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## **DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,**

On behalf of the Region II Board of Directors, we would like to welcome you to our Summer Safety Forums. Our theme this year is "Safety... Make it Happen, Make it Matter". Safety is not luck, it is a well-integrated plan for success. The results are predictable as well as reproducible. Participants continue to realize injury and illness rates that are 50% below the industrial average. This does not happen by accident. The collaborative bond that has been developed between Management, Labor, and OSHA is truly extraordinary. If you were to bet on the odds this relationship could be characterized as a trifecta. All parties have a horse in the race. All three parties take 1st, 2nd and 3rd. There are no losers, only winners. Workers go home to their families in one piece.

We are excited about our keynote speaker Jim Karol. Jim is ranked as one of the top mentalists in the world and is no stranger to the national stage. He has appeared on the Tonight Show, the Today Show and Howard Stern to name a few. He has worked with the USO to entertain men and woman serving across the world. Jim has worked with wounded warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). He has worked with soldiers and athletes that are dealing with the aftermath of a serious head injury. Jim will deliver the keynote as well as entertain us at the mixer.

OSHA's proposed budget remains essentially unchanged at approximately \$549 million. The budget calls for an increase of 71 full time equivalent workers. The 2019 proposed budget proposed an increase of \$3,120,000 and 24 FTE to hire compliance assistant specialists to support training, outreach, compliance assistance and cooperative programs. A proposed increase of \$2 million and eight FTE will be made to support VPP specifically. To put things in perspective in Fiscal year 2017, OSHA approved 78 VPP sites and reapproved 256 sites nationwide. In FY 2018, new sites and reapprovals will hit 95 and 285 respectively. With the additional resources allocated to VPP for FY 2019, estimates place new sites and renewals at 155 and 395 respectively. That is an overall increase of 170 sites or 31%. We are moving in the right direction.

The VPPPA (Voluntary Protection Programs Participants Association) has been working tirelessly to codify VPP. We have a bill in both houses (HR1444 in the House of Representatives and S.1878 in the Senate). To date we have 61 bipartisan cosponsors in the house and 2 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate. Before the end of the Safety Forum, please stop by the VPPPA booth and pledge your support. Letters have been prepared to be distributed to your representative in Congress. We also ask to have your team members at home pledge their support as well. Please have them visit www.vpppa.org/MakeVPPPermanent. Currently VPP is funded through the Budget Category Compliance Assistance. There are a number of initiatives funded through compliance assistance. Examples include the Whistle Blower Program, On-Site Consultation Programs, OTI Education Centers, Strategic Alliances and Partnerships to name a few. The proposed legislation would create a separate line item with its own appropriation.

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.

Region II would like to thank our OSHA partners Robert Kulick, Mike Levy, Rich Brown and the Compliance Assistants who play a critical role in maintaining the integrity of the program. Their hard work and commitment to the program is truly appreciated. We would also like to thank our speakers, sponsors and vendors who have made this forum possible.

In closing, I encourage each of you to engage in the breakout sessions, spend time with the vendors and make new connections with attendees outside of your company. Remember it is up to you, "Safety... Make it Happen, Make it Matter."

Sincerely,

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## 2018 Keynote Speaker: Jim Karol



#### Jim Karol - Mentalist and Memory Expert

Meet Jim Karol, keynote speaker for our VPPPA Region II 2018 Safety Forums! You may remember seeing him during his performances on The Tonight Show, The Ellen Show, The Today Show, or Howard Stern. In 2007, he was featured as one of the world's Top Ten Mentalists, in a NBC reality show called, "Phenomenon."

Aside from being a performer, Jim continues to impact countless lives. Jim uses his abilities to help professional athletes, business leaders, seniors and anyone looking to enhance their memory.

He works with the USO and other military charities, helping our wounded warriors suffering from PTSD, and entertaining our troops around the globe. The USO has had him teach monthly classes on memory and emotional intelligence at Walter Reed Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Jim has also performed at the Invictus Games in Orlando and Warrior Games at West Point.

As stated in the September 2017 edition of MUM, "currently, Jim is working with a group of doctors and specialists on a project to help athletes with CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy). This is a disorder caused by head injuries from sports like football and soccer."

Some of Jim's amazing abilities include knowing more than 80,000 zip codes, thousands of digits of Pi, the Scrabble dictionary, hundreds of science and medical journals and thousands of other facts!

Jim can tell you the day of the week for every date, all the way back to 1AD, and can memorize a shuffled deck of cards in less than a minute!

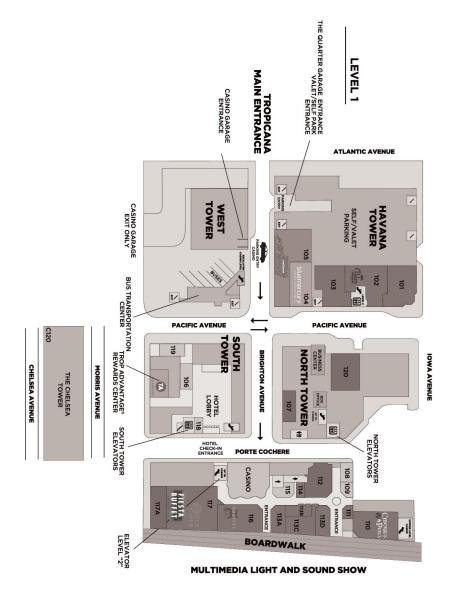
What if every day, your brain kept getting stronger and so powerful, you began to do things you once thought impossible?

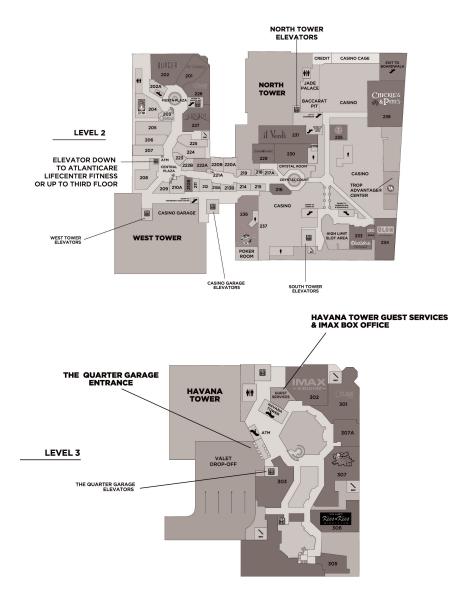
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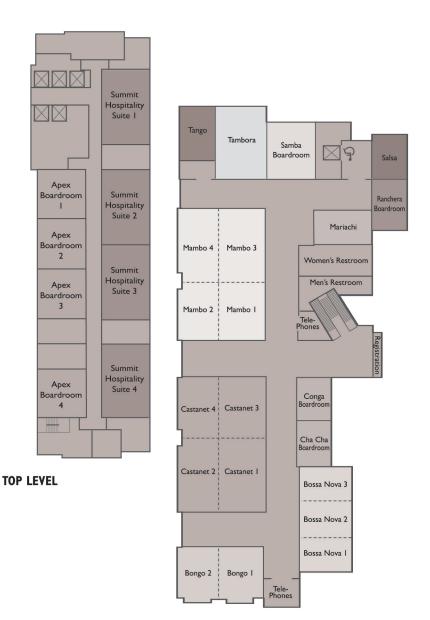


jimkarol.com or search YouTube for his appearances on the television shows mentioned above.

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## You're Invited to our Reception!

5:00-8:00 PM

*Jim will be entertaining us with his mind bending magic during the reception!* 

Come for the entertainment and stay for a chance to **Meet our Vendors**:

Access Compliance A-Safe Inc EHS Excellence Consulting LLC. Gentex Corporation / Interactive Safety Products, Inc. L. G. White Safety Corp MPSA, a Division of Airline OSHA OHD, LLLP Saf-Gard Safety Shoe Co. Sur-Seal, Inc. The Master Lock Company Total Safety US Inc Wendy's Safety Boutique by JR Resources

## **2018 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

Day	Time	OSHA/VPP	Your Professional Development: On The Path Towards Becoming a Better Safety & Health Professional	Making Better Workplaces Construction & General Industry	
	Room	Bossa Nova 1	Bossa Nova 2	Bossa Nova 3	
Mon June 25					
Tues June 26	8:00- 9:30	OSHA Electronic Recordkeeping Struve	Common Fire Safety Violations Bennett & <i>Deitch</i>	Killing Conditions Why They Continue <i>Lyons</i>	
Tues June 26	10:00- 11:30	Introduction to using PLAN-Do-CHECK- ACT(PDCA) Methodology to Improve Your Self- Inspection Program <i>Mirowitz</i>	Back Pass Buddy <i>Logan</i> Safety Comes Home <i>Carneys Point</i>	Managing Contractors at VPP Sites <i>Bennett &amp; Deitch</i>	
Tues June 26	12:30- 2:00	The OSHA Training Institute OTI Education Centers Programs - Making an Impact on Worker Safety & Health for 25 Years Koshy	Situational Awareness Exercises, GAMES & Tests to Heighten your Senses <i>Sagendorf</i>	Aerial Work Platforms & Fall Protection <i>White</i>	
Tues June 26	2:15- 3:45	VPP Manager Workshop Brown	Survive an Active Shooter Event Bennett & Deitch	HOP Peters	
POST FORUM WORKSHOPS Wednesday, June 27, 2018					
		APEX #1 68th Floor Havana Tower	APEX #2 68th Floor Havana Tower		
Wed June 27	8:00- 4:00	Strengthing Star Quality Brynes & Wiederkehr	OSHA General Industry or Construction Training on Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard O'Brien		

### **VPPPA Summer Safety Forum Agenda 2018**

### Monday, June 25, 2018

- 08:00 12:00 Set Up Vendors (Castanet 1-4, 4<sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
- 11:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 Registration (Registration Counter, 4<sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
- 1:00 Exhibit Halls Opens (Castanet 1-4, 4<sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
- 1:30 Opening and Welcome (Castanet 1-4, 4<sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
  - Brenda Wiederkehr, Chairman, VPPPA Region II

Region II Chairman's Award Presentation

- Mike Guillory, Chairman, National VPPPA
- Robert Kulick, 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

Ron Rogers

**DA Collins Companies** 

Wilton, NY

VPP Star Plaque Presentations:

*New VPP Merit* McWane Ductile, Phillipsburgh, NJ Veolia, Schenectady, NY

*New VPP Star* Bartell Machinery in Rome, NY Chambers Cogeneration, Carneys Point, NJ North Jersey Energy Associates, Sayreville, NJ

*Re-Approval VPP Star* Paulsboro Refining Company, Paulsboro, NJ

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• 2:45 - 3:45	Key Note Speaker; Jim Carol, Mentalist (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
• 4:00 - 4:30	Business Meeting (Announcements/Elections) (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
<b>-</b> 5:00 - 8:00	Reception (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
- 8:30	Exhibit Hall Closes

#### Tuesday, June 26, 2018

- 7:30	Continental Breakfast/Exhibit Hall Opens (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower )
- 8:00	Workshops (see schedule)
• 9:30	Break (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower) <b>Sponsored by Wheelabrator - Hudson Falls, NY</b>
- 10:00	Workshops (see schedule)
• 11:30	Lunch (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
• 12:30	Workshops (see schedule)
- 2:00	Break (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)
• 2:15	Workshops (see schedule)
• 3:45	Break (Beverages only) (Castanet 1-4, $4^{\mathrm{th}}$ Level, Havana Tower)
- 4:00	VPPPA Region II Chapter Business Closing (Castanet 1-4, 4 <sup>th</sup> Level, Havana Tower)

- 5:00 Exhibit Hall Closes

## Post Summer Safety Forum Workshops

### Wednesday, June 27, 2018

• 8:00 - 3:30

• "Strengthening Star Quality" 6 Hours (Room - Apex #1 68th Floor Havana Tower)

Silica General 8 Hours (Room - Apex #2 68th Floor Havana Tower)

## WORKSHOP NARRATIVES 2018 OSHA/VPP Room# Bossa Nova 1 (4<sup>th</sup> Level), Havana Tower

#### **OSHA Electronic Recordkeeping**

Valerie Struve Program Analyst, US DOL OSHA Washington, DC *Moderator: Richard Brown, VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA* 

In 2018, covered establishments must submit injury information from their completed 2017 Form 300A by July 1, 2018. Beginning in 2019 and every year thereafter, covered establishments must submit the information by March 2. During this workshop, OSHA will explain which establishments are covered and how to submit the data online. The presentation will also cover which cases are OSHA-recordable. At the end of the presentation, there will be a question and answer period for general OSHA recordkeeping issues.

#### Introduction to Using PLAN-DO-CHECK-ACT (PDCA) Methodology to Improve Your Self-Inspection Program

Stuart Mirowitz, DrPH, CIH, CSP, FAIHA Paramus, NJ

The Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) Cycle provides a simple but effective approach for problem solving and continuous improvement, ensuring that ideas are appropriately tested before committing to full implementation. This workshop will highlight key factors of using the PDCA (Plan, Do, Check, Act) model to improve safety and health self-inspection program.

Initial plans for improvement generated a: revised inspector training program; group of mentors for those who are new to conducting inspections; and revised the inspection documentation. This resulted in improved employee engagement and hazard recognition.

#### The OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers Program - Making an Impact on Worker Safety and Health for 25 Years

Koshy Koshy, PhD Assistant Professor Rutgers School, Public Health and Program Manager Region II Atlantic OSHA Training Center, Rutgers School of Public Health Somers, NJ

The OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Center has had a tremendous impact on worker safety and health throughout the country. This presentation will provide an overview of the program as well as review its mission and impact. As the program started its 25<sup>th</sup> year on October 1, 2017, it's important to reflect on successes as well as opportunities in the coming year. This presentation will also provide an overview of other programs at Rutgers, including the new Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Concentration Master in Public Health.

#### VPP Manager Workshop Richard Brown VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA New York. NY

This workshop will provide an opportunity for a program update for VPP participants from the VPP Manager. There will also be an update for current Special Government Employees. There will be a question and answer session for the group, and the VPP Manager will be available afterwards to answer any individual questions. This year, a significant portion of the workshop will be devoted to VPP self-evaluations. We will discuss how to improve annual submissions and how to use VPP self-evaluations as a tool to drive continuous improvement.

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

#### **Common Fire Safety Violations**

Brian Bennett President, EHS Excellence Consulting LLC Iselin, NJ Norman Deitch Senior Vice President, EHS Excellence Iselin, NJ

The local fire inspector has called and scheduled an inspection of your facility in the upcoming days. You want to prepare, but you are not sure of what things the inspector will be looking for. Using photographs from previous inspections, an experience Fire Inspector will give you insights into what issues will likely be focused on during the inspection, some common violations that are found in workplaces, and what you can do to properly prepare for an inspections.

NAES - Two Locations Sharing Two Best Practices: Logan's Generating will be presenting on Back Pass Buddy Rebecca Early, Joe Lucas, Mike Holick, Doug Fearon – Logan Generating, NJ Carney's Point will be presenting on Safety Comes Home Paul Diedrichson, Vito Cox, Buzz Ryder – Carney's Point, NJ

"Back Pass Buddy" One of the operation crews at Logan Generating came up with this idea and presented it to their shift supervisor. The idea was to utilize a mechanical device to clean ash from the back pass area of the boiler for inspections verses employees climbing in and out to clean with a fire hose.

"Safety Comes Home" People are three times more likely to be hurt off the job than while at work. Bringing safety home it is not just the right choice for you, but influencing family, friends, and impacting your community, makes it the right decision for everyone.

#### Situational Awareness Exercises, Games, and Test to Heighten Your Senses ....

Robert Sagendorf, CSP, ASP, CHST, CRIS Corporate Safety Director, ELI, Inc. Cranford, NJ

Situational awareness is being aware of what is happening around you in terms of where you are, where you are supposed to be, and whether anyone or anything around you is a threat to your health and safety. This interactive "hands on – team drive" workshop will engage all of your senses in several job site scenarios/ hazard identification and discuss tactics to heighten situational awareness to include the "SLAM" technique.

#### Survive an Active Shooter Event

Brian Bennett President, EHS Excellence Consulting LLC Iselin, NJ Norman Deitch Senior Vice President, EHS Excellence Iselin, NJ

Active shooter incidents are becoming all too common. These incidents are often unpredictable and evolve very quickly. This workshop will discuss common facility vulnerabilities that exist that can be exploited by a shooter to maximize attack effectiveness, and what you can do to reduce the likelihood of an attack. Information will be presented on what actions can be taken in response to an attack to protect employees and increase their chances of survival. The workshop will also address basic security enhancements that can be made to make your workplace more secure and less vulnerable to criminal activity or terrorist attacks.

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

#### Killing Conditions...WHY they Continue...

TJ Lyons, OHST, CSP Eastern Region EHS Manager, Total Facility Solutions – A company of the M+W Group Malta, NY

Honest discussions with the audience on outdated construction work traditions and why now is the right time for change. Discussed in plain terms and examples, TJ offers methods to eliminate outdated conditions that are hurting or killing workers on our projects. Conditions we overlook on a construction site – though simple conversation and contractual provisions would prevent injuries or death. Ten opportunities including a topic few ae willing to discuss. All offered to save your schedule, profits and lives. Most if not all the interventions offered will keep our sons and daughters unhurt for little or no money.

#### Managing Contractors at VPP Sites

Brian Bennett President, EHS Excellence Consulting LLC Iselin, NJ Norman Deitch Senior Vice President, EHS Excellence Iselin, NJ

Contractors can make or break your participation in the VPP. Improperly selected, trained, and managed contractors can lead to increased injuries and significant incidents. This workshop will cover various best practices regarding the use of contractors at VPP Worksites. Topics covered include: Developing an effective contractor safety and health management systems; selection and approval of contractors; training of contractors; auditing of contractors; and integration of contractors into your overall safety and health system. Attendees will learn various techniques that can be employed to ensure contractors work at least as safe as your own employees and are a valued VPP partner.

#### **Aerial Work Platforms & Fall Protection**

Lawrence G. White President L.G. White Safety Corporation Schenectady, NY Mathew E. White Vice President 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.

#### **HOP Human Organizational Performance & Predictive Analytics**

Walt Peters	Mark Strife, CIH
CFO	CEO
Securus, LLC	
Saratoga Springs, NY	

#### Human and Organizational Performance

Human and Organizational Performance or "HOP" takes a risk based approach to reducing events that are caused by human error. HOP is not a behavior based safety program or any program for that matter, but instead a strategic approach to managing risk and error at critical points in operations. By focusing on how the system or organization influences the behavior of employees and the building of defenses around these critical points we can best protect assets and reduce the frequency and severity of events associated with injuries, environmental releases, operational upsets and product defects.

#### Predictive Analytics

Predictive Analytics hypothesizes that a set of independent variables are statistically correlated with a desired outcome. For example, when predicting the frequency and severity of motor vehicle accidents, variables such as speed, routes taken, and time of drive are analyzed. A regression analysis is performed to see just how correlated each variable is, which usually requires some iteration to find the right combination of variables and the best model. In using regression equations, an analyst can then use the regression coefficients—the degree to which each variable affects the behavior—to create a score predicting the likelihood of a motor vehicle accident. This same analysis can be performed to better predict the frequency and severity of events associated with injuries, environmental releases, operational upsets and product defects.

#### Post Forum Workshops Wednesday, June 27, 2018

#### Strengthening Star Quality - Room APEX #1, (68th Level), Havana Tower

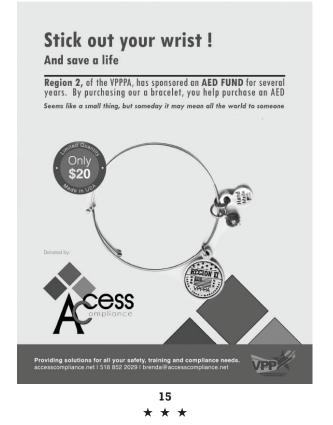
This workshop offers experienced VPP participants a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and discover fresh approaches to meeting the requirements for VPP re-approvals. The workshop focuses on "continuous improvement" in your safety and health performance to reach new levels of excellence.

At this workshop, participants will share ideas on:

- How to maintain employee enthusiasm and involvement in the VPP;
- How to make the annual evaluation work for you;
- How other VPP worksites are maintaining the level of commitment needed for VPP;
- What OSHA is looking for in the VPP re-certification; and
- Common 90 day action items

#### Silica- Room APEX #2, (68<sup>th</sup> 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 VPP PA ~ Chairman

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

#### Brenda@accesshealthsystems.com

## **2018 SGE of the Year: Ronald Rogers**



The Region II VPPPA Board has announced the Region II 2018 SGE of the Year nominee: Mr. Ronald Rogers of DA Collins Companies located in Wilton NY.

In 2017, OSHA Region II offered 58 Special Government Employee (SGE) opportunities during VPP evaluations in our region, and 32 of our SGEs answered the call 40 times. Mr. Rogers participated in four (4) VPP evaluations in 2017, in addition to eight (8) VPP evaluations during the previous three (3) years. He is a dependable team member and knowledgeable in safety and health, especially in construction safety issues. Mr. Rogers has

been an SGE since January of 2014. In 2016, Mr. Rogers was also selected as the Region II SGE of the Year, making this his second award.

He is currently the Corporate Safety Director responsible for safety compliance (OSHA Standards, MSHA Standards, DOT Standards, D.A. Collins Companies Safety Policies), contractor safety, as well as the Wilton office campus site safety. He is the Wilton campus Emergency Response Manager. He serves as the chair at the D.A. Collins Companies VPP core team. He oversees the safety and health management for three (3) current VPP participants: D.A. Collins Construction Mobile Workforce, D.A. Collins Environmental Mobile Workforce, and D.A. Collins Wilton Shop. He is currently mentoring a local Asphalt Manufacturer / Distributor, in the elements of VPP and worker safety. He has worked for D.A. Collins Companies for over 5 years. The D.A. Collins Companies have been VPP Star MWF (Mobile Work Force) Sites since February of 2012.

Ron is actively a member of multiple organizations such as ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers), NASP (National Association of Safety Professionals), NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), BCSP (Board of Certified Safety Professionals) and NSC (National Safety Council). Ron has a diverse 30 year safety background in general industry, as well as construction. He has worked as lead safety specialist for multiple projects in environmental remediation as well as local atomic power laboratories and training facilities, to include contractor oversite at a local computer chip plant erection.

He has also organized multiple OSHA Fall Protection Stand Down events at multiple worksites, for a total of 95% of the D.A. Collins Companies total workforce of approximately 500 employees. He also supports multiple events put on by fall protection vendors, soft dig vendors, equipment vendors, etc. at his Wilton Campus location in Wilton NY, where many local competitors as well as state and local county department employees have attended for training and or educational purposes. Also for the past two (2) years, has assisted the local Albany FBI office in coordinating NEIF (National Improvised Explosives Familiarization) training events for local emergency responders, such as FBI agents, New York State Troopers, and Saratoga Police Department, to name a few. Plans are to continue these annual training events and to broaden the student base to include additional counties as needed.

## 2018 Summer Safety Forum Critique

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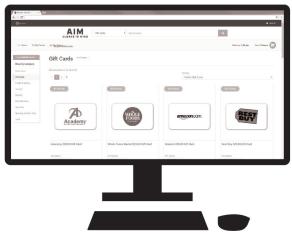
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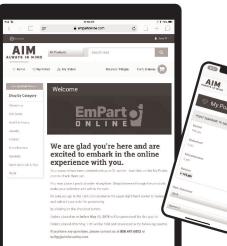


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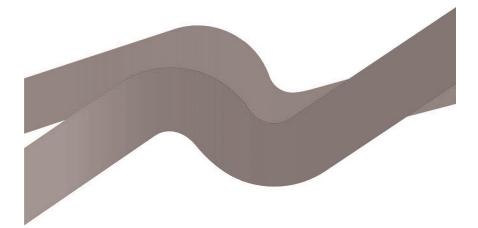
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