



# Hudson River Valley Chapter Newsletter

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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 **Bold Red font.**

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## Reins Passed for Chapter Presidency.

The Hudson River Valley Chapter has completed the passing of the reins for the Title, Position, and Office of the President to the President-Elect effective on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, ahead of the planned transfer of the office. This was required by the existing President relocating out of our area due to his new employment opportunity. Our new Chapter President is Ms. Crystal Turner-Moffett, who is well qualified to assume this position, and has a wide range of experiences as a private consultant, with many government agency interactions, and for many corporations. Join me in wishing Crystal success and giving her our support in the position as Chapter President.

Madame President, welcome aboard!

To Mr. TJ Lyons our departed Past President, we wish him well, and continued success in his employment opportunity and hope he will retain fond memories of his tenure in ASSE Hudson River Valley Chapter. He will be missed.

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## Notice of Change for November 2017 Meeting.

The November Meeting has been changed as follows. It will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the CPV Power Plant Construction site on Route 6 in Wawayanda, NY – which is south west of Middletown, NY. The start time is 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM for the meet and greet, with a tour of the construction site to begin at 5:30 and last until about 7:00 PM. Most GPS systems may not be able to give driving instructions to this site.

Directions to the site are;

Take I-84 West to Exit #3W. Proceed to the first traffic light and make a left turn onto Route 6. Follow Route 6 approximately 1 mile and the entrance to the plant will be on the left. If you go over I-84, you went too far. REMEMBER IT WILL BE DARK OUT, SO BE ALERT!

Once inside the Plant entrance, turn right into the construction trailer area, we will be meeting in Conference Room “A”.

***This is an active construction site; PLEASE bring proper safety boots/shoes and safety eyewear. Hardhats will be provided by the site.***

## Safety & Health Council of the Hudson Valley - Day of Safety.

Please join the Safety & Health Council of the Hudson Valley on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for their 'Day of Safety' Seminar to be held at the Culinary Institute of America's Marriott Pavillion Conference Center, 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park, NY 12538. If you attend, please use Parking Lot "C".

Mr. Ken Eck, (our ASSE Chapter member), will be presenting a segment on the New Silica OSHA Rule. An informational table for ASSE will be at this event staffed by both Ken Eck and Matthew McDonald providing information on our organization and our chapter.

Please use this link to register for this FREE event time is running out, as it is first come first served;  
[SCHV.Registration@yahoo.com](mailto:SCHV.Registration@yahoo.com)

The Agenda follows:

- 8:00 – 8:15 Welcome Address: Commissioner of Emergency Response: Mr. Dana Smith
- 8:15 – 9:30 Fall Protection from Roofs: Brian Warren
- 9:30 – 10:30 The new Silica OSHA Rule: Ken Eck, QUEST
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 Proposed Changes in Worker's Comp & How it Will Effect Your Employees: Dr. Winston Kwa, Mt. Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (Vendor Sponsored Complimentary Buffet)
- 1:00 – 2:15 Legal Topics in Safety: Ian Bogarty, Jackson-Lewis
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 3:45 Severe Injury/Fatality Potentials (SIFPs) – What are we missing?: Kevin Sheehan, Central Hudson
- 3:45 – 4:00 Closing Remarks: Todd Martin, Dafety & Health Council President

## Hudson Valley Federal Safety and Health Council Meeting.

On Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Hudson Valley Federal Safety and Health Council has a scheduled meeting with registration beginning at 8:30 AM, with a planned meeting start time of 9:00 AM and expected to last until 12:00 Noon. The location of this meeting is at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY in Classroom 1. This free meeting is scheduled to have three presenters and topics of discussion as follows;

### 1 – Inspection of Fire Doors:

Mr. Peter Leszczak, Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 2 Safety and Fire Protection Engineer.

Mr. Leszczak will present an overview of new NFPA 80 (Fire Doors) and NFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) requirements to inspection of fire doors annually. This program will give examples of common deficiencies and repair options. It will also discuss door locking violations.

### 2 – OSHA Recordkeeping:

Ms. Renee Boylan, Industrial Hygienist, OSHA Tarrytown Area Office.

Ms. Boylan will present an overview of the OSHA Recordkeeping requirements including how to properly record and post the work-related injuries and illnesses data. Specific questions will be addressed so bring your logs and questions with you! Bring along anyone who has responsibility for keeping these records and/or the insurance records at your workplace.

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## Hudson Valley Federal Safety and Health Council Meeting (continued).

3 – OSHA Update:

Ms. Laura Kenny, MPH, CPH Assistant Regional Administrator for Technical Support, Region II.

Ms. Kenny will present the latest OSHA news and upcoming initiatives coming to the field in our area.

Registration is free, but you must RSVP to [Linda.DiGasper@va.gov](mailto:Linda.DiGasper@va.gov) or on 914-788-4857 for planning purposes. Light refreshments will be served.

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### **ATTENTION** - Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall Notice.

Kidde, the popular fire extinguisher manufacturer has made a product recall that involves 134 models of plastic handled fire extinguishers made between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017. Also in this recall are 8 models of fire extinguishers called 'Pindicator' fire extinguishers manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017. The latter are no-gauge push button type extinguishers. The link given below is from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission web site for this recall. Please share this information with as many of your co-workers, friends, and relatives as possible. This could be life-saving information.

All the information you need from finding the serial numbers involved, and where it is located on your home or work extinguishers is given on the CPSC web page. They even have included information on how to obtain a free replacement unit from Kidde. You may even have one on your forklift truck on the job, or in your family car's trunk. Please check this out. I cannot stress this enough.

Please use this link to the CPSC webpage, and read all the information given, you may have everything to lose!

[https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and-nozzle detachment.](https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde-recalls-fire-extinguishers-with-plastic-handles-due-to-failure-to-discharge-and-nozzle-detachment)