

February 2018



**February Joint Meeting:  
Philadelphia Section AIHA  
ASSE Philadelphia Chapter  
Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Council  
“The Opioid Crisis  
and The EHS Professional”**

It goes without saying that we are currently in the midst of a crisis involving opioids. It is estimated that more than 100 Americans die after overdosing on opioids every day, and that the Philadelphia area is an epicenter for this issue. Over 80% of the overdose deaths in the Philadelphia area involve opioids, and there were three times more opioid deaths than homicides in the city in 2016.

It also goes without saying that this crisis may be affecting our workplaces. What can we, as EHS professionals, do to protect our workplaces and to help our co-workers? What can be done to ensure the safety of our first responders, who are on the front lines of this important issue?

Please join us for a joint meeting of the Philadelphia Section AIHA, Philadelphia Chapter ASSE and the Mid-Atlantic Construction Safety Council on Wednesday, February 21st as we learn more about this subject.

Our speakers will include Dr. Mike Cirigliani (Penn Medicine/Fox 29 News), speaking on opioids and their effects; Deputy Chief Dennis Merrigan (Philadelphia Fire Department), speaking on “Fentanyl and First Responders: Deadly Impact”; and Hoyt Emmons (Med-Tex Services), speaking on “Substance Ab/Use: Reasonable Suspicion and Program Essentials”.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS MEETING**

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Wednesday, February 21st  
Maggiano’s (205 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA)

**AGENDA:**

- 7:30 AM: Registration/Breakfast/Networking Opportunity
- 8:15 AM: Introductions
- 8:30 AM: Opioids (Dr. Mike Cirigliano (Penn Medicine/Fox 29))
- 9:30 AM: Break/Networking Opportunity
- 9:40 AM: Fentanyl and First Responders: Deadly Impact  
(Dennis Merrigan: Philadelphia Fire Department)
- 10:40 AM: Break/Networking Opportunity
- 10:50 AM: Substance Abuse - Reasonable Suspicion and Program Essentials (Hoyt Emmons: Med-Tex Services)
- 11:50 AM Q & A/Adjournment

**Meeting Fee: \$30** (includes buffet breakfast)

ALL registration for this meeting MUST be done via the ASSE Philadelphia Chapter web site (<http://phila.asse.org/events/chapter-meeting-9/>).

PLEASE do NOT email RSVPs for this meeting.

The web site will provide the option to pre-pay your meeting fee using a credit card on-line, or you can choose the “Pay At The Door” option to pre-register on-line and make payment on the day of the meeting (cash, check or credit card).

This meeting may qualify for ABIH CM points and BCSP Recertification Points.



**Directions to Maggiano's  
(205 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA)**

**For directions to Maggiano's, please visit**

**<https://locations.maggianos.com/pennsylvania/king-of-prussia/205-mall-blvd./#directionsTitle>**

**or**

**<http://www.philaaaha.com/directions.htm>**

## **SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS**



**Dr. Mike Cirigliano: Penn Medicine/Fox 29 News**

Dr. Mike Cirigliano will provide an overview of opioid drugs and their effects.

Dr. Mike Cirigliano is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine and practicing internist at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. In addition to having a very busy Internal Medicine practice, Dr. Cirigliano is also responsible for teaching medical students and residents at the University. Dr. Cirigliano also appears on Fox News Philadelphia on the Good Day show where you may know him as "Dr. Mike" to share his expertise on medical issues.

Dr. Cirigliano has lectured both nationally and internationally on the subject of complimentary and alternative medicine and wellness. He has over 60 publications on the subject and has been published in medical journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association and Hospital Practice.

Dr. Cirigliano has won numerous clinical and teaching awards and also was presented the Humaneness in Medicine Award by the Philadelphia County Medical Society. In May 2004, Dr. Cirigliano was featured on the cover of Philadelphia Magazines Top Doc issue.

Dr. Cirigliano has interests in aviation and plays ice hockey regularly. He is not a very good hockey player.

## SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)

### Deputy Chief Dennis Merrigan: Philadelphia Fire Department



Chief Merrigan will discuss the impact of the current opioid problem as it relates to first responders and the steps necessary to protect the public from this deadly plague. The Philadelphia Fire Department responds to thousands of reported cases of opioid abuse as well as criminal substance manufacturing.

In addition to awareness level training, there will be a case study of a recent major Fentanyl incident in Philadelphia, followed by a question and answer discussion.

Participants in the class should come away with an understanding of the following:

- What Fentanyl is.
- The scope of the problem.
- Real life considerations.
- What it takes to mitigate an incident involving Fentanyl.
- Fentanyl's effects on first responders and the issues we face as a result.

Deputy Chief Dennis Merrigan, MS, ACTS is a 26-year veteran of the Philadelphia, Pa. Fire Department, currently assigned as a Field Incident Safety Officer. He holds a master's degree in emergency management from Millersville University and a post-graduate certificate in terrorism studies from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He started working with Med-Tex Services as a Rescue Technician twenty years ago and has returned as a consultant on various training and safety projects. A US ARMY veteran, Chief Merrigan has fifty certificates of training and has been published multiple times in Firehouse magazine.



## SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS (continued)



### Hoyt Emmons: Med-Tex Services

If you think substance abuse is not a reality in the workplace, consider these facts:

75% of drug users are employed

10% have a substance abuse problem

24% of workers admit to drinking during the workday at least once in the past year

15% of U.S. workers report using alcohol or being impaired on the job in the past year

With this level of substance use, the impact to workplace operations ranges from lost profitability to potentially catastrophic damages and lost lives. Managing substances abuse programs requires several essential elements: sensitivity to our workers; strict compliance with numerous regulatory agencies; training of supervisors on “reasonable suspicion” - how to recognize and investigate behaviors which may result from substance use; and consistency of the program.

The objectives of this training include:

- Understand prudent policy practices and implementation
- Role of Supervisors
- Substance-Related Behaviors and Signs
- Reasonable Suspicion Essentials Practices
- Substance Testing Options and Pros/Con
- Regulatory Considerations (OSHA, HIPPA, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988; Fair Employment requirements; Americans with Disabilities Act; DOT; and other legal considerations.
- Resources available

Hoyt Emmons, MS, MBA is a Senior Consultant with Med-Tex Services, Inc., where he provides EHS and Security support to a wide variety of industries and clients. Hoyt has been a safety professional for over thirty years with responsibilities ranging from toxicology safety research to being the department head of EHS and Security for multi-billion dollar companies. Hoyt is known and respected for his ability to integrate program redesigns into existing EHS programs while engaging the workplace culture to sustain continuous EHS improvements.

Professionally, Hoyt is passionate about client service, ergonomics, safety education and training (teaching), and helping people be safe in the workplace. When not being a safety professional, Hoyt loves being in nature, spending time with friends and family, and being a professional sheep shearer.

Hoyt has a BS in Animal Husbandry; an MBA in Management; and an MS in Environmental Health (Safety).



The American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition is coming back to Philadelphia in May of 2018, and registration is now open!

Your Local Section Board has been working closely with AIHA to set up events at the conference. We are hoping to hold a social event during the conference... stay tuned for details.

We will be looking for volunteers to help out with certain conference-related activities. If you would be interested in helping out, please email us at [AIHCE@philaaaha.com](mailto:AIHCE@philaaaha.com).



AIHF Fun Run/Walk at AIHce

The American Industrial Hygiene Foundation is looking for sponsors for the 2018 AIHF Fun Run/Walk at AIHce.

They are also looking for in-kind donations, such as food or giveaways for the runners.

If you are interested, please contact Thursa La at AIHA ([tla@aiha.org](mailto:tla@aiha.org)).

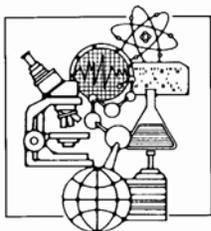
## Philadelphia Section AIHA Upcoming Meetings

**March:** Ignite!-style short presentations by Local Section members

**April:** IH/EHS Legal Issues

**May:** No meeting (AIHce 2018)

**June:** Networking Social



## 2018 Northeast Regional Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition Friday, December 7, 2018

Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village (Princeton, NJ)

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 NE Regional IH Conference and Exposition, being hosted by the Philadelphia Section AIHA, and co-sponsored by the New Jersey and Metro NY Sections.

Please [contact us](#) for sponsorship or vendor opportunities.



## 2018 CALL FOR SPEAKERS – DEADLINE 2/23/2018

The ASSE Philadelphia Chapter invites presentation proposals for our annual Spring Professional Development Conference.

The conference will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2017 at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Delaware County, PA. The mission of the conference is to provide a first-class event for occupational safety and health professionals to learn, network, and grow professionally. Topics submitted should serve to advance the field of occupational safety and health, address key issues, improve professional skills, and/or address emerging challenges.

Speakers should design and practice their presentations to run inside of 60 minutes including the question and answer portion (e.g. 50 minutes plus 10-minute Q&A).

Those wishing to apply should send the following materials in pdf format via email, with "ASSE Phila. Speaker submittal" in the subject line to [cheryl@scanlonsafety.com](mailto:cheryl@scanlonsafety.com) and [bjacobs@uscold.com](mailto:bjacobs@uscold.com).

1. **Description of the Presentation:** Provide a description of your proposed presentation sufficient to evaluate the content and assess the level of interest for attendees. The description should be no more than one page.
2. **Learning Outcomes:** List at least two (2) of the learning outcomes you expect attendees to achieve in this session.
3. **Biographical Summary:** For each speaker, include a short biographical summary including current position, relevant qualifications, speaking experience and contact information.
4. **Brochure Summary:** Provide a 100-word (maximum) summary of your presentation. If your presentation is selected it will be used in our conference brochure and may be edited.

**Honoraria:** Speakers will receive a complimentary conference registration, including lunch and a small gift in appreciation.

**If Selected:** Should your topic be selected for further consideration, you may be asked for additional information such as a copy of any handout materials, an outline of your presentation, PowerPoint presentations and a request for equipment.

The deadline for submissions is February 23, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Scanlon-Zinner at [cheryl@scanlonsafety.com](mailto:cheryl@scanlonsafety.com) or Brittany Jacobs at [bjacobs@uscold.com](mailto:bjacobs@uscold.com)



### ***Sponsorship Opportunities***

**Philadelphia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers**

**Annual Spring Professional Development Conference**

**Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018      Time: 7:30am – 4:30pm**

**Location: Springfield Country Club, 400 W Sproul Rd, Springfield, PA 19064**

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers is excited to provide an upcoming opportunity for you to partner with us as a Sponsor / Vendor at our 2018 Professional Development Conference. We anticipate approximately 100 attendees from many businesses in the Philadelphia area, including small, medium and large employers.

The Philadelphia Chapter is composed of over 500 Chapter members from the metropolitan Tri-State area. We offer this opportunity for you to promote your services and products. The conference will be held at the beautiful Springfield Country Club in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. We very much look forward to your participation and attendance.

We offer the following sponsorship opportunities:

- Flash-Drive Sponsor – \$800: Attendees will each receive a flash-drive loaded with Conference Power Point presentations and Handouts as well as vendor advertising material. (Sponsor may instead choose to supply 100 4KB flash drives at least 2 weeks before the conference date.)
- Vendor/Exhibitor- \$500:
  - Vendor/Exhibitor table in Conference Hub for entire day of conference (7 am – 5:00 pm)
  - Recognition in conference flyers, handouts, and social media announcements
  - Recognition by Chapter President during conference opening remarks
  - Public recognition in all advertising materials
  - Inclusion of vendor advertising materials on attendee flash-drive handout
  - 5-minute opportunity to speak to attendees before one of the seminar sessions
  - Includes registration fee for two (2) people
- Door Prize Sponsors – We invite vendors to supply door prizes to be given away at the end of the conference proceedings. Prizes will be displayed on a table with your company information (brochure, etc.) Your company will receive recognition for the donation and your representative (if present) will be invited to give the prize to the raffle winner.

For more information contact Cheryl Scanlon, [Cheryl@scanlonsafety.com](mailto:Cheryl@scanlonsafety.com) or 215-605-6348.



## Free Professional Development Conference

February 12th 2018

Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing  
201 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Register on-line at:**

**<http://signatorycontractorsassociation.org/program/>**



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

This past August, ASSE members made the historic decision to change the organization's name to the **American Society of Safety Professionals**.

ASSE members voted to amend Society bylaws to reflect the new name. As a separately incorporated entity, our Chapter needs to hold a separate Chapter member vote to change the name in our bylaws, as well.

To learn more about these proposed changes:

View the motion: [https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Philadelphia\\_Chapter\\_Bylaws\\_Amendment\\_Motions.pdf](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Philadelphia_Chapter_Bylaws_Amendment_Motions.pdf)

View a copy of our Chapter's bylaws with the proposed amendments: [https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Philadelphia\\_Chapter\\_PROPOSED\\_ByLaws\\_11.2017.pdf](https://www.asse.org/assets/1/7/Philadelphia_Chapter_PROPOSED_ByLaws_11.2017.pdf)

A member vote on these proposed changes will take place at the February meeting.