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Guest Speaker Don Jones,
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VPP Self-Evaluation Workshop in Baton Rouge

If you are involved with VPP at your facility and need to brush up on the required self evaluation paperwork, then join Don Jones as he explains everything you need to know.

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Need a TWIC card? It's Crunch Time!

Now you have two options available at your Safety Council facilities. Make sure and get your card before the January deadline.

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What Famous Tiger Recently Trained at the Safety Council?

Find out how your peer's comments about the Safety Council size up with comments from a former pro football player.

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What Are These Safety Professionals Doing?

Is it a dance? Is it an new exercise? No...it's a new technique taught to hundreds of people at a recent gathering in Baton Rouge.

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Safety Council Welcomes These New Members

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VPP Annual Self Evaluation Workshop in Baton Rouge

Is your company an **OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)** site? If so, you must submit your self evaluation by February 15, 2009. To assist you with that process, we are sponsoring a workshop to help you understand the steps necessary to effectively and efficiently conduct this required paperwork.

This 6-hour class will take place at the Safety Council's Baton Rouge training center, on January 8; and, will be presented by Don Jones. Don has been actively involved with OSHA, the VPP and the **VPP Participants' Association (VPPPA)** at a local, regional and national level for the past 20+ years. Don has also been active in VPP as a mentor, trainer and Special Government Employee (SGE). One of the highlights of Don's career is working with the government of Ireland to establish a VPP in their country. Don is also former president of the **American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)**.



The workshop will be focused on the OSHA Region VI VPP annual self-evaluation but the principles learned will apply to all.

Who Should Attend:

- Safety and Health Managers
- Safety and Health Committee Members
- VPP Committee Members
- Site VPP Contacts/Coordinators
- Site employees involved in conducting, preparing and submitting the VPP Annual Self-Evaluation

The cost for the workshop, including lunch, is \$199 with a \$10 discount for Safety Council members. The course will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Visit www.safetycla.org for online registration or [click here](#) and use promotional code **SCLCA** to receive your discount. If you have any questions regarding this workshop contact Dianna Braud at (225) 282-3297, or dbraud@safetycla.org.



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Need a TWIC™ card? It's Crunch Time!

In an effort to help save you time by being a one-stop shop, the Safety Council provided space to the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** for a Transportation Worker Identification Credential, or TWIC, Enrollment Center at our Siegen Lane location. After listening to the needs of our members, the Safety Council agreed to provide additional space to the TSA for a TWIC Enrollment Center inside our Addis training facility. The newly opened Enrollment Center is at 7640 Highway 1 South, Addis, LA. The Addis TWIC Enrollment Center is open from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., M-F; and, can be reached by dialing (225) 282-3273. The Siegen Lane TWIC Enrollment Center is open from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., M-F; and can be reached by dialing (225) 282- 3309. The TWIC Helpdesk can be reached at 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942). Security is being provided in our parking lots from 6:30 p.m. until close.



As Baton Rouge port facilities near their January 13th compliance date, we anticipate seeing longer lines at each of the Enrollment Centers. The Safety Council would like to encourage you to pre-enroll. This can be done over the phone by calling 1-866-DHS-TWIC or via the TWIC website at www.tsa.gov/twic.

If you are interested in receiving additional TWIC news, you may sign-up for electronic notifications via the TWIC website - http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/index.shtm, or by clicking this link: [Notify me of updated TWIC News!](#)

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What Famous Tiger Trained at the Safety Council?

Safety Council trainees come from all walks of life. Recently, we had the pleasure of serving Tommy Hodson, former Louisiana State University and National Football League quarterback. Following his training, Tommy stopped by our offices to share with us his thoughts on his experience at the Safety Council:

"Prior to my visit to the Safety Council, I was unaware of the extensive safety concerns that are present in the industrial atmosphere. Upon completion of the class, I am more knowledgeable and am looking forward to utilizing the information I learned in my upcoming plant visits." - **Tommy Hodson, JTH Agencies**

Tommy's sentiments are echoed by other students that choose to train at the Safety Council.

"The class [Basic Orientation Plus™] was very interesting and the instructor...kept the class interesting. The information that I have acquired [at the Safety Council] will take me into a safer surrounding. Thanks a bunch." - **Clementine Turner**

If you are interested in getting a behind-the-scenes look at any of your Safety Council locations or if you would like to learn more about the many ways we can serve you, contact Dianna Braud, at 225-282-3297, or dbraud@safetylca.org, to schedule a tour.



Tommy Hodson autographing a **Think Safe, Think Family** cooler. Win this item at the Safety Council's Annual Meeting on April 3, 2009.

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What Are These Safety Professionals Doing?

Hundreds of safety professionals were exhibiting strange behaviors at the 13th Annual Gulf Coast Safety + Security Conference & Expo. No, this is not an image from *Dancing with the Safety Stars*, but a snapshot of just one of the many thought-provoking strength and positive-thinking exercises led by keynote speaker Jerry Teplitz, Ph.D.



This year's attendees enjoyed sessions from more than 20 expert speakers and exhibits from over 40 vendors selected by the Gulf Coast Safety + Security Conference & Expo planning committee. Hip, Hip Hooray! to the planning committee volunteers for their help in creating such a terrific and worthwhile event. Members of the 2008 planning committee included: **Sarah Taylor, Gulf Coast Occupational Medicine; Lance Roux, SafetyPro Resources; Joe Tudor, Shell Chemical; Eric Bertolet, TOPCOR Services; George Stevens, URS Corporation; Mike Parker, NRG Energy Inc.; John Voinche', Roco Corpotation; and Lawrence Mauerman, Southeastern University.**

Congratulations also goes to **Ramon Gonzales of Grady Crawford Construction.** His completed conference evaluation survey was pulled during the close-of-conference drawing. He has won a free pass to the 2009 conference.

Mark your calendars and watch your mailboxes! Our 2009 conference will take place in October, in Baton Rouge.





Nucor Steel Exploring Safety Options

Representatives from **Nucor Steel Marion Inc.** have been checking out the Safety Council. During a recent visit to the capital city, Nucor's Safety Coordinator Tom Reeves stopped in to tour the Safety Council, its satellite offices in Gonzales and Addis and our secure data center. The visit took place on the heels of their anticipated decision to locate a new steel mill in St. James parish.

The North Carolina steel maker is expected to decide sometime early next year if they will build their \$2 billion dollar plant in either St. James Parish, on the same piece of land passed on by ThyssenKrupp last year or in Brazil.

The new plant would create 2,000 construction jobs and 500 permanent jobs, with an average salary of \$75,000.



Pictured L to R: William Dufrene, Melissa Sparks from the Safety Council and Tom Reeves from Nucor





Hats Off to Local Contractors Honored for Safety Achievements

Several local companies were in the spotlight at the **Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance (GBRIA) Safety Excellence Awards** banquet.



Pictured L to R – Hal G. Ginn Award Winners: Doris D. Smith, Greg Nolan, Corey Crochet, Greg Brown, Herbert “Bubba” Guhn, Scott Coneland and David Swoffer.

The GBRIA awards program recognizes excellent safety performance by contractors working in industrial facilities. The winning companies must demonstrate a level of safety excellence that includes millions of hours worked without injury, a commitment by management to educate workers, and a culture where accidents do not happen.

The top award, the **Hal G. Ginn Safety Excellence Award** was given to **AbClean, Inc.** for best overall safety performance.

Other companies recognized as leaders in safety were: **PALA Interstate; Excel Contractors, Inc.; Shaw Maintenance, Inc.; Performance Contractors;**

Midwest Cooling Tower Services, Inc.; Webb, Murray & Associates, Inc.; Industrial Specialty Contractors, LLC; Basic Industries, Inc.; Capital Ultrasonics, LLC; Ford, Bacon and Davis, LLC; Veolia Water NA; SGS North America, Inc.; OGC; Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services; and, United Scaffolding, Inc.

Special Recognition Awards were also presented to: **Performance Contractors; Cajun Constructors; BE&K Construction Company; Jacobs Engineering; Turner Industries Group; Petrin Corporation; Protherm Services Group, Inc.; Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services; SGS Petroleum Services Corporation; John L. Lowery & Associates, Inc.; Westgate LLC; United Scaffolding, Inc.; HydroChem Industrial Services; and, Johnson Controls, Inc.**

This year’s banquet was held on October 16, at the Marriott Hotel, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Safety Council congratulates each winner and wishes everyone a safe and prosperous 2009!





Growing to Serve You Better

The expansion of the Safety Council Express in Gonzales is complete. The newly remodeled space features an expanded computer lab, a larger classroom, an additional 74-car parking lot and several other new features.



Students testing in the new computer lab at the Safety Council Express in Gonzales.

In addition, the Gonzales location will open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., starting December 20, 2008. Did you know that our training facility in Baton Rouge also has weekend hours? It is open on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month from 6:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Call our Member Services Department in Baton Rouge at (225) 282-3269 or Gonzales (225) 647-8161 for more details.



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Jan
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VPP Self Evaluation Workshop

Where: Safety Council
Baton Rouge Training
Center

When: January 8, 2009

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Guest Speaker, Don Jones
Dow Chemical

Mar.
21st

Think Safe. Think Family Day

Where: Bally's Total
Fitness
Perkins Rowe Suite 100
Baton Rouge,

When: March 21, 2009

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Apr.
3rd

Safety Council Annual Meeting

Where: River Center,
Baton Rouge

When: April 3, 2009

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Welcome...New Safety Council Members

1. Wolverine Industries LLC
2. Marshal Dugas
3. ARCCO Company Services Inc.
4. Session Ent. LLC
5. Nalco – Sugar Land
6. Quality Technical Services, Inc.
7. Axion Logistics, LTD
8. Video Pipe Inspection, Inc.
9. Global Industries Contractors, LLC
10. Mandina's Inspection Services, Inc.
11. Bernuchaux Fabricators Inc.
12. Sunbelt Supply
13. Electricom LLC
14. Brian McQuillin
15. GT Michelli Co.
16. Tolunay Wong Engineers Inc.
17. Central Maintenance & Welding
18. Career Finders LLC
19. DCR Industrial Services, Inc.
20. Mohawk Field Services
21. Honeywell HPS
22. New South Equipment Mats

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