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Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.asse.org>
Link to the National ASSE webpage for information on great topics in EH&S.

<http://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org>
Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Check us out.

<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.

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

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Free Seminar Presenting Respirator Safety & Lockout/Tagout Sessions.

We have just learned that our Past Hudson River Valley Chapter President, Mr. Ken Eck will be presenting a seminar on Respirator Protection on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 that will be held at the Local 17 Laborers Union Training Center, 451 Little Britain Road #A, Newburgh, NY., from 1:00 -4:00 PM. Mr. Eck is well qualified to present this subject. He is the Director of Safety, Environmental and Industrial Hygiene at Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies Inc. He has over thirty-five years of consulting experience, and holds various certifications including, but not limited to; CIH, CSP, and CHMM. He currently is serving in numerous professional associations and serves on several committees of the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

This is a brief synopsis of the course materials to be presented in this seminar: Breathe clean, breathe safe, knowing more about protecting your worker's lungs or your own. Understand the respiratory system, the types of respirators, choosing the correct respirator, providing care and maintenance, emergency situations, and fit testing of respirators, and medical surveillance.

A second session is being presented on Lockout/Tagout. This will be presented by Mr. Pat Galietta of Perreca Electric Company, Inc. This will cover the lockout/tagout plan building blocks and components, as well as the "Top 10 Things to Avoid" when controlling hazardous energy.

Mr. Galietta has been Perreca Electric's Safety Director for the past 18 years. He is an OSHA Outreach Trainer, OSHA Disaster Site Trainer. He specializes in: CPR/First Aid, electrical safety, lockout/tagout, confined space, aerial lifts, fall protection, and excavation and construction training.

Space is limited, and it is free. Seating is offered on a first come – first served basis. So sign up as soon as you read this if you are interested in learning this material to protect yourself, or your workers.

Click the following link to sign up or copy and paste in your browser search field. **SCHV.Registration@yahoo.com**

NIOSH Ladder Safety App Available.

NIOSH has developed an app for your field use on Ladder Safety. It is available in English and in Spanish with versions for iPhone use and Android devices. You can also download the users' manuals for the app. They are free of charge, and you can go to either Apple App Store, or Google Play to obtain them. This link here to the CDC – NIOSH web page will give you the hot links for the versions you want to download and use for your workers safety.

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/falls/mobileapp.html>

OSHA Heat App Available.

The OSHA – NIOSH Heat Safety App is also now available for your use in planning your outdoor daily work activities based on how hot it feels throughout the day. It features real time heat index and hourly forecasts specific to your location, as well as occupational safety and health recommendations from OSHA and NIOSH. This download is free, and again is available from the NIOSH web page. There are links to take you to the Apple App Store, or Google Play web page to download this tool. The link is given here;

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/heatapp.html>

Job Opportunity Posting.

The Director of Risk Engineering for the Construction and Manufacturing business segments of Crum & Foster, Mr. Bill Vopelius is looking to hire two (2) Engineers to service portions of the Northeast, primarily in the New Jersey, Metro NY and Connecticut areas. The focus will be on Crum & Foster's construction book of business; however, these individuals will probably perform some work on the manufacturing book as well. The needed individuals should have a high level of experience in the casualty lines, (WC, GL, and Auto), plus some knowledge of property. A copy of the job description is attached to this newsletter as pages 3 and 4. All questions and resumes should be sent to Mr. Vopelius. His contact information is presented here directly below, with the job description following on the next two pages.

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Crum & Forster Risk Engineering Job Description

Job title	<i>Risk Engineer</i>
Department	<i>Risk Engineering</i>
Reports to	<i>Director</i>

Job purpose

To achieve underwriting and corporate goals of profitability and growth by providing superior risk engineering support to underwriting, claims and insureds. Strong knowledge and experience in contracting operations and OSHA requirements. Strive to develop working relationships with all stakeholders with visits to main office and job sites to address exposures and provide value added service options. Establishment and promotion of risk engineering programs and solutions through various methods for targeted industry segments is a key component to this position.

Duties and responsibilities

- Develops and assists in the implementation of focused consultative services to improve the client's exposure to business loss through concise service objectives. Implements an effective management process to ensure that all sites receive consistent services that satisfy policyholder and underwriter expectations.
- Works with underwriting as needed to evaluate risks (including job site visits), retain existing accounts and support new business opportunities.
- Interacts with agents and insureds to promote risk engineering solutions and provide a high level of service.
- Makes presentations to associations and stakeholder groups on safety and risk engineering programs.
- Identifies and produces new programs to promote and support risk engineering goals and customer needs.
- Performs complete risk evaluations and job site visits to identify client exposures and evaluate controls
- Performs loss trending analyses to measure the impact to the client and identifies risk improvement opportunities.
- Stays abreast of existing laws and regulations, emerging technologies, and current loss prevention practices to ensure high quality expertise and client consultation
- Interacts with claims to address loss drivers and claim issues.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 10 years of loss prevention experience with a multi-line carrier plus a demonstrated ability to solve problems in exposure control and effective service to complex policyholder accounts.
- Has the proven ability to be proficient in all lines of coverages (work comp, property, general liability, auto, umbrella and package)
- Certification by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) is preferred.
- Completion of OSHA 30 Construction training is required.
- Having one or more of the following professional designations (ASP, ALCM, ARM, CIH, OHST, CPCU) can reduce the minimum years of experience to 4 years.
- Effective interpersonal, presentation, and customer service skills.
- Must possess expertise in general contracting, excavating contracting trade contracting (e.g. HVAC, electrical, plumbing, elevator, etc.) as required by underwriting needs and have the ability to be proficient in all lines of coverage (workers comp, general liability, auto, property, umbrella and package) along with general safety.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and meet Crum & Forster's MVR criteria
- College degree or an equivalent in Safety/Occupational Health, Engineering or the Sciences required.
- Sufficient computer skills to operate in Microsoft Office suite, Excel, and other applications.

Working conditions

- Able to operate a motor vehicle and travel by driving and/or flying.
- Overnight travel is routine.
- The ability to work remotely is available but working out of an established office is preferred.

Physical requirements

- Ability to perform on-site policyholder inspections requiring extensive walking, climbing stairs or ladders, handling uneven terrain, etc.
- Ability to move about work sites of varying physical and environmental hazards including moving mechanical equipment, noise, temperature variations, airborne contaminants, etc.
- Must be able to regularly lift and/or carry laptop computer with associated equipment weighing about 25 pounds.

Direct reports

- None