



# Hudson River Valley Chapter Newsletter

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## Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.assp.org>

**Link to the National ASSP webpage for information on great topics in EH&S. Go look things up.**

<http://hudsonrivervalley.assp.org>

**Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Try it, you'll like it!**

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

**Link to the Center for Disease Control. Great current information on health items to help protect us all through illness controlling and prevention. Lots of good items!**

Hotlinks in articles are in **Bold Red font.**

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## Hudson River Valley Chapter Elections in April.

It is that time again for our Hudson River Valley Chapter elections. At this time, the positions that will be open to the election process are; Chapter Vice President, Chapter Treasurer, and Chapter Secretary. Any chapter member in good standing that would like to become involved in the governing and operational side of the chapter can nominate themselves as a candidate for these offices. You should let the existing chapter secretary know you want to be a candidate as soon as possible so that you can be included on the slate of candidates to be announced to the general membership by a special email in April of 2022, that will mark the beginning of the election process.

The election results will be announced in the June Newsletter as well as a special email to the general membership of the Hudson River Valley chapter. The newly elected candidates will officially take office on July 1, 2022, and serve a term of two (2) years that will expire on June 30, 2024. Remember, you must be a member of the Chapter to participate and vote in the chapter election process. Of course as always members can also help the Chapter as a volunteer, your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Warehouse Safety.

OSHA's new [\*\*warehouse safety webpage\*\*](#) provides information on avoiding common hazards including operating forklifts and lifting, handling, and storing materials. This page gives the OSHA and consensus standards applicable to warehousing operations. It also has information on recognizing and controlling warehousing hazards. It also contains links to additional reference materials for warehousing operations.

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## Join the Annual Stand Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

The National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction will take place **May 2 – 6, 2022**.

The purpose of the Safety Stand-Down is to raise fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and serious injuries in the construction industry. Fatalities caused by falls from elevations continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees. Deaths involving falls from elevations accounted for 351 of the 1,008 construction fatalities recorded for the year 2020 according to data gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). **The worst part is that those deaths were preventable.**

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. You can make this the beginning point of a continued effort to discuss safety with and for the employees, why wait for a once a year event? Nothing shows it is just a check-off box on a management clipboard to meet an objective more. If you are a manager or supervisor of a work crew, you must demonstrate that it is a continuing, evolving plan that can be adopted to any hazardous situation or condition on the job. Anyone who wants to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down.

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime. See Suggestions to **Prepare for a Successful “Stand-Down”** and **Highlights from the Past Stand-Downs**.

OSHA hosts an Events page with events that are free and open to the public to help employers and employees find events in your area. If you plan to host a free event that is open to the public, please contact your Regional Stand-Down Coordinator. Employers will be able to provide feedback about their Stand-Down and download a Certificate of Participation following the Stand-Down. More Safety Stand-Down information and resources can be found at **<https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down>**.

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## ASSP’s Membership Needs Assessment Survey.

ASSP will soon be conducting a review of the goals, needs and challenges of occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals, and the way that ASSP supports the OSH profession. They want to know about the opportunities you see, the challenges you face and your outlook for the field to better understand ways ASSP can support you in achieving your goals. ASSP has partnered with Edge Research, an independent professional survey and market research firm, to collect your feedback confidentially and securely. In the coming days, you will receive an email from Edge Research with a link inviting you to take the survey; you might have already received that invitation. ASSP values your participation in making this effort a success! As their way of saying thanks, those who respond to the survey will be entered into a drawing for one of twenty (20) \$25 Amazon gift cards. Please watch your inbox for the email from ASSP and Edge Research and take a few minutes to complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact customerservice@assp.org. Thank you for helping ASSP to support the needs of OSH professionals!

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## Save The Date! Safety 2022 set for June 27-29, 2022, Chicago, IL.

Safety 2022 Conference and Expedition is set for June 27 through 29, 2022 and will be held in-person in Chicago, Illinois, and on-line for a virtual experience. Registration opened in March 2022, so watch your email inboxes for updates and other important information about this great event.

If you are thinking of bringing a group, contact **Nancy O’Toole**, and use the heading “Safety 2022 Group Rates” on your email for group pricing and more group related information.

*POP Quiz: “What are the four leading causes of serious injury/death in the construction trades?”\**

*\*check your answer with the correct answer on the next page*

## National Stand-Down to Prevent Struck-by Incidents April 11 - 15, 2022.

This year's Struck-by Stand-Down, organized by the NORA<sup>1</sup> Construction Sector Council Struck-by Work Group, is expanding from a one-day event to a full week of activities to coordinate with National Work Zone Awareness Week. As the Stand-Down has grown, its topics have increased to include not only work zone safety but also lift zone safety, heavy equipment, dropped objects, and other sources of struck-by injuries. During the Stand-Down, CPWR<sup>2</sup> and the Struck-by Work Group will host a series of webinars covering relevant topics. If you are interested in participating in the following webinars, registration is available by clicking the webinar link below:

- April 11, 2022 at 1 PM ET – [Preventing Struck-by Incidents in Roadway Work Zones](#)
- 11 de abril de 2022 a las 3 PM ET – [Prevención de Incidentes por Atropellos: Zonas de Trabajo, Equipos Pesados e Impacto de Objetos](#)
- April 13, 2022 at 2 PM ET – [What's the risk? Best Practices to reduce the likelihood of struck-by injuries from heavy equipment and crane activities](#)
- April 14, 2022 at 2 PM ET – [Preventing Struck-by Incidents from Dropped Tools & Other Objects](#)

Visit CPWR's [Struck-By pages](#) for more information and resources.

## Hot Work Types and Hazards.

Do you know the types of work that are classified as "Hot Work"? You might be surprised. According to OSHA, the following are all considered types of Hot Work: Burning; Welding; Cutting; Brazing; Soldering; Grinding; using fire – or spark-producing tools; or other work that produces a source of ignition – are all hot work".

Employers need to create a program to insure hot work is performed safely. OSHA states that an effective program should take into consideration the following:

- Before issuing a hot work permit (which should be prepared in advance of work beginning), a job hazard assessment needs to be conducted. That includes getting input from workers knowledgeable of the potential dangers.
- Before work begins, implement controls to eliminate identified hazards.
- If hazards develop during work operations, routine monitoring must be conducted to ensure these hazards do not pose a risk to workers.
- If the hazards cannot be mitigated, operations must be stopped and the elimination of hazards verified before hot work begins again.
- Share with all workers relevant information about ongoing operations that could create hazardous conditions.
- Workers familiar with the hot work process should be available to assist specialty subcontractors to ensure safe working conditions.

*POP Quiz Answer:* According to CPWR and OSHA the four leading causes of serious injury/death in the construction industries are: Falls, Struck-by, Electrocution, and Being Caught In or Between.  
(this may not be the proper ranked order)

Note 1: NORA = National Occupational Research Agenda.

Note 2: CPWR = The Center for Construction Research and Training.

## Chapter Chatter.

To all members and friends, **SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022 FOR HRV's PDC** at the Rockland County Fire Training Center, 35 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY 10970.

Our chapter's Technical Meeting for March, was rescheduled a few times to accommodate scheduling with other webinars and seminars, if this confused you, I am sorry about it. The presentation held on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 was a Joint Meeting with ASSP New York City Chapter, American Industrial Hygiene Association, and the Safety Executives of New York. The topic presented was the Annual PALMS\* Updates. (PALMS\* = Pandemic/PCB's, Asbestos, Lead/ Legionella, Mold/Metals, Silica/Safety/Sustainability). Mr. Mark Drozdov was the presenter for this webinar, and it was very informative.

Our April meeting is still in the planning stages, and will be announced as soon as arrangements have been completed. Due to the time constraints sometimes placed on the arranging of meetings and then getting the notices out to you the membership, it may be easier for you to check our Chapter Web Page at this link; <https://hudsonrivervalley.assp.org/> as meeting events will be published there as well as you receiving an email from me as the Chapter Secretary. Speaking of the web site, hopefully you have checked in lately and noticed that there are seminars/webinars listed there for you to participate in from CPWR, that deal with the upcoming Fall Stand-Down, and other important National Stand-Downs for Work Zone Awareness, Struck-by Safety from various causes from heavy equipment to dropped tools from heights. One is in Spanish. We are trying to get current information out to you the membership, but it should be a two-way street. If you hear or see something, let us know so we can share it.

National ASSP's election process is underway at present, with a voting close out date of March 31, 2022. You will be informed of those results as soon as they are received. A reminder here, this Chapter will be undergoing our election process in April. If you are interested in running for a chapter office, please contact the chapter secretary for more information and to be put on the ballot that will be coming to you very soon.

The chapter Executive Board is actively engaging with other chapters to look for meetings or presentations we can participate in. You will be notified by an email message ahead of time, and it will be posted on the web page, so please be sure that your most current preferred email address is available to the Chapter Secretary. If you have a topic that you would like to have discussed or presented at these chapter meetings please let the Chapter Board know by contacting the chapter secretary so it can be arranged. All topics, either on the job or off the job are welcome if they are safety and health or family safety related. If you are a member of another safety organization and that organization would be interested in holding joint meetings, please contact our chapter executive board or secretary to work out and finalize those plans for a joint meeting. They will be announced and posted with as much advance notice as possible so that all members will know about the opportunity and take advantage of them by participating in those meetings.

Chapter meeting minutes, current and past newsletters, and many presentations from our Technical Meetings are posted on our chapter webpage. You can view them using the link provided by clicking [here](#).

### Thought of the Day

**"Don't concentrate on making a lot of money, but rather on becoming the type of person people want to do business with." -- Patricia Fripp**

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