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From the President's Desk

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan hopes you had a fun and safe summer! The Safety Council and several members of our board of directors had a great time at our annual golf outing in July. The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan would like to take this opportunity to thank our guests who attended the Safety Council's annual golf outing at Tanglewood Golf Club in July. Thank you to the golfers, the sponsors, and the board of directors who all helped to make this day a success!

The Safety Council and the National Safety Council have been working with Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy) and several other Michigan legislators to introduce legislation that will allow drivers who have received a driving infraction the option to take a Basic Driver Safety Course. The Safety Council has recently learned that Senate Bill 1066 (SB 1066) is being re-written to eliminate the court process from this legislation. SB 1066 will allow driver's points to be waived upon successful completion of the Basic Driver Safety Course and payment of all fees and charges associated with the offense. This program has been successfully implemented in other states and the Safety Council hopes to see this legislation implemented in Michigan soon. This program will provide the highest risk drivers with safer driving habits which will keep ALL of Michigan citizens safe on the roads. This legislation will not only improve the overall traffic safety, but will also create much needed jobs. Please write your legislators and ask for their support.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Safety Council's "Putting Safety Into Action" Safety Conference on October 17, 2008. Our conference will be held at the Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth, Michigan and will feature an array of exhibitors offering information on the latest information, tools and technology to help keep Michigan's workers safe on the job, at home, and on the road. The Safety Council has organized an impressive list of trainers that will offer break-out training sessions on many pertinent safety-related topics. This Safety Conference will be a successful way to bring companies together to network and provide important safety information to the community. Please consider attending our conference as a guest, exhibitor, or even as a trainer.

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan is here to help you - our membership, affiliate associations, and the community - with providing the information and training necessary to keep Michigan's citizens safe on the job, on the road, and at home. Please contact us to see how we can supplement or improve the safety conditions near you.

Calendar of Events

Register today for these upcoming classes & seminars:

August 1, 2008 - DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

August 15 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

September 3, 2008 - S.B. Harwood General Industry focused program: Electrical, Safety Council Training Center - **Grant funded - no charge**

September 5, 2008 - DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

September 19, 2008 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

September 29, 2008 - S.B. Harwood focused program: Prevention Strategies for Construction Focus Four Hazards, Safety Council Training Center - **Grant funded - no charge**

Mark your calendars and register for these upcoming expos & special events:

October 17, 2008 - Safety Council for Southeast Michigan Conference, Plymouth

Many of the Safety Council's scheduled training classes take place at the Safety Council Training Center in Bloomfield Hills. However, the Safety Council is able to take our training on the road. If you are interested in a special training opportunity for a group of colleagues, let us bring the training to your job site. The Safety Council's experienced trainers also customize classes to address the specific needs of the of the company or job functions that require the training. In addition, since the Safety Council is a non-profit organization, class prices are affordable to meet the most stringent budgets. Proper safety training is a simple way to improve the bottom line too. Safe employees and job sites equals less workman's compensation claims, days off work, and actually improves productivity. Any formula for success includes a safe workplace.

Don't wait until an accident costs you too much. Register for training today. Registration for all classes and seminars ends five (5) business days before listed start date. Payment must be made in advance to complete the registration process. Download our registration form from www.safetycouncilsemi.org under the Calendar page or Classes page.

For a description of class offerings or to register for any class, please contact the Safety Council by phone or email and keep checking the website! Call 248-858-8830 or email us at info@safetycouncilsemi.org.

Golf Outing Success

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual golf outing in July from the golfers, to the sponsors, and the members of our board of directors who volunteered to help us organize a fun day for everyone! Thank you all!

Thanks to the golfers who were able to take a day away from the office to play a round of golf at the beautiful Tanglewood Golf Club in South Lyon, Michigan. Our golfers enjoyed a great day of golf, meals, and lots of prizes! The Safety Council appreciates your support! The Safety Council would also like to recognize each of our sponsors: CAM, Cintas, Choctaw-Kaul Distribution Company, CPR Connection of North America, Liberty Mutual, Miller Canfield, Mine Safety Appliances, Inc., North Safety By Honeywell, SVS Vision, Tyndale Company, Inc., and UPS. Our sponsors were instrumental in making our golf outing a success - thank you! Another thank you to Tanglewood Golf Club for all their help in organizing this special event and to DC Sports who donated the sports-related items for the silent auction.

The golf outing is an important part of the Safety Council's fundraising activities and we appreciate the support of our membership, association partnerships, and volunteers. Thank you for your participation this year and we look forward to seeing everyone next summer!



Putting Safety & Health Into Action

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan invites you to attend a comprehensive safety conference designed to assist our membership, affiliate associations, local businesses, and members of our communities. The focus of this extensive conference, “Putting Safety & Health Into Action”, is to promote the active pursuit of safety in the workplace, at home, and on the road.



The Safety Council is returning to the Inn of St. John’s in Plymouth, Michigan, on October 17, 2008 for this special event. The conference will include a variety of exhibitors and break-out training sessions offering information on the latest safety information, tools, and technology. Our training sessions will include leaders in the safety and health industry offering training on many relevant topics including Emergency Site Planning, Sudden Cardiac Arrest and AED Programs, Worker’s Compensation, Air Quality and Mold, and so much more.

Michigan workers are what keeps this great state in motion and unsafe conditions, work related injuries, and off-the-job injuries can be prevented with adequate training, knowledge, and tools. The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan encourages attendees to:

- Participate in the informative training sessions.
- Talk to exhibitors about products and technologies to improve safety conditions.
- Network with colleagues and professionals from the safety and health industry.
- Take the time to gain the tools and knowledge needed to keep yourself and your workers safe.

Do not miss this opportunity to learn what you can do to enhance your corporate safety program and keep your workers safe on the job, at home, and on the road. Register before October 1st for the low registration price of \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members. After October 1st, registration increases to \$75 for members and \$95 for non-members. With such a low registration fee, you can’t miss this opportunity to collect the most current safety and health information that can enhance any corporate safety program.

To register, go to www.safetycouncilsemi.org and download the 2008 Registration Form to register as an attendee or download the 2008 Exhibitor Registration Form to register a booth. The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan welcomes all companies who wish to exhibit at this conference to contact our offices for further information. Exhibitor space is available on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited, so register today!

For additional information on attending this conference, contact the Safety Council for Southeast Michigan at 248-858-8830 or info@safetycouncilsemi.org.



AHA Survey Results

The American Heart Association (AHA) released the results of a survey in early June indicating that most Americans don't believe they could perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) to help save a life in a cardiac emergency.

In the AHA online survey of more than 1,100 adults, 89% said that they were willing and able to do something to help if they witnessed a medical emergency, yet only 21% were confident they could perform CPR and only 15% believed they could use an AED. More than half of the surveyed didn't recognize an AED in a typical setting. The respondents reported lack of confidence, concern about legal consequences, and fear of hurting a victim as reasons they would NOT take action in a cardiac emergency.



According to the AHA, only about six percent of the out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest victims survive. Those odds are reduced by seven to 10% per minute, without immediate, effective CPR. Even if CPR is performed, defibrillation with an AED is required to restore a normal heart rhythm.

The AHA study presents a valid concern that the people around us may not be confident in performing CPR or operating an AED when these life-saving measures are needed the most. What we can take from this AHA study is that CPR and AED training is critically important for nearly every person to learn. Whether at the workplace, in the home, or out in public, someone can make a difference in whether or not a sudden cardiac arrest victim's survival.

The Safety Council offers a CPR/AED course that is only 4-hours long and includes an instructional DVD and student workbook that each person can take home for future reference. The course includes simple, repetitive instruction and hands-on training so that students leave confident that they can perform CPR and operate an AED if needed. The Safety Council's experienced trainers guide each student through the thorough training, offering tips and easy-to-remember instructions. Each student is also allowed ample time to ask questions and continue to practice on the manikins.

AEDs are quickly becoming more common in many workplaces and in public places such as schools, churches, airports, and shopping centers. Although AEDs are manufactured by several major companies, they all operate according to guidelines and are very much simple and intuitive to the situation. AEDs deliver instructions with clear voice cues and will not deliver a shock unless a shockable rhythm is detected.

Most people may never encounter a situation where CPR and/or the use of an AED will be necessary, but would you be prepared if you should encounter such a situation? There is no reason for anyone to be afraid to learn or to be prepared to act in the event of an emergency. Learning CPR and how to operate an AED could be a lifesaving decision.

The Safety Council can provide CPR/AED training for your colleagues families at our Training Center or at the worksite. Please contact the Safety Council for more information and member/non-member pricing.

Educational Opportunity

Thinking about a career change or career enhancement? Looking for a way to make use of all that safety and health experience? Want to expand your knowledge of EH&S? Consider a graduate degree or graduate certificate in occupational and environmental health and safety.

Wayne State University offers graduate educational opportunities in the field of occupational and environmental health and safety. A leading source of health, safety and environmental (HSE) professionals since 1954, Wayne's Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences program is accredited by the American Board of Engineering Technology (ABET). Master of Science degrees in Industrial Hygiene or Industrial Toxicology are offered, as are Graduate Certificates in Occupational Safety or Environmental Health and Hazardous Material Control. A Post-masters Certificate in Industrial Toxicology is also available.

Classes are offered in late afternoons and evenings to allow for full or part-time studies. Some scholarships are available. To find out more about these personally and financially rewarding career opportunities and the opportunity to pursue them at WSU, go to www.cphs.wayne.edu/oehs/index.php or 313-577-1551 or call Dr. Ed Kerfoot at 313-577-1210.

Our Mission

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan is a not-for-profit, public service organization. As the primary leader, our purpose is to provide the highest quality health and safety information, education, and training programs for our members and the community.

The Council's goal is to prevent injuries and illnesses, and property loss concerning every aspect of a person's life. This will be accomplished through open communication and networking by our organization with Council members and the community.

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