, which will leave you "energized". Are you ready for the challenge?

70 E Awareness Training Part 1 & Part 2

Kevin O'Brien

EH&S Director

Access Compliance, LLC, Latham, NY

This workshop will take a detailed look at both the NFPA 70 and OSHA Subpart S. Upon on completion attendees should be able to:

- Identify electrical hazards and appropriate control measures.
- Establish limits of approach
- The limits of PPE
- Determine incident energy and arc flash boundary
- The adverse consequences of failure to comply

To receive the certificate of completion for annual training attendees, must attend both part 1 and part 2.

Post Forum Workshops Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Strengthening Star Quality - Room APEX #__, (68th Level), Havana Tower

This workshop will go over questions such as Just Maintaining? Or what is OSHA seeing? It will also look at what the recertification findings have been showing with Employee Involvement, Hazard Prevention & Control, and Safety & Health Training. It will give ideas of what to do. Reasons why to still participate in VPP. We will have breakout groups to help work on these findings. There will also be a review of Best practices. It will also review the common 90-day items!

Silica - Room APEX #__, (68th Level), Havana Tower

Respirable Crystalline Silica This workshop will clearly identify the health hazards associated with respirable crystalline silica exposure. How are employees exposed? What activities put workers at increased risk? What control measures can be put in place to limit exposure? When is air sampling required? How is Table 1 used to develop safe work practices? We will tackle the questions and more. This course is designed to provide a solid foundation in the essential elements of the standard. The particulate in question is 100 times smaller than a grain of sand. The adverse health effects (ex. Silicosis, lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) is 100% preventable. This will cover both the Construction 29 CFR 1926.1153 & the General Industry Standards 29 CFR 1910.1053.

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NORMAN DEITCH AED OUTREACH FUND

In 2007 Norman Deitch retired from OSHA after 27 years of service. Norman also served as the Region II VPP Manager for 18 years. One of Norman's passions is to foster the use of AEDs to help save lives. In his honor, the Region II VPPPA Board of Directors established the "Norman Deitch AED Fund".

The Board is again soliciting donations from members to purchase AEDs for worthwhile community groups in honor of Norman Deitch's many years of service.

Donations of any amount will be accepted and appreciated.

A company can make a recommendation for a worthy non-profit organization in their area to receive an AED. Examples of acceptable organizations include: Police, Fire, or EMS departments, churches, youth groups such as Scouts or Little League, social groups such as the Elks or Knights of Columbus, and veteran groups such as the VFW or American Legion.



Checks should be made payable to Region II VPPPA and sent to:

Kevin O'Brien, Treasurer, VPPPA Region II, 776a Watervliet-Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110

Help us make a difference in helping others save lives!

Brenda Wiederkehr, CSC

Region II VPPPA ~ Director at Large

c/o Access Health Systems 776A Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110

Brenda@accesshealthsystems.com

This year the Region II AED Fund was able to assist in placing an AED with Middle School 358 Located in Jamaica, NY

William DePuy and Rich Finnegan from the Region II Board went down to present it to the school.



According to the National Safety Council, greater access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can save 40,000 lives each year. Veolia North America and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Programs Participants'

Association, Inc. (VPPPA) Region II together donated an AED unit to Middle School 358 located in Jamaica, New York, in honor of the Norman Deitch AED Outreach Fund. Veolia and VPPPA also place great importance and emphasis on the health and safety of employees, customers and communities. When MS 358 shared they needed an AED unit to support their athletics program, the two organizations swiftly partnered to fulfill the school's request.

2019 SGE OF THE YEAR: **RAYMOND ROBBINS**



The Region II VPPPA Board has announced the Region II 2019 SGE of the Year nominee: Mr. Raymond Robbins of Lockheed Martin Corporation located in Owego, NY.

In 2018, OSHA Region II offered 60 Special Government Employee (SGE) opportunities during VPP evaluations in our region, and 40 of our SGEs answered the call 43 times. Mr. Robbins participated in two (2) VPP evaluations in 2018, in addition to five (5) VPP evaluations since 2015. His diverse knowledge in safety and health has made him a highly valued VPP Team Member who has helped OSHA bring new participants into the program and

assisted other sites in remaining in the program. Mr. Robbins has 34 years of experience in the field and has been an SGE since March of 2012.

He is currently the Environmental, Safety and Health Engineer, staff team member for the Lockheed Martin-Rotary and Mission Systems business area with responsibility for federal, state and local ESH compliance at the Owego, NY location and more than 100 branch locations in 31 states. Raymond also serves as the Lockheed Martin Rotary Mission Systems Subject Matter Expert for machine safeguarding, ESH management systems, and laser and radiation safety.

His background of ESH experience includes military, government, commercial products and private services that include ships, launch systems, armored vehicles, mail and package sorters, rotary and fixed wing aircraft, electronics manufacturing, high energy lasers, iron casting of water supply products, and home and garden products.

Raymond is a member of the ASSP (American Society of Safety Professionals). He is also an authorized outreach instructor in General Industry Standards for OSHA and CAL-OSHA. He was a NYS Building and Fire Codes Enforcement Officer, NASCAR WHELEN Series Race Official, and has 30 plus years as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician in NY and PA. Raymond was training officer for these services including SCUBA search and rescue, motor sports safety and aeromedical safety.

In his free time, he has served as the Tioga County NY Coroner and is an Instructor/Instructor Trainer for the American Red Cross. In 2019 Raymond celebrates 26 years of volunteer service to local public and private schools' football, softball and basketball programs.



VPPPA Region II SGE Class of 2019



The 2019 Region II Special Government Employee Class was held April 2nd – 4th, 2019, at the OSHA Marlton Area Office in Marlton, NJ. As stated on the OSHA website, “The Special Government Employee (SGE) Program was established to allow industry employees to work alongside OSHA, particularly during Voluntary Protection Programs’ (VPP) On-Site evaluations. Not only does this innovative program benefit OSHA by supplementing its on-site evaluation teams, but it gives industry and government an opportunity to work together and share views and ideas. From time to time, SGEs may also have the opportunity to participate in other OSHA outreach and compliance assistance activities. Qualified volunteers from VPP sites are eligible to participate in the SGE program. These volunteers must be approved by OSHA and funded by their companies to participate. After submitting an application and completing the required training, these volunteers are sworn in as SGEs and are approved to assist OSHA. As VPP grows, the support of SGEs will continue to be a critical component of the programs. The SGE Program encompasses the spirit of VPP - industry, labor, and government cooperation. This cooperation embodies the idea of continuous improvement, which allows SGEs to bring a unique perspective to the team effort and take back to their sites ideas and best practices to further improve worker protections.”

More information can be found at:

<https://www.osha.gov/dcs/vpp/sge.html>

<https://www.vppparegion2.org/sge-information>

2019 Summer Safety Forum Critique

Region II Participant's Association / www.region2chapter-vpppa.org

Please help us make next year's forum even better than this one by giving us your feedback. Please check one answer for each question and provide any additional comments / information in the space provided.

	Excellent	Good	Poor
My overall reaction to the forum is:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How well did the forum fulfill your expectations?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Did the facilities and services meet your needs?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Were you able to attend all the breakout sessions of your choice?			
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			

If No, please explain:

Additional Comments:

Please provide any recommendations you may have to improve the overall forum experience to meet your expectations.

- If you will be attending next year's forum would you be willing to volunteer to help in preparing the forum by (check all that apply):
- Speaking at a Workshop
 - Coordinating a Workshop
 - General Volunteer to set-up rooms
 - Moderating a Workshop
 - Registration Support

Please list any suggestions for Workshop topics you would like to attend if available at next year's forum.

Volunteers please fill in the contact data below:

Name (First, Last, MI.) _____

Title or Position _____ Company _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Turn in your critique sheet to the VPPPA Region II Booth for a chance to win a gift basket at the closing session. Must be present to win.

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Name of Speaker: _____

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- Agree Neutral Disagree

The speaker demonstrated knowledge of the subject matter.

- Agree Neutral Disagree

The presentation was effective for the topic and material being presented.

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Audio-visual aids were effectively used for this presentation.

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(Carneys Point and Logan Generating Plants VPP celebrations)

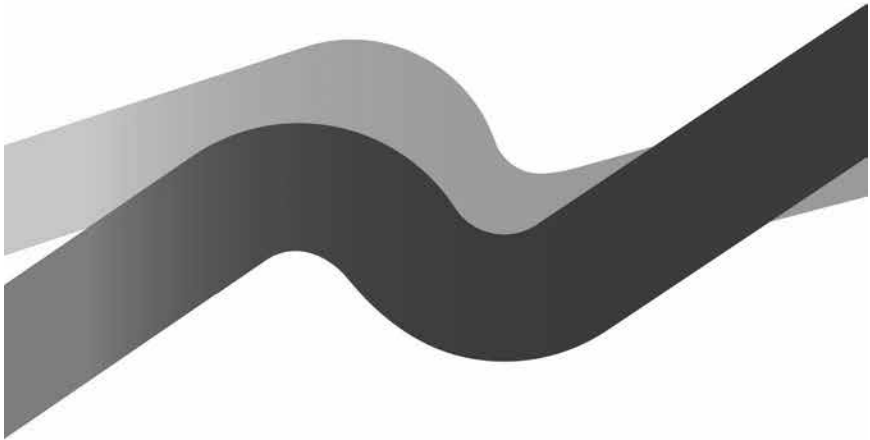
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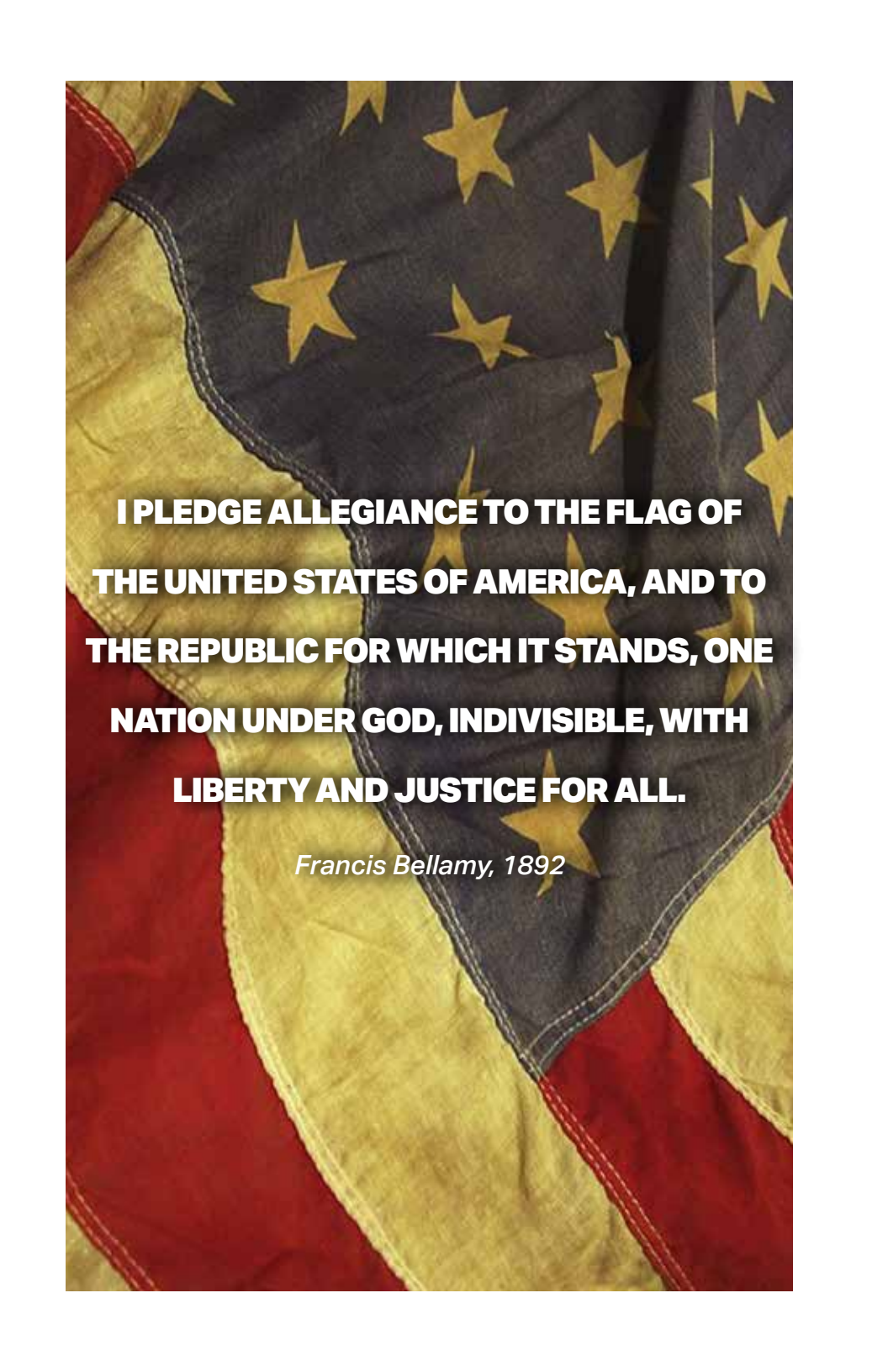


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