#### **Classes Offered**

New Jersey Area Directors Forum 2014, VPP for the Small Business-Best Practices for tracking and sharing information, VPP-What's In It For Me?, Government Affairs, HOP Human & Organizational Performance, Portable Air Tool Safety, The Paulsboro Refinery VPP Journey-A Star Site through 3 Separate Owners, Preventing House Fires & Saving Lives; One day at a time, VPP Manager / SGE Update, A Solution to Managing a Peer to Peer Observation Program, Fall Protection 101 A Review of OSHA 1910 and 1926 Requirements for Fall Protection, Cintas World Class Safety-First Aid & Safety Gut, Principles of Fire Safety Inspections, What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection, Leading Indicators for Safety, Underground Utility Damage Prevention, Identifying Hazards from train to truck, Aging Workforce, Whistleblower Protection, New Beginnings, Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chomium, Ergonomics in the Workplace, Introduction to Radiation, Temporary Workers at VPP Worksites, GHS: 2 Deadlines Hit in 2015. Are you Ready?, Improving on an effective Safety & Health Inspection Program, Identifying Hazards from train to truck, Safety Culture Improvement Tools, Survive the VPP Evaluation, Combustible Dust Programs: Hazard Assessment & Compliance, Aerial Work Platforms & Fall Protection, Crossing the Cultural Chasm; Turning Your Safety & Health Efforts into a Mass Movement, 6S Lean **Embraces Safety** 

Post Conference Workshops:

Strengthening Star, Confined Space Refresher, VPP Application

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## Meet Our Keynote Speaker for the 2015 Region II VPPPA Conference: *Brad Barber*



Brad Barber is currently Corporate Vice President of Safety, Health, and Environment (SH&E) at Parsons. Brad led the company's effort to attain OSHA VPP Corporate status, OHSAS 18001 accreditation and remains involved with current company VPP sites. Previous to that, he had various assignments as the Global Business Unit SH&E Director for the Commercial Technology Group, Transportation Group, and Water and Infrastructure Group as well as managing the operational elements of the overall SH&E department.

He began his Parsons career in Parsons Constructors Inc. where he supported a variety of projects through short

term assignments spanning all sectors of Parsons, and also assisted in labor relations efforts on several large infrastructure projects. He later completed field assignments in Saudi Arabia as the safety manager for construction of a polypropylene plant, as well as the site safety officer for the largest environmental remediation site in EPA Region III. Prior to his 19 years at Parsons, he worked for an industrial construction/maintenance contractor serving petrochemical, refining, and power markets.

Brad attended Murray State University earning a BS in Occupational Safety and Health and Tulane University earning a MSPH with an Industrial Hygiene emphasis. He is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) as designated by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Brad is a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and serves on the Board of Trustees of the ASSE Foundation, providing oversight responsibility for the management and control of the business including generating funds and providing financial resources for scholarships, applied research, academic accreditation, and related academic initiatives in order to advance the safety, health and environmental profession. He is also a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, and is an elected member of the National Construction Safety Executives. He currently serves on the academic advisory board for the Occupational Safety and Health department at Murray State University. He was the past representative for Parsons on the Board of Advisors for the Construction Industry Institute

During the conference opening of this year's Region 2 VPPPA conference in Atlantic City, OSHA will be presenting VPP Star flags and plaques to four(4) new VPP Star approvals: Parsons NJMVIS Deptford Station, Parsons NJMVIS Flemington Station, Parsons NJMVIS Lodi Station, and Parsons NJMVIS Secaucus Station. Parsons is a VPP Corporate participant with motor vehicle inspection stations throughout New Jersey.

## **VPPPA Conference Agenda: Day 1**

#### Monday June 1, 2015

11:30

8:00 Registration (Hall 2, Grand Exhibition Center, South Tower)

10:00 Bonus Workshops (see schedule)

8:00 - 12:00 Set Up Vendors (Hall 1, Grand Exhibition Center, South

Lunch on your own

Tower

12:00 Exhibit Halls Opens (Hall 1, Grand Exhibition Center, South

Tower

1:00 Conference Opening and Welcome (Salon 1 & 2, The

Ballroom, North Tower) Key Note Speaker; Brad Barber, Corporate Vice President of SH&E at Parsons (Salon 1&2, The Ballroom, North Tower Break (Hall 1, Grand Exhibition Center, South Tower) Business Meeting (Announcements

Elections)(Salon 1&2, The Ballroom, North Tower)

5:00 - 6:30 Reception (Hall 1, Grand Exhibition Center, South Tower,

with Vendors)

6:30 Exhibit Hall Closes

#### 2015 SGE of the Year: Dominic Bruno



The Region II VPPPA Board has announced the Region II 2015 SGE of the Year nominee: Mr. Dominic Bruno of SABIC Innovative Plastics Inc. in Selkirk, NY.

In 2014, OSHA Region II offered 83 Special Government Employee (SGE) opportunities during VPP evaluations in our region, and 32 of our SGEs answered the call 46 times. Mr. Bruno participated in five (5) VPP evaluations in 2014, which far exceeded any other SGE in 2014. Mr. Bruno consistently volunteers to assist as an SGE each year. He is dependable and knowledgeable in safety and health, especially for fire-related safety issues. His long participation in VPP and his volunteer service in his local

community make him an excellent candidate to win the National 2015 SGE of the Year

Mr. Bruno has been an SGE since August of 2003. He is currently the Safety & Security Coordinator responsible for site safety compliance (OSHA Standards, SABIC Safety Policies), contractor safety, site security systems, and security staff. He is the site Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager. He serves as the Co-chair at the Selkirk site VPP core team. He is involved in the site Emergency Response Organization. He has worked for SABIC Plastics (formally GE Plastics) for over 31 years. The SABIC Selkirk Site has been a VPP Star Site since June of 1987.

Dominic is married and is a 40 year member and past Chief of the Coeymans Fire Company, currently serving as Assistant Fire Chief. He is also a member of the Delmar/ Bethlehem Ambulance Squad and an active Fire Instructor for New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control.

## 2015 VPP Mentor of the Year: Alan Kerstner



Alan Kerstner is currently the Environmental Health & Safety Manager for Pentair Corporation Westlock Controls formerly Tyco Corporation.

Prior to Westlock Al managed a Critical Parts Test laboratory at Kearfott Guidance and Navigation Corporation.

Al has led Westlock on a journey to achieve Tyco's President EHS Award for two years, The NJ Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Award for 8 years consecutively and most recently the OSHA VPP Star site recertification.

In addition Al completed the SGE certification in April 2013 and was appointed to the New Jersey State Industrial Safety Committee in May 2011.

Al has provided VPP mentoring to Tyco, Cintas, Kratos and Pentair facilities.

## **How to Register**

Please use the correct address for your site/plant/corporation /facility/office. Do not use your home address.

For credit cards: (24 hours a day), fax your registration form and credit card payment to (703) 761-2194 or (703) 761-1148. Mail your form with credit card payment to VPPPA, 7600-E Leesburg Pike, Suite 100, Falls Church, VA 22043-2004.

#### Register online at www.vpppa.org.

For checks: (payable to VPPPA, Inc.), mail your registration form and payment to VPPPA, Inc. All checks received must include registration forms. Mail your completed registration form with payment to VPPPA, Inc., 7600-E Leesburg Pike, Suite 100 Falls Church, Va. 2243-2004.

If you are using express mail services such as FedEx or UPS and require a street address for delivery, mail your form with payment to VPPPA, Inc., 7600-E Leesburg Pike, Suite 100, Falls Church, VA 22043-2004.

#### **Registration Policy**

The pre-registration deadline is May 22, 2015. Registration forms and payment must be received by this date to pre-register. After May 22, attendees are invited to register onsite. Only register one person per form. Registrations will not be processed without payment in full and full name of registrant.

**Group Discount:** If you register three (3) or more registrants from the same site, the 4th registrant is FREE. Each registrant must complete a separate registration form and all registrants must submit forms at the same time via mail, in one envelope, or fax, in one transmittal, to receive this benefit. Online registration is not available for the group discount.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds will be allowed.

**Substitution Policy:** Substitutions must be received in writing along with a completed registration form for substitute attendees. No substitution fee will be charged. After May 22, 2015, substitutions must be made onsite.

**Confirmation Policy:** Registrations will be processed and confirmations e-mailed within seven (7) business days of acceptance. Confirmations and proof of payment will only be provided if the registrant provides an e-mail address. The association does not sell its membership lists. As a VPPPA member, you will receive communication primarily via e-mail.

E-mail addresses are shared with other VPPPA members to promote networking opportunities.

No Shows: Refunds are not granted for no-shows.

Electronic Recording Policy: No audio or video recording is permitted.

**Special Assistance**: For special arrangements due to diet restriction or disability, contact Thomas "Tom" Aurelia at (518) 791-5673 or taurelia@ehs-excellence.com.

#### **Location of Event:**

Tropicana Casino & Resort 2831 Boardwalk

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

Hotel Reservations: To make hotel reservations, please call the Tropicana directly at (609) 340-4000 or Toll-free at (800) 916-4339 or through the web http://tropac3.net/offercode/HVPPPA. The conference group rate is \$89 a night plus tax.

Indemnification: Conference attendees and guests, to the extent permitted by law, agree to indemnify VPPPA and its officers, directors, agents, and employees, of and from all claims, demands, or suits for personal injury or property damage, including costs and attorney fees, in any way arising out of or related to third party claims based on indemnifying party's negligent acts or omissions in connection with the Region II VPPPA Chapter Conference.

Conference Questions: Contact Region II Chairperson Brenda Kay Wiederkehr at (518) 782-2222 or brenda@accesshealthsystems.com or Thomas "Tom" Aurelia at (518) 791-5673 or taurelia@ehs-excellence.com.

Registration Questions: contact VPPPA at (703) 761-1146 or e-mail Registration@vpppa.org.

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