

DELTA SAFETY SOCIETY

Memorial Day Monday, May 28th

At the end of the month we will celebrate Memorial Day with family picnics and bar-b-ques, while the focus is intended to honor all those who have died. Many will bring flowers to the resting place of their loved ones. While others will attend a special memorial service. Regardless of how you celebrate, please include the celebration of the people who sacrificed their lives for your freedoms. Take a moment to remember our military men and women who have served this great nation to the death.

Four Ways to Ensure Affirmative Defense When Confronted by OSHA:

1. You have written Safety Policies concerning known hazards.
2. You have effectively communicated the policies concerning the hazards and controls to your employees.
3. You have implemented an inspection or audit process.
4. You have a progressive Disciplinary Program for employee who violate safety regulations and company policies.

The duty of the employer is not limitless.
Greg Honaker,
OSHA Area Director

COMING THIS FALL

The court system has mandated that OSHA issue a new PPE Standard requiring employers to purchase PPE for their employees. The final rule should go into effect in November 2007. The particulars will be reported once the information is available.

SAFE IN THE HARBOR

According to William Shedd, *A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what a ship is built for.* To me two things immediately come to mind and both involve the safety of people, not necessarily the ship.

First, if we are capable of recognizing a ship is safe in the harbor, can we be as confident that the men and women who build or repair them are also safe? There are several revision and updates to OSHA Regulations, as they relate to shipyard safety, which have recently gone into effect. In January 2007, OSHA passed their final rule incorporating NFPA's current versions, as referenced in the Shipyard Fire Protection Standard (1915. Subpart P). OSHA also issued new guidelines on abrasive blasting in shipyards. The

purpose of these guidelines is to alert employers and employees about hazards and controls associated with silica and silica alternatives. In addition, the new Hexavalent Chromium Standard may also apply if welding is conducted on stainless steel or other chromium alloys.

Second, is the issue of Homeland Security. Many local shipbuilders work under government contracts to build Navy Vessels specifically designed to defend this country and the liberties of people all around the world.

So this Memorial Day when we remember those who died in battle to keep us safe at night, remember those who build our military ships. Watch out for our shipbuilders, report unsafe conditions and stop an unsafe behavior.



FREE RE-CONSTRUCTION LABOR

If you or someone you know in the Chalmette Area is still needing to make post - Katrina repairs to their home, the Missouri Baptist Volunteer Group may be the answer to a prayer. This summer approximately 2000 volunteer will be working with Operation NOAH Rebuild and will be providing general labor for roofing,

electrical, plumbing, insulation and sheetrock repair. Note, that you will be responsible for purchasing supplies. A list will be provided. Also if you wish to volunteer, your services would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact the NOAH Rebuild Program at 504-362-4604 or Project Coordinator Gary Morrow at 660-815-3235.

EXECUTIVE & GENERAL MEETINGS 11:30AM AT:

<i>Executive Meeting @ WOW</i>	06/04
<i>Don's Seafood</i>	06/28
<i>Executive Meeting @ WOW</i>	07/02
<i>Progressive Barge w / Voodoo Bar-B-Q</i>	07/26
<i>Executive Meeting @ WOW</i>	08/06
<i>Nat'l Safety w / Semolina's</i>	08/30
<i>Executive Meeting @ WOW</i>	09/04
<i>TBA</i>	09/27
<i>Executive Meeting @ WOW</i>	10/01
<i>TBA</i>	10/25

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Special thanks to those who contributed to the success of our OSHA 10-Hr Class, with 27 registered & 20 in attendance.

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- **Next Meeting:**
Thursday, May 31st
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** Andrea's
3100 19th Street in Metairie
- **Cost:** \$25.00
- **Guest Speakers:** AJ Montablano
w / Strategic Comp
- **Topic:** Worker's Comp Question & Answer Session

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 ☆ **Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day!** ☆
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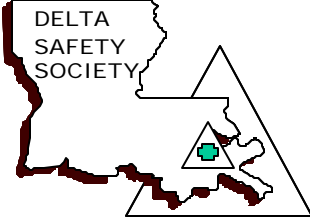
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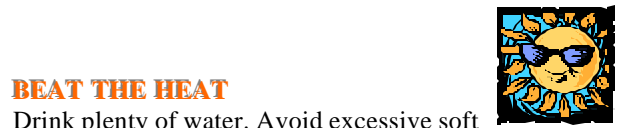
Wishing you Health & Prosperity in the coming year.

Michael Seidmann
and
Kerry Joseph Stewart

Remember, a smile is contagious; be a carrier.



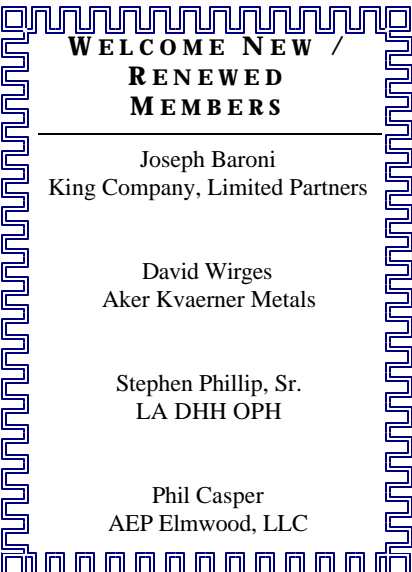
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BEAT THE HEAT

Drink plenty of water. Avoid excessive soft drinks, green tea, beer, and energy drinks. Remember a 3 to 1 ratio for Water and 10-k, Gatorade or PowerAde.

Visit our website, hosted by NSC at metrosafety.org/



WELCOME NEW / RENEWED MEMBERS

Joseph Baroni
King Company, Limited Partners

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Thinking about safety and watching for hazards.
OSHA 2006 Top 10 Violations

1. Scaffolding
2. HAZCOM
3. Fall Protection
4. Respiratory Protection
5. Lockout / Tagout
6. Powered Trucks
7. Electrical - Wiring
8. Machine Guarding
9. Ladders
10. Electrical—General Req.

The eyes only see what the mind is prepared to comprehend.
Henri L. Bergson

Compliance Corner



In response to our Round Table requests, this month's focus is on Spanish-speaking employees and the resources available to assist employers with a multicultural workforce. OSHA has many tools to assisting employers to keep their Hispanic employees safe. There are word translators and dictionaries, etools,

posters, newsletters, fact sheets and a Spanish Cooperative Program. Plus Spanish-speaking Operators are an option when calling their 1-800 number. Take advantage of OSHA's free tools. Educate your employees to what is available for them. Help them to be confident in their work environment and to complete their job tasks safely. For more information please visit OSHA en Español at www.osha.gov/as/opa/spanish/index.html.