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2008 Gold COSS®
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Shaping the Future. What's Next?

Last year's Safety Council Annual Meeting left attendees saying, "Can't wait until next year!" Well, the wait is over as the 2009 Annual Meeting is right around the corner.

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Students working with the IEC Simulator

Employee Training that Pays for Itself!?

When downtime can cost the average company up to \$50,000 per hour, training that can substantially reduce that downtime is worth its weight in gold. Find out where and when you can take this valuable training.

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Instructor, Don Jones

OSHA Revises the VPP Program

Is your company in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program or looking to be soon? If so, then register now for this upcoming workshop.

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Don't miss these important dates.

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Safety Council Welcomes These New Members

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Shaping the Future, What's Next?

Come see 'What's Next!' for the future of safety training and education at your Safety Council's 2009 Annual Meeting and Safety Awards Celebration. Stand with us as we shine a light on the best of the best. We will recognize your peers who have achieved the highest standards in safety practices.



2007 Gold Level COSS Excellence in Safety Award Winner

Pictured L to R: Safety Council Chairman of the Board, Keith Sliman of **Ford, Bacon & Davis**; Daniel Breaux, **Atlantic Scaffolding**; and, Safety Council President/CEO, Kathy Trahan

Take a glimpse into the future of training; dance the night away with Stormy; and, savor a gourmet meal. The future unfolds on the evening of Friday, April 3, 2009, at the Baton Rouge River Center. You will not want to miss this opportunity to gaze into tomorrow as we honor the best of today.

Both individual tickets and tables are available for purchase. For more information or to register, visit www.safetylca.org or contact Melissa Matherne at (225) 282.3315 or mmatherne@safetylca.org.





Employee Training That Pays for Itself!?!

Back by popular demand...a unique troubleshooting workshop designed to decrease equipment downtime and increase your E & I employees' productivity. This 2-day workshop teaches students how to determine the cause of equipment failure through the use of schematics, test equipment and the unique IEC Simulator. After learning the methodology and applying the troubleshooting technique, our last group of students recorded a total downtime of only 2.55 hours compared to over 27 hours prior to learning the techniques. The average downtime cost for mass volume industries is approximately \$50,000 per hour! [Click here for the course description.](#)

There are no prerequisites for this course as it is flexible enough to develop the inexperienced beginner or the seasoned incumbent. Reviews from our last class echoed these sentiments:



Students testing their skills on the classroom simulator

"I think the whole shop should attend. Not just fun, but [educational] too." - *Greg Smith, 1 year E/I experience, Mosaic Fertilizer*

"[The] course met and exceeded my expectations. I would highly recommend [it] to the rest of the individuals in my company. There is nothing like hands on." - *Maurice Brown, 11 years E/I experience, Lion Copolymer*

The course will be held at the Addis Safety Council located at 7640 Highway 1 South on May 19th & 20th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$895 per individual, which includes breakfast and lunch. Register online by visiting www.safetylca.org. For more information, contact Dianna Braud at (225) 282-3297 or dbraud@safetylca.org.



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OSHA Revises the VPP Program

Is your company in the **OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)** or interested in qualifying for the VPP? Revisions to VPP, taking effect on May 9, 2009, may affect you. Learn more about these revisions at a 6-hour workshop led by Don Jones CSP, PE, at the Safety Council's Baton Rouge Training Center,



on April 23. 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 the VPP as a mentor, trainer and Special Government Employee (SGE). He has received the prestigious VPPPA National Safety and Health Outreach Award and was also the recipient of the SGE of the Year Award for OSHA Region VI.

Who Should Attend?

- Safety and Health Managers
- Safety and Health Committee Members
- VPP Committee Members
- Site VPP Contacts/Coordinators
- Companies currently in VPP or considering VPP
- Construction companies considering VPP Mobile Workforce
- Companies considering VPP Corporate

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.safetylca.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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OSHA Multi-Employer Policy Upheld in March 9th Court Ruling

A recent decision by the 8th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals places the responsibility of monitoring all employees and aspects of the worksite back to the controlling employer. The Court's ruling on March 9, upholds the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA)** multi-employer citation policy and overturns an earlier decision by the **Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC)** which held that a controlling employer cannot be cited based on a hazard that it did not create and to which it did not expose its own employees.



The 8th Circuit's ruling means the controlling employer is once again held accountable for keeping **all** employees safe at a worksite, not just their own employees. The multi-employer citation policy states that OSHA may issue citations to employers that not only expose their own employees to a hazard but as well as those that create the hazard, are responsible for correcting the hazard and employers exercising general supervisory authority over the worksite.

To read this decision, visit <http://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/opns/opFrame.html> and search for case number: 07-2191. To read OSHA's Multi-Employer Citation Policy visit http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=DIRECTIVES&p_id=2024





Behavior Safety Specialist Certificate Program...An Industry First

You have an opportunity to take part in a new certificate program that is the first of its kind. The Behavior Safety Specialist (BSS) class is a unique course that trains individuals specifically in the development, implementation, and evaluation of behavior safety programs. If you are, or are considering being, the person charged with coordinating the behavior safety program for your company you will find this course invaluable. You'll learn how to develop, present, and evaluate Behavior Based Safety programs.

A Behavior Safety Specialist is someone who possesses the expertise needed for creating behavior safety programs that raise awareness levels, get employees involved, and reduce human errors. An individual who successfully completes this 40-hour training class will be an official Behavior Safety Specialist that will be trained to:



BSS

**Behavior Safety Specialist
A Certificate Program**

- Improve communication between and among employees.
- Increase cooperation and teamwork.
- Identify techniques for improving personal work behaviors.
- Improve human performance factors through observation and feedback.
- Increase professional and personal responsibilities.
- Focus on "active participation" for increasing a commitment to safety performance.

The Safety Council of Louisiana Capital Area is giving you the chance to evaluate this course at a reduced, introductory rate of \$895 for a limited time only. The class will take place at the Baton Rouge training center beginning on Monday, May 4th. For more information, contact Dianna Braud at (225) 282-3297 or dbraud@safetylca.org.





OSHA Eliminates Confusion to the Employer Paid PPE Regulation

The **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** has amended the personal protective equipment (PPE) regulation that stipulates the employer's duty to provide PPE and training for covered employees.

This amendment, which took effect on January 12, 2009, clarifies that the existing PPE standard applies to each employee and that noncompliance to the ruling may expose the employer to liability on a per-employee basis. Accordingly, an employer may receive a separate citation and proposed penalty for each employee who is not provided with the required PPE or training. This recent ruling is a clarification to the existing PPE standard and does not add any new compliance obligations for the employer.

To read the entire ruling, visit the OSHA website by clicking here http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=FEDERAL_REGISTER&p_id=21370.



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Welcome...New Safety Council Members

1. AGR Group Field Operations Inc.
2. Screening Services International Inc.
3. Scott County Community Development Agency
4. Dashiell, LLC
5. Crescent Coatings & Services Inc.
6. Frontier El Dorado Refining Company
7. RJ's Transportation, LLC
8. JBS Swift & Company
9. Site Safety & Environmental LLC
10. Pedigo Construction LLC
11. Southern Comfort Shelters
12. AC Plastiques USA LLC
13. DM Bass
14. SanServe Building Services

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Apr.
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Safety Council Annual Meeting

Where: River Center Ballroom, Baton Rouge
When: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm
[Add to Outlook Calendar](#)
Click above link, click "Open", save to calendar.



Apr.
23

OSHA VPP Revisions Workshop

Where: Safety Council 8180 Siegen Lane, Baton Rouge - Room 7
When: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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May
4-8

Behavior Safety Specialist Course

Where: Safety Council 8180 Siegen Lane, Baton Rouge - Room 7
When: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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May
19-20

Interlock & Controls Circuitry Troubleshooting Workshop

Where: Addis Safety Council 7640 Highway 1 South
When: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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June
15

Safetyland Begins

Where: East Baton Rouge,
Ascension & Livingston
Parishes

When: June 15, 2009

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