20th ANNUAL Chicagoland Safety & Health Conference
September 15 - 18, 2008
Northern Illinois University • Naperville, Illinois

See inside for more details on all conferences!

New This Year
Pre-conference sessions

And back by popular demand
SHARP & VPP conference-within-a-conference
Open to those who are VPP & SHARP participants & candidates, as well as those who are interested in learning more about the process.

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The Chicagoland Safety & Health Conference is for professionals who have safety, health, training, environmental or preparedness responsibilities. Owners, supervisors, safety committee members, human resource managers and others are welcome to attend.

The exhibit area is free to participants, their clients, and the local public.

Attendees will enjoy:

◆ Over 45 sessions on current issues
◆ An EXPO featuring great products and services
◆ Expert Keynote Speakers, qualified panels, proven presenters
◆ Detailed and dynamic pre-conference workshops
◆ A Wednesday Networking Social with hors d’oeuvres and drinks

About the Conference

Pre-Conference Workshops, Hot Conference Topics, Vendor Expo and 20th Year Social!

◆ A Special SHARP/VPP Track for companies serious about performance

The conference is co-sponsored by three ASSE chapters and an AIHA section:

◆ Northeastern Illinois Chapter – ASSE
◆ Three-Rivers Chapter – ASSE
◆ Greater Chicago Chapter – ASSE
◆ The Chicago Local Section of the AIHA

The conference is planned in association with:

◆ Occupational Safety & Health Administration
◆ On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program, IL DCEO
◆ Northern Illinois University, College of Engineering, and the National Safety Education Center

Keynote Speakers

— Wednesday Keynote! —

Mike Connors
OSHA Update

Mike Connors has served as Regional Administrator in Chicago since April 1988. Prior to this, he held various management positions in the Region, including Deputy Regional Administrator, Assistant Regional Administrator for Technical Support, and Supervisor of Industrial Hygiene in the Cincinnati Area Office. He started with the agency as an Industrial Hygienist in 1975. In 1996, Mr. Connors served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA.

Mr. Connors received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service in 1999. In June of 1989 and June of 1990, he served as Technical Advisor to the U.S. Delegation, serving on the Committee on Safety in the Use of Chemical at Work, at the International Labor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Connors is a Senior Executive Fellow of Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. He has a MS in Environmental Health from University of Cincinnati, Kettering Laboratory and a BA in Zoology from Miami University of Ohio. He is certified in the Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene.

Mr. Connors is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, and the Senior Executives Association. He serves on the Board of the Illinois Safety Council.

— Thursday Keynote! —

Mike Mastroianni & Norm Dasenbrook
Jerks at Work

Mike Mastroianni, BA, MAT is the Associate Vice President for Outreach and Planning at Rock Valley College, where he directs 5 divisions and over 200 employees. Formerly, he was Dean of Community Outreach and before that, the director of the Management Institute where he was responsible for the training and consulting efforts of the college. Previously, he was a principal and partner with Management Resource Group, a full service Human Resource consulting firm. In addition to his national speaking and consulting experience, Mike also served as VP of Human Resources for an educational association, and has held key positions in health care human resources. His most recent book is, Harnessing the Power of Conflict: Leading, Living and Learning. He is co-author with Norm Dasenbrook. Mike and his partner Norm mediate for businesses and industries.

Norm Dasenbrook, MS, LCPC, is a mediator in private practice, concentrating on family, corporate and work group mediation. He is co-director of the employee assistance program division of the Counseling Center of Rockford. He is consultant to numerous local and national employee assistance programs. He is a clinician who maintains a private practice in individual, marriage and family therapy in Rockford, IL. With Mike, he is co-author of the book, Harnessing the Power of Conflict: Leading, Living, Learning. He teaches and trains with his partner Mike in the areas of both conflict resolution and mediation, and with others in how to set up a private practice.
20th Annual Chicagoland Safety & Health Conference –Registration Form – NIU Program #8870

Visit www.chisafetyconf.org to register online.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
(as it should appear on your name badge)

Company: __________________________________________________________________________

Job Title: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Phone: __________________________________________________________________________
e-mail: __________________________________________________________________________

Please check the box below if you belong to the listed group.

☐ Northeastern Illinois Chapter ASSE
☐ Greater Chicago Chapter ASSE
☐ Three Rivers Chapter ASSE
☒ Chicago Section AIHA

If more than one is checked, designate which affiliation is to be credited by circling it.

PLANNED ATTENDANCE: I plan to attend the following sessions
(please see the topic grid and circle choices below):

PRECONFERENCE September 15-16, 2008

☐ General Industry OSHA 10-Hour
2 days, Monday and Tuesday, 9/15/08 and 9/16/08)
☐ Advanced Training Techniques (Full Day, M, 9/15/08)
☐ OSHA 7100 Machine Guarding (Full Day, T, 9/16/08)
☐ Electrical Update Course (Full Day, T, 09/16/08)
☐ Preparing for the CIH Exam (1/2 Day P.M., T, 09/16/08)
☐ Indoor Environmental Quality (1/2 Day A.M., T, 09/16/08)
☐ Women in Safety (Panel) (1/2 Day A.M., T, 9/16/08)

Conference DAY 1 Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Session 1 1A 1B 1C 1D
Session 2 2A 2B 2C 2D
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Conference DAY 2 Thursday, September 18, 2008

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☒ SHARP/VPP Conference, September 17 & 18, 2008

Pre-registration does not guarantee a seat for the session
(except for pre-conference sessions). Seating is on a first-come
first-serve basis.

Register before August 22 for an Early Bird Discount!

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Group discount: 10 percent off regular registration fee for five or more persons registering together from the same company.

For Exhibitor Registration or Information, call (815) 753-6902.

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By Mail:

☐ By Check: Please make your checks payable to Northern Illinois University. Mail your registration form with check or completed credit card information to:

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Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-2854

Note: Please inform your accounting department to use the correct current address. Do not send to National ASSE.

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☐ By Internet: (Secure, On-Line) www.chisafetyconf.org

Refunds on or before 08/22/08 will be charged a $15.00 processing fee per person. No refunds allowed after 08/22/08; registration substitutions are okay. Registration confirmations will be sent out
within 2 days of registration.
American Society of Safety Engineers
Northeastern Illinois Chapter
P.O. Box 72698
Roselle, IL 60172-0698

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FEATUREING SAFETY AND HEALTH TOPICS RELATED TO:

◆ INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE
◆ SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION
◆ SAFETY IN GENERAL INDUSTRY
◆ ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
◆ SAFETY MANAGEMENT
◆ VPP AND SHARP PROGRAMS
◆ TRAINING DELIVERY AND DESIGN
◆ NEW REGULATIONS & PRACTICES

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A conference-within-a-conference
Designed specially for VPP/SHARP Participants and those who are interested in learning more about the process.

Network with others. Meet other professionals and enjoy dynamic keynote speakers and activities!

Visit the website at www.chisafetyconf.org frequently for updates/overviews/directions.

DIRECTIONS TO NIU-NAPERVILLE
AT 1120 E DIEHL ROAD,
NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS 60563

A map will be sent upon registration, or feel free to visit the conference website at www.chisafetyconf.org to download information.

This conference and facility is handicapped accessible.
Participants are on their way to becoming self-sufficient as they will be able to: locate and apply OSHA standards, policies and procedures to supplement an on-going safety and health program; identify major requirements of the OSHA Standards, as well as the appropriate correction procedures to follow to make your operation safer and more productive. After attending the course, participants will receive the OSHA 10-hour card. **Note that the class covers a full two days.**

**Monday, September 15, 2008**

**Successful Training Techniques – 8:30 – 4:30**

(This all day session consists of Platform Skills, ADDIE Process; Interactive Learning and Webinar Basics)

**Platform Skills with Eliot Shapiro**

Make boring presentations a thing of the past! Never put your audience to sleep again! This session will teach you to look at business presentations and training sessions from a NEW point of view. Enjoy your opportunity instead of dreading your task! Learn simple, yet powerful techniques for improving your presentation delivery. Practice communicating with confidence. Find out how to control Q & A Sessions.

**DesignQuest: Your Roadmap to Creating a Training Class with Carri Kaufman**

We have all used Mapquest to find our way. Now use “DesignQuest” to give you directions and a step-by-step process to create training classes that will be effective in developing your employees. This session will help you follow the design path from the first steps at the start to final program and evaluations.

**Interactive Learning Activities with Rita Mosley**

It is fun, but not just games. Challenge your ideas about experiential learning and effective facilitation. Re-frame your thinking about classroom learning. Experience the power of learning activities and how they increase learner’s long-term retention of important information. You will experience several learning activities you can adapt to any topic, audience size, or age range.

**OSHA 7100 Machine Guarding – 8:30 – 4:30**

with Denny Ebens

The main focus of this course is to increase the participant’s knowledge and skill in proper machine safeguarding techniques, and to highlight the benefits of guarding various types of machinery. It is the employer’s responsibility to identify and select the safeguard necessary to protect employees and others in the work area. We can provide appropriate training in safe work practices and at the same time, keep or increase productivity levels. Knowing when and how to properly safeguard machinery can reduce or eliminate the potential for accidents and injuries.

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

**Electrical Update – 8:30 – 4:30**

with Bob LaMostro

This session is designed to provide the student with a survey of OSHA’s electrical standards and the hazards associated with electrical installations and equipment. Topics include single- and three-phase systems, cord- and plug-connected and fixed equipment, grounding, ground fault circuit interrupters, and safety-related work practices. Emphasis is placed on electrical hazard recognition and OSHA policies and procedures. Students will receive instruction on safe and correct use of their electrical testing equipment.
Pre-Conference Sessions

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008**

**Indoor Environmental Quality – 8:30 – 12:00**

with Robert Rottersman, MS, CIH
and David Regelbrugge, CIH, CSP

This half day PDC will focus on current “hot topic” issues in indoor environmental quality including mercury in polyurethane floors, printer emissions and the resurgence of formaldehyde. It will also include a basic overview of how to perform visual evaluation of ventilation systems, which is possibly the most important but often overlooked aspect of the IEQ investigation. Case studies as well as group discussions will be included. At the end of this presentation, the participant will be able to: respond to questions and investigate current IEQ issues such as formaldehyde, printer emissions and mercury in flooring material. They will also understand how various ventilation system components/design influence IAQ.

**Preparing for the CIH Exam – 1:00 – 4:30**

with Carter Ficklen, III, CIH

One milestone in professional development is obtaining Board Certification. For industrial hygienists the most recognized professional credential is the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) obtained through the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH). Obtaining the CIH requires successfully passing a comprehensive examination in relevant subject matter rubrics after meeting education and work experience requirements. The roundtable will cover education and work experience requirements to sit for the exam, and general information on preparation strategies. The presentation will share the perspectives of several professionals on their path to obtaining the CIH will be given. Each perspective will cover self-assessment, gathering study materials, forming a gameplan, their study process, methods to concentrate on weaknesses and getting focused prior to the exam. In addition, there will be information presented on current mentoring/coaching programs that may be of benefit to those working towards obtaining certification. This session will be of benefit to students entering the profession, current professionals that are working to obtain the CIH, and their employers. Please note that this session is not intended to take the place of a full exam review/preparation course.

By popular demand here is a session designed for women by women. The panel is made up of women in EHS careers with depth and breadth of experience. There will be representation from corporate EHE, industry, insurance, education, consulting, government, etc.

We strongly believe that women considering new careers in EHS and/or women who may be seeking opportunities in new and different areas of this fascinating and challenging profession can benefit from mentoring and networking with their peers. We believe that all of us are strengthened by information, resources and encouragement.

This is an opportunity for women who are new to the profession to benefit from seasoned professionals. It is also an opportunity for seasoned professionals to contribute by sharing their knowledge and insight and providing a bridge to the future.

Half of the session will include individual and panel presentations, the second half will provide for group discussion with generous time for Q&A.
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<td>Construction VPP</td>
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<td>Supervisory Liability</td>
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<td>Development &amp; Management of an Occupational Health Program</td>
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<td>Communications for Site Disasters</td>
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<td>Controlling Explosive Dusts</td>
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<td>Bi-lingual Training</td>
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<td>Cranes and Material Handling</td>
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The 2nd Annual “SHARP/VPP” Conference will be held in conjunction with the Chicagoland Safety and Health Conference on September 17 and 18, 2008 in Naperville, IL.

This Conference is specifically designed for companies interested in pursuing safety excellence through OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) or Illinois Consultation’s Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), as well as companies who have achieved these certification milestones.

We invite you to learn from the “best of the best” on how to make safety excellence a reality in your business. For additional information on this Conference, Contact John McGillivray at 815/675-4293 or jmcgillivray@scotforge.com

**Wednesday Activities**

8:00 – 9:00 **Meet & Greet.**
This session provides you the opportunity to interact with a select group of companies that have achieved safety excellence, as well as others looking to invest in their future.

9:00 – 10:00 **VPP & SHARP Process**
Learn about the process for safety excellence. Approval into these programs earn OSHA’s official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health. Upon acceptance, your worksite will be exempt from programmed inspections.

10:00 – 11:00 **SHARP/VPP Testimonials**
Here is an outstanding opportunity to learn what has been successful in “real world” situations. Safety excellence is achievable and this conference can jumpstart your journey towards that goal!

11:00 – 12:00 **Get Acquainted with the OSHA**
Meet our Area Directors: Gary Anderson, Kathy O’Connell and Diane Turek. Ask questions and get answers! We’re promoting a non-adversarial relationship and want to increase the trust between government and business. For any sound relationship to work, we must eliminate the fear.

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 4:00 **SHARP Application Workshop**
1:00 – 4:00 **VPP Application Workshop**
For those who are interested in taking that next step, the Application Workshop will guide you through the process. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear from officials and industry leaders on what it takes to develop and complete a successful application.

**What participants said about the first SHARP/VPP Conference**

“...The most creative and energizing meeting...really got our attention!”

“I have learned SO much and am ready to start the process.”

“Overall, very good, organized seminar.”

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Thursday Activities

8:00 – 11:00 Conversation Café with Tom McDunn
“If you can change the conversation, you can change the world.” The Conversation Café is a creative dance of conversations and questions and is both a method for creating a living network of collaborative dialogue and a metaphor for noticing how we are already co-evolving our future together. Structured as a coffee house meeting, four individuals sit at a table and facilitate connections to answer critical questions to generate innovative possibilities for action.

11:00 – 12:00 Jerks at Work with Mike Mastroianni & Norm Dosenbrook
Mike and Norm will take us through the way to harness the power of conflict by changing ourselves and others; recognizing conflict styles and provide tips for dealing with problems and level with others and alternative ways to resolving disputes in a win-win strategy.

1:00 – 4:00 Best Practice Awards
Great news… the Best Practices Awards are back! This is your chance to share your successes, learn how other SHARP and VPP companies improved their safety and health programs, and be recognized.

To participate in this unique event, your Best Practice must be submitted by August 1.

For more details, contact Nancy Quick at quick.nancy@dol.gov.

What they say about belonging to the SHARP or VPP Program:

“As a result of participation, our site has a comprehensive safety and health management system that has consistently improved over the years with emphasis on the total involvement of both management and our employees. Through the efforts of all employees, the facility has continued to experience injury and illness rates well below the industry average.”

“At the plant, we are 100% committed … By following the guidelines, we find it easy to reach our safety and health objectives. It is a tremendous asset to have OSHA models to follow to promote a good safety program.”

For the worker

Statistical evidence is impressive. The average SHARP/VPP worksite has a Days Away Restricted or Transferred (DART) case rate of 52% below the average for its industry. These sites typically do not start out with such low rates. Reductions in injuries and illnesses begin when the site commits to the SHARP/VPP approach to safety and health management and the challenging application process.

For the employer

Fewer injuries and illnesses mean greater profits as workers’ compensation premiums and other costs plummet. Entire industries benefit as SHARP/VPP sites evolve into models of excellence and influence practices industry-wide.

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