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Celebrate A Future of Possibilities

You don't want to miss the Safety Council's 50th Anniversary Gala at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. You have less than two weeks to guarantee your seat.

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The Safety Council Team Continues to Grow

Meet the Safety Council's newest addition to our leadership team and learn about the top honors earned by two of our current executives.

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Terry Edward, Mid-South Sales

A Place Where Every Member is Golden

After spending a day recently at the Safety Council, **Mid-South Sales**, Terry Edward says, "Your people are awesome!" After 50 years of service, hearing our member's comments are still the brightest part of our day.

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Eddie Clayton,
Southern Company Generation

Workforce Shortage Solutions Seeker

Learn about innovative solutions used by one local executive to help solve this region's labor shortage and the award he is receiving for his efforts.

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Celebrate a Future of Possibilities

Purpose, progress, and possibilities......the Safety Council has brought all of these to our members over the past 50 years. Celebrate the future of training at our 50th Anniversary Gala & Awards Ceremony on April 5, 2008. Experience a safety evolution as we rock from 1958 to the next generation of training and beyond. This fast-paced evening will move you from the edge of your seat, up to your feet, dancing to the musical melodies of our live entertainment, Stormy.

For the past 50 years, the Safety Council's purpose has been to assist in the development of a safe, skilled workforce and a safer community. Our dedicated board of directors guides our staff by offering unique perspectives to the challenges our members face.



Keith Sliman, Safety Council
Chairman of the Board and
Safety/Security Director at Ford,
Bacon & Davis.

"Our future is exciting," said **Keith Sliman**, Safety Council Chairman of the Board and Safety/Security Director at **Ford, Bacon and Davis**. "We are the architects for the future of safety education and training. We want all of our members to share in this incredible evening. You have to see the 3-D technology that will transform training. It will be a night you will tell people about."

Fine food and the fabulous sounds are on the agenda along with our annual safety and heroism awards presentation. You will not want to miss our own version of *Dancing With the Stars*!

The historic Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center is the place to be on Saturday, April 5th as we pay tribute to our purpose, progress and possibilities. Online registration for individual and group seating is available at www.safetylca.org. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration closes March 28, 2008. Limited seating is available. Please contact Crystal Pichon at (225) 766-0955 or cpichon@safetylca.org for more information.





The Safety Council Team Continues to Grow

The Safety Council is pleased to welcome **Lisa Oubre** to our leadership team. Lisa, formerly the head of Human Resources and Benefits at **Excel Group** in Baton Rouge joins the Safety Council as our Vice President of Community Services and Human Resources. With over 22 years of industry experience, she brings her valued insights into leading our community division and directing the human resources strategy at the council.



Vice President of
Community Services &
Human Resources
Lisa Oubre

Lisa is eager to meet with our membership to discuss ways our community division can assist you in communicating important safety messages to your workforce. If you have any ideas you would like to discuss with her, send her an email at loubre@safetylca.org.

Our commitment to professional growth continues as well. We proudly announce that our President/CEO **Kathy Trahan** and our Vice President of Operations **Bill Dufrene** have earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the **American Society of Association Executives**. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than 5 percent of all association professionals have earned the CAE.

"I am thrilled to learn that Bill and I have achieved the CAE designation. The CAE credentialing process has given us a wealth of information regarding best practices and strategies, and has furthered our ability to streamline our processes to allow our members to save time and money," Trahan said. "Of course, earning the CAE is not an end point—it signifies our ongoing commitment to professional growth, which is consistent with the Safety Council's mission to provide our members with timely solutions."

Join us in welcoming Lisa and congratulating Kathy and Bill.



President/CEO Kathy Trahan



Vice President of
Operations, Bill Dufrene



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A Place Where Every Member is Golden

After spending the day completing his safety training at the Baton Rouge Safety Council, **Terry Edward**, from **Mid-South Sales Company**, said his recent visit was a "terrific experience". Edward commented,



Terry Edward,
Mid-South Sales Company

"Y'all provided me with a very valuable service in a bright, friendly, efficient manner that made a potentially very tedious day into a great experience - something that I heard from more than one person as we were leaving. So, give yourselves a 10."

Experiences, like those of Mr. Edward's, are what we have aimed to achieve for the past 50 years. As a member-driven association, we strive to provide comprehensive training, resources and time-saving solutions to our members and the community. We realize that safety and workforce development are achieved one person at a time.

Thank you Mr. Edward for your words of encouragement. If you would like to share your experiences with the Safety Council or if you have a training need you would like to discuss with us, please contact us at (225) 766-0955.



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Workforce Shortage Solutions Seeker

Eddie Clayton, Southern Company Generation's Outage Planning Manager, will be recognized for his efforts to overcome the southeast region's workforce shortage. Clayton was instrumental in forming the **Southeast Manpower Tripartite Alliance (SEMTA)**, a group of owners, contractors and labor interests formed to develop solutions to the gulf coast region's workforce gap. The Safety Council is a member of this group.



Eddie Clayton, Southern
Company Generation

Clayton will be honored on April 3, 2008 as one of the Top 25 Newsmakers at the **McGraw Hill Construction/ENR 43rd** Annual Award of Excellence Black Tie Gala in New York City.

Under his leadership, SEMTA has developed the southeast region's first labor demand projections. This supply and demand information has been influential in creating awareness of the skilled labor shortage and has been used to initiate actions. In an effort to schedule regional projects more efficiently, more than 60 utilities and industrial owners participated in a survey. As noted in the ENR award announcements, Clayton said, "I felt it was better to cooperate with peers, contractors

and labor to determine the magnitude of the problem. This has heightened the awareness that we have a problem."

The **Construction Labor Research Council** used information gathered by SEMTA to draft its report that reveals that demand for some crafts will rise more than 40% in the next four years. SEMTA meets twice a year to discuss ways to minimize potential labor shortages. Clayton says SEMTA meetings have attracted up to 250 attendees and a new labor-demand survey is being planned in the near future.

The Safety Council congratulates Eddie Clayton for helping to identify solutions to address this region's labor shortages.



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New Location. New Technology.

As a benefit to our members and students in West Baton Rouge Parish, we are pleased to announce that the Safety Council Addis training center, located at 7640 Highway 1 South, is open to serve you. Our Addis satellite provides the same services offered at the Gonzales satellite plus much more! The 6,500 square foot facility includes an additional classroom and a 50% increase in computer lab capacity when



compared to Gonzales. The state-of-the-art technology used in the Addis computer lab allows six workstations to share the hardware of just one processor. This new configuration reduces expenses and is extremely energy efficient. A group of six workstations consumes 95% less power when compared to a single PC. This same technology has been implemented in our Baton Rouge computer lab.

The ACT testing services, previously at our Baton Rouge facility, is now at home in our upgraded Addis training facility. In addition, our new satellite location houses Gulf Coast Occupational Medicine's office. They are offering occupational testing, drug & alcohol screening, blood work, x-rays, and medical care. They have a fulltime, healthcare provider onsite for physicals and injury treatment.

Our newest facility is part of our ongoing effort to assist industry in maintaining an educated and healthy workforce. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of each month. The Safety Council phone number for the Addis training center is (225) 766-0955 ext. 201 and 202; and, Gulf Coast Occupational Medicine can be reached at ext. 203 or 205.

Share in our ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on **Thursday, May 1st**. The ribbon cutting will take place at 11:30 a.m., with lunch to follow. The facility will be open for the remainder of the afternoon for tours. Feel free to stop by, take a peek and get a bite to eat.



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Meet OSHA's New Area Director

A familiar face is taking the reins of the Baton Rouge Area **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** office. Former Assistant Director, **Dorinda Folsie**, has been appointed the new Area Director.



"As a long-time resident of Louisiana, I am thrilled to be the new Area Director in OSHA's Baton Rouge area office," said Folsie. "It is both an honor and privilege to serve the employers, employees and other stakeholders in the state as we strive to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all workers."

Folsie was previously one of two Assistant Area Directors in OSHA's Baton Rouge office. She is a native of Alabama and a 1986 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. She began working as an Industrial Hygienist Compliance Officer for OSHA in 1991 and then served as the office's Compliance Assistance Specialist from 2003 until February of 2007.

The Safety Council looks forward to working with our new Area Director and the rest of the OSHA staff in helping to keep our members and the community safe.



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Apr.
5th

Safety Council 50th Anniversary Gala

Time: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Capitol Hilton Baton Rouge

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May
1st

Addis Open House & Ribbon Cutting

Where: 7640 Highway 1 South, Addis Safety Council
When: 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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May
8th

Contractor Cook-Off

Where: Lamar Dixon, Gonzales, LA

When: 8:00 a.m.
For more info on this event, contact Arbrie King at (225) 766-0955 ext. 198.

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June
14th

Adventures in Safety

Where: Cabela's 22200 W. Cbela's Pkwy. Gonzales
When: 10am - 2pm

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Safetyland Begins

Where: Gonzales, Baton Rouge and our new location

June
16th

in Addis

Help support a child's safety
adventure. Sponsorships available!
Contact Crystal Pichon at (225) 766-
0955 ext.103.



Sept
16th

**Gulf Coast Safety +
Security Conference &
Expo**

Where: Holiday Inn Select,
Baton Rouge
When: September, 16, 2008
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Transocean Inc.
Atkins Electric Company
Cable Plus, Inc.
Reliable Plumbing, Inc.
Austin Mohawk & Company
Tire Centers LLC
Triple H Construction Inc.
TDC, LLC
Benton's Equipment & Construction
Centerline, Inc.
SGS North America
Thermon Heat Tracing
CLP Resources/Skilled Trade Solutions
Comm Engineering USA, Inc.
RJ Daigle & Sons Contractors Inc.
Boots & Coots
County of Monterey RMA Public Works
Koll Development Company
Nolan Power Group LLC
Patent Construction Systems

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