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Gobble till ya



WOBBLE!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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IF YOU THINK
OSHA IS A
SMALL TOWN
IN WISCONSIN
YOU'RE IN
TROUBLE

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The Presidents Corner ...

By: John A. Monson



After some contemplation of what I would write for this month's newsletter, I decided on something simple but important to many of us.... I would like to thank all of our NFASSE members that are currently serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. Your service is appreciated.

Our veterans are not just soldiers, they are guardians and heroes. Let us never forget the sacrifices they and their families have made for us. It is warming to know that many of our fellow safety professionals continue to protect those around them by working in the safety field.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Regards,

John

ASSE Backs NTSB for Tougher Standard on Impaired Driving

ASSE is backing [National Transportation Safety Board's \(NTSB\)](#) effort to encourage states to reduce the legal standard for alcohol-impaired driving from a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of 0.08% to 0.05%.



In a letter to Christopher Hart, acting NTSB chair, President Patricia M. Ennis, CSP, ARM, wrote, "ASSE's interest in seeing that the legal standard for driver impairment is lowered arises from our members' interest in doing whatever is reasonably possible to make driving safer." In the U.S., more workers die on highways than in any other workplace setting. According to an NTSB report, success in addressing this issue has plateaued. "Since 1995, although the annual number of fatalities has declined, nearly one in three of all highway deaths still involves an alcohol-impaired driver. The cause of these deaths is well understood and preventable, yet even the most concerted efforts have not kept thousands of lives from being lost," the report notes. "On the release of NTSB's 2013 [Safety Report, Reaching Zero: Actions to Eliminate Alcohol-Impaired Driving](#), the members of [ASSE's] [Transportation Practice Specialty](#) took it upon themselves to develop a position paper supporting NTSB's call." Ennis notes that a lower BAC, increased education, in-vehicle devices and other measures addressed in the Reaching Zero report will help significantly to manage these driving risks.

"We know the task of achieving a 0.05% BAC across the country will be long and challenging," Ennis writes. "We encourage you to include ASSE if there are opportunities to work together with the NTSB and its partners in helping advance this effort. The members of our Transportation Practice Specialty in particular are eager to work to support the adoption of this measure" [Click here](#) to learn more.

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**SAVE TOMORROW
THINK SAFETY TODAY**

Thanksgiving Dinner Safety

Thanksgiving would not be the same without friends, family and a large meal. Here are some tips to keep everyone safe during this special day.

-Never thaw a turkey at room temperature because this promotes the growth of dangerous bacteria. The safest way to thaw a turkey is to thaw it in the refrigerator. You should do this with the turkey still in its own unopened wrapper breast facing up and placed on a tray. The accepted rule of thumb for time is 1 day refrigerator thawing for every four pounds of turkey.

- Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven. Ensure all decorations and other clutter is away from the cooking surfaces.

- When cooking, do not wear clothing with loose sleeves or dangling jewelry. The clothing can catch on fire and the jewelry can catch on pot handles, causing spills and burns.

- Cook on the back burners when possible and turn pot handles in so they don't extend over the edge of the stove.

- Candles are often part of holiday decorations. Candles should be located where children will not be tempted to play with them, and where guests will not accidentally brush against them.

- When it's time to cut the turkey, be sure to utilize a sharp knife. Sharp knives cut easier than dull ones and you're less likely to cut yourself accidentally.

With a large family gathering and a larger than usual meal, leftovers are on the table a little bit longer than usual. In general, if it has been left out over two hours you should not keep it. It should just be thrown out.

Have a safe Thanksgiving.



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 October meeting. We would like to thank panel of Fall Protection experts, Bob Overhoff, Dave Bissonnet, and Mike Willoby from OSHA..



The food and fellowship was great and a good time was had by all.

The Role of Social Media in OSH

Social media is ever-present these days, whether it's checking Facebook, sending a tweet or connecting with professionals and groups through LinkedIn. But these services can also be a valuable tool in the world of OSH for a variety of reasons.



These type of platforms are a great resource for [up-to-the-minute news in safety and health](#), as well as a place to find out about upcoming events or seminars. Social media can also provide information about how where to get credits and certification.

They perform as the best source to get up-to-the-minute information about new OSHA standards and updated training materials when they are needed. Sites like these have has the ability to connect safety professionals with their counterparts across the world, with the ability to showcase success stories in their area and provide the opportunity to discuss areas of improvement in countries that struggle with safety and health.

While safety and health is absolutely a serious issue, social media has the flexibility to be fun. There are many ways to [weave in pop culture](#), current events or trends into a discussion to create a greater understanding of a specific issue or simply to increase your network.



Date	Topic	Location	Time
11/21/14	Indoor Air Quality / Mold Joint meeting with Construction Section.	Danforth Training Room	Lunch (12:00pm)