I hope you are enjoying the fall. I want to thank everyone that came to our September meeting. The meeting was well attended and our guest presenters did a great job. I would like to thank Mike Scime, OSHA Buffalo Area Director and Gordon DeLeys, OSHA Buffalo Area Compliance Assistance Specialist, for presenting the annual “OSHA Update”. An interesting point of discussion during the night was the new OSHA recordkeeping and reporting rules.

As a firefighter and EMT, I would be remiss if I did not mention that Fire Prevention & Safety should be a focus in your home during the month of October. The 2014 NFPA Fire Prevention theme is “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. Fire prevention and safety in the home is not just for our kids in school. Smoke detectors are an early warning system that, like our emergency alarms and detection systems at work, must be tested periodically. As part of preventive maintenance, the batteries need to be changed regularly, and depending on the make and model, the smoke detectors maximum life of service may only be 7-10 years. This information can be found on the underside of the detector. We wouldn’t allow our emergency systems at work to fail, we can’t allow them to fail at home either.

I also passionately ask everyone to drill their escape routes out of the house, with everyone at home, not just our kids. As elder care increases in the home, we must be diligent in making sure everyone knows what to do if there is a fire. Review your home muster point (meeting place) and practice “stay low and go”, the technique to use in a real fire where smoke is banking down from the ceiling. Sleep with your bedroom doors closed if possible. Make sure that everyone in the house knows to check their door with the back of their hand before exiting. If the door is hot, have a plan to stay in the room and signal for help. Don’t forget that grandparents should drill with their grandchildren who have sleepovers at their house too.

The board and I are looking forward to another great year of ASSE. Our main chapter and construction section fall schedule is complete but we are always looking for member feedback and ideas. If you have a meeting topic idea for the spring calendar, please drop me an e-mail.

We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting. Watch our website for meeting details and times.

Regards,

John
president@nfasse.org
RIT OSHA Education Center Offers Another New Certificate Program

RIT OSHA Education Center is pleased to announce that they are offering a new certificate entitled "Public Sector Safety and Health Fundamentals.”

This new certificate is a nationally recognized credential for individuals working in a local, state or federal government agency. Participants in this certificate program are able to customize their program for construction or general industry safety and health knowledge. The certificate is awarded after completion of at least 68 hours of required and elective courses.

For more information regarding the Public Sector Safety and Health Fundamentals Certificate Program, please visit our new certificate page.

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We want to hear from you!

If you have an interesting article or any safety info, Please feel free to send it to me at newsletter@nfasse.com, and I will see that it is published in the next NFCASSE news letter.

Thanks,
Chris
Highlights form the September 2014 NFCASSE meeting

Thank you to those who attended our first meeting last night. It went well with 24 guests. Mike and Gordon did a great job. Highlights included the (re) presentation of the SPY award to Roni Brown, some interest from the membership in vetting the potential scholarship, and good discussion around the OSHA presentation, especially the new reporting requirements for in patient hospitalizations, amputations, and loss of an eye, starting 1-1-15. The bbq ribs were good too.

We are firming the details on the October Fall Protection Frequently Asked Questions Panel meeting. I will speak with everyone soon.

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**Educational Breakout Sessions**

- **OSHA Update (8:00 am)** - Stay on top of NEW and existing OSHA regs and timely topics that keep you educated and informed on what is required to be safe and OSHA compliant. You can also participate in OSHA Q&A to get answers to your own specific questions.

- **Vending Solutions (9:30 am)** - Point-of-Use Solutions that Enable 24 x 7 x 365 Efficiency, Accountability and Cost Savings. You will learn how to achieve consistent savings of 15-30% through a simple method of making materials available directly at the work cell and managing quantities through accessibility and reporting.

- **NFPA 70E Update (1:00 pm)** - Learn more about PPE in the workplace based on OSHA's final ruling released April 2014. Review of test methods and industry data utilized in determining appropriate flame resistant clothing and PPE for Arc Flash & Flash-Fire.

- **GHS (2:30 pm)** - OSHA's revised Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200) took effect May 25, 2012. Do you know the Compliance Timeline? In this session you will find out what your responsibilities as an employer are and if you are in compliance with the first deadline of December 1, 2013.

**Register NOW for**

**Buffalo**

**Tuesday October 28th**

**The Event Center**

**Hamburg Fairgrounds**

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Hamburg, NY 14075
The Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s revised recordkeeping rule includes two key changes:

First, the rule updates the list of industries that are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep OSHA injury and illness records, due to relatively low occupational injury and illness rates. The previous list of industries was based on the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 1996, 1997, and 1998. The new list of industries that are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA injury and illness records is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 2007, 2008, and 2009. Note: The new rule retains the exemption for any employer with ten or fewer employees, regardless of their industry classification, from the requirement to routinely keep records.

Second, the rule expands the list of severe work-related injuries that all covered employers must report to OSHA. The revised rule retains the current requirement to report all work-related fatalities within 8 hours and adds the requirement to report all work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and loss of an eye within 24 hours to OSHA.

Establishments located in States under Federal OSHA jurisdiction must begin to comply with the new requirements on January 1, 2015. Establishments located in states that operate their own safety and health programs (State Plan States) should check with their state plan for the implementation date of the new requirements. OSHA encourages the states to implement the new coverage provisions on 1/1/2015, but some may not be able to meet this tight deadline.

The final rule will allow OSHA to focus its efforts more effectively to prevent fatalities and serious work-related injuries and illnesses. The final rule will also improve access by employers, employees, researchers and the public to information about workplace safety and health and increase their ability to identify and abate serious hazards.

OSHA's updated recordkeeping rule expands the list of severe injuries that employers must report to OSHA.

As of January 1, 2015, all employers must report:

1. All work-related fatalities within 8 hours.
2. All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, all amputations and all losses of an eye within 24 hours.

You can report to OSHA by:

1. Calling OSHA’s free and confidential number at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).
2. Calling your closest Area Office during normal business hours.
Using the new [online form](#) that will soon be available.

Only fatalities occurring within 30 days of the work-related incident must be reported to OSHA. Further, for an in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye, these incidents must be reported to OSHA only if they occur within 24 hours of the work-related incident.

[More information on new reporting requirements](#).