



Voluntary Protection Program Participants' Association  
Region II Chapter

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~ Summer 2013 Round Up ~

The Region II Voluntary Protection Program Participants' 21<sup>st</sup> Regional Safety & Health **2013 Conference** in Saratoga, New York, was held April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, with Workshops on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, was a HUGE Success! Go to [www.region2chapter-vpppa.org](http://www.region2chapter-vpppa.org) for more details.



Our conference was held at the Saratoga City Center, located at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Several speakers and/or organizations were represented in the workshops, including our keynote speaker, Dan Clark, one of the most highly sought after public speakers today.

**Thank you to all of our workshop presenters, vendors, members, and all conference attendees for making this a successful 2013 conference!**



**The Raffle winner and GE donated Refrigerator winner!!!!**

**AED Fund reminder:** Anyone interested in donating to our Norman Deitch Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund, please contact Region II Secretary Brenda Wiederkehr, at [brenda@accesshealthsystems.com](mailto:brenda@accesshealthsystems.com). The fund helps provide free AEDs to nonprofit and/or community organizations to help save lives. **Over the past 8 years of this program, we have donated 18+ AEDs to organizations that would not have the resources to purchase one on their own.**

Learn more on the Region II website: [www.region2chapter-vpppa.org](http://www.region2chapter-vpppa.org).



We would also like to thank SCA Tissue for hosting the SGE Class of 2013. Congratulations to the 18 applicants who were certified this year. VPP sites in Region II reported a TCIR and DART at 22% and 47% (respectively) below the BLS averages. Special recognition must go out to OSHA for their continued support. VPP Evaluations increase by 54% over fiscal year 2011. This is due in no small measure to the increased utilization of SGE's .

In closing, VPPPA Region 2 will work tirelessly to provide a platform to promote safety training, share best practices and provide support to its members. Although the annual conference is our signature event, the collaboration between OSHA, Labor, and Management should be ongoing. We are in the process of updating our database to ensure that our members have the opportunity to participate in future events. Over the next year a consorted effort will be made to validate contact information. We sincerely appreciate your help in this regard. Next year's conference will be held in Atlantic City at the Taj Mahal (June 2 - June 4, 2014). We look forward to planning more educational programs for you next year and thank you for your support.

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