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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### MAY CHAPTER MEETING marks end of 2018-2019 chapter year programming

The May meeting is the last chance for technical info before the summer. We have a timely topic and speaker lined up to discuss workers compensation fraud and the MN Department of Commerce Fraud Bureau. More details about the meeting and online registration here.

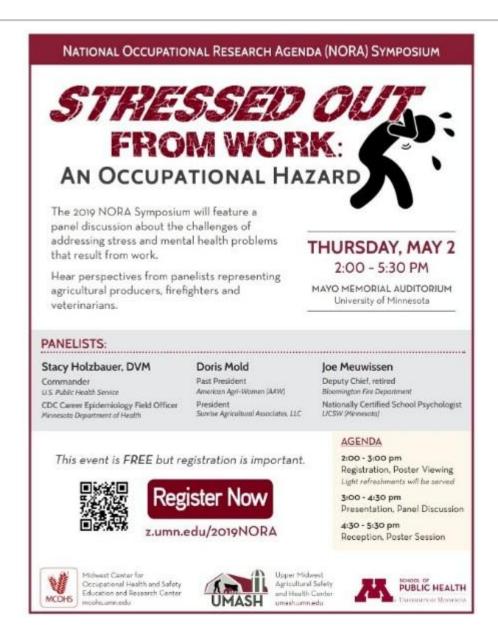
A sponsorship opportunity is available for this meeting, it is \$250 and includes one lunch registration and time to address the meeting attendees prior to the program. Choose the sponsorship option at the above link.

Workers Compensation Fraud: Current Trends and Tips to Combating **Fraud** 

Speaker | Supervisory Special Agent Jonathan J. Ferris, Minnesota **Commerce Fraud Burea** 



Tuesday May 14 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Grumpy's | 2801 Snelling Avenue | Roseville, MN, 55113



2019 NORA Symposium Thursday, May 2 | 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

#### Mayo Memorial Auditorum

University of Minnesota School of Public Health

#### **Event Registration & Location Details**

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Is Safety possible? Everywhere & always!

Seems like a crazy question to ask a Safety & Health Professional, but on my recent trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, I thought about this question. Part of the Space Center Tour is driving by the Vehicle Assembly Building and walking underneath the Saturn V rocket, the most powerful machine ever built by mankind (see photos). Space travel is obviously very dangerous, so you know that Safety for NASA was and is paramount, but possible. Possible enough to land astronauts on the moon and return them safely home!





Apollo 11 & Saturn V Rocket taking us to the Moon

I am certain that all of us as Safety & Health Professionals encounter and deal with challenges on a regular basis as part of our jobs. From seatbelts not being used on a sit-down forklift to reminding workers to label hazardous chemical containers to keeping aisleways/walkways clear, the hazards are

always there in some form. Some of the safety items on our "To-Do" list are more complex and challenging than others. But always remember that Safety is possible- everywhere and always. Just ask NASA.

NASA's Vehicle Assembly Building





Apollo 11 Astronaut on the Moon

And please do not forget about one of the most valuable resources that you can tap into when presented with a challenging safety situation in your jobyour peers and fellow members of ASSP. Our Chapter has over 850+ members and there is a good chance that one of our members has previously had to deal with a similar challenge that you might be faced with. Please come to our monthly meetings and network with fellow members- we are here to help!

Finally, Houston....we have a problem, but it has been solved by Safety- now go get 'em!

Respectfully,

Kurt VonRueden, CSP, CET, SMS

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

#### **MINNESOTA**

#### MN Hands-Free bill becomes law August 1, 2019

The MN Department of Public Safety published a landing page and "cheat sheet" in anticipation of the new law. Start educating your company drivers, family, and friends now so they are ready for enforcement later this summer (yes, summer is coming!). Bookmark the site as the DPS releases more information and resources.

#### **NEWS & RESOURCES**



On behalf of the Northwest West Chapter of ASSP, we would like to congratulate the following students with the Northwest Chapter of ASSP Student Scholarship.

Danielle Wright - University of Minnesota - Duluth - \$1000

Cameron Axberg – University of Minnesota – Duluth - \$1000

Madelynne Zellman – University of Minnesota – Duluth - \$1000

Matthew McFalls - University of Minnesota - \$1000

The students presented themselves very well and we wish them the best of luck with their future Safety and Environmental Health careers.

Thank you all for the continuous support of our future leaders!

Tim Flint - Northwest Chapter Scholarship Review Committee Chair

Congratulations to ASSP Northwest member Christin Fine, recipient of the 2019 WISE Professional Education Grant!

Ms. Fine is a Environment, Health & Safety Engineer at the University of North Dakota Energy & Environmental Research Center.



## Women in Safety Excellence



#### After popular demand, the WISE T-shirt campaigns are back!





As a warning, this order opportunity will only last a short time and WISE shirts will not be sold at the ASSP PDC. We need your order to meet a MINIMUM NUMBER OF SHIRTS TO PRINT! If we do not reach an additional 30 shirts each, they will not print!

Please share with all of your WISE friends, chapters, and supporters!

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