



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

from the president

Dear GCSTG Members and Friends,

I hope everyone has been doing well since our July 22nd GCSTG meeting. As I was sitting in my study thinking about what to write for this President's message I realized that it was eight years ago I wrote my very first GCSTG President's message. At the time we were in the midst of our Presidential campaign, much like we are now, and my September 12, 2008, message focused on the groundswell of grassroots activism from volunteers supporting their candidate and the candidate's campaign themes. An excerpt from my message was as follows:

"As GCSTG President, I ask you to take those extra steps to serve our members. GCSTG has at our core the grassroots activism of the safety, health, environmental and training movement. Your volunteering to serve can start the groundswell needed to generate new ideas and growth for the GCSTG...One way to promote agendas and heighten awareness is through the use of slogans and safety themes. One way to promote agendas and heighten awareness is through the use of slogans and safety themes. We've all seen "Safety Pays" and "Arrive Alive" throughout our career. One prominent theme that emerged from one of the presidential contenders has been "Hope" and "Change."

We cannot hope for change in our personal and professional lives. Change comes about from hard work and the actions you take. As a safety professional, we cannot sit around and hope that our coworkers make the right choice and conduct their operations the right way. We have to help them and train them to make the right decisions. We cannot sit around and hope that our workers locked out and tagged out their machinery prior to servicing. We have to make sure they have the knowledge and skills to prevent injuring themselves and others. If a candidate fails to deliver, the party will simply

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notice of meeting

When: Friday, September 9, 2016

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$15 for members & sponsored guests
\$30 for non-members and members not sending an RSVP
*(We accept pre-paid meeting fee cards, cash or checks.
We are NOT set up for credit cards.)*

RSVP Required by Thursday, September 8th, at 11:00 a.m.
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@bellsouth.net

meeting agenda

07:30 - 08:00 Registration, Continental Breakfast

08:00 - 08:30 Welcome & Self Introductions

08:30 - 08:45 Committee Reports

08:45 - 09:00 Networking / Break

09:00 - 09:45 Topic 1: **"Security Awareness for Personnel at M TSA-Regulated Facilities"**
Speaker: Jeff Dyer, USCG (ret.), Founder & CEO
Company: Specialized Maritime Security Training and Consulting, LLC (SMSTC)

09:45 - 10:00 Networking / Break

10:00 - 10:45 Topic 2: **"Active Shooter"**
Speaker: Gary J "Bubba" Viator II
SWLA Division S.H.&E. Rep
Company: Versa Integrity Group

10:45 - 11:00 Networking / Break

11:00 - 11:45 Topic 3: **"OSHA Considerations Regarding Workplace Violence"**
Speaker: Dorinda Folsie, Area Director
Company: Louisiana Department of Labor – OSHA, Baton Rouge, LA

11:45 – Until Round Table Discussion - Members seek solutions to safety concerns and share experiences

Door Prize Drawing

Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

officers & committees

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meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on July 22, 2016 at 8:05 AM by Gordon Ganaway, President 2016. Gordon reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The pledge of allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence for our US Military. Committee Reports were presented then everyone introduced themselves.

Gordon reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed. Gordon also reminded the group that GCS&T is always looking for volunteers and officers 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 208 members currently
- Few applications in process, by months end will likely be at 215.
- Finances can be found in the newsletter.
- Reminded group that we no longer mail the newsletter, it is located on the webpage.

Science Fair 2016, Leonard Nederveld

Getting ready for the Science Fair in 2017. There was one presentation on "Sunlights Effects on Color."

Safe Gulf, Edie Tranchina (Michelle Shirley)

Next Safe Gulf Board meeting is scheduled for August 4th in Houston.

Regulatory Affairs, David Dykes

David was not present however Gordon advised that the Regulatory Affairs Report is posted on webpage (www.gcstg.com) and will not be emailed; on the webpage click on regulatory affairs then click on a word document. Once the document is opened, the internet link can be found in the far right column.

Quality Committee, Nick McCormick

ASQ August 8th at Frank's International. Nic McCormick will present on 6 Sigma and Total Quality Management.

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield / Tiffany Hebert

Currently there is \$1900.00 in the Scholarship Fund Account. There will likely be one more round of scholarships awarded and then the program will be dissolved. Thanks to OPITO and Shell whose donations have kept the program going.

Nominations & Elections, Gordon Ganaway

Gordon asked members of the group to step up and volunteer.

Speaker Arrangements, Gordon Ganaway

Gordon asked the group to send him any suggestions.

1st Guest Speaker – Joey House, US DOT / FMSCA LA Division "DOT Regulatory Update."

- FAST Act (Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act)
 - 5 studies
 - 6 working groups
 - 20 rulemaking
 - 15 FMSCA Reports to Congress
- Coercion Rule – Company threatens driver to take load even though they may be out of hours.

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- ELD Mandate (Electronic Logging Devices)
- ELD synchronizes with engine to auto record driving time for easier more accurate hours of service. Full compliance by December 2019.
- URS Rule (United Registration System)
 - URS combines various forms into one.
 - Applies to all new applicants now.
 - Jan 2017 all must use URS.
- CMV Seatbelts
 - Passengers must use seatbelts in large commercial trucks.
 - Effective August 2016
- Currently Public Comment open on:
 - Crash Preventability Demonstration Program
 - Beyond Compliance
 - Obstructive Sleep Apnea
 - Safety Fitness Determination

2nd Guest Speaker – Beth Inbau, National Safety Council
“Legal Prescriptions Misuse and Overdose.”

- Prescription Drug Epidemic in US.
- Drug overdoses kill more people than vehicle crashes.
- Rx painkillers contribute to more deaths than any other drug.
- 99% of doctors prescribe opioids for longer than the CDC guidelines.
- Studies have shown a combination of ibuprofen and acetaminophen work better than opioids.
- Heroin has a similar chemical structure as hydrocodone and oxycodone.
- 4 out of 5 heroin users admit to starting with opioids.

3rd Guest Speaker – Lester Millet, Infragard
“Infragard and the FSO Working Group”

- Public / Private partnership between FBI, DHS, and private companies.
- Objectives are counter-terrorism, cyber and major crimes.
- Promote effective liaison between local, state, federal and DHS.
- 16 DHS Critical Infrastructure Sectors.

Website www.infragard.org

Round Table, Gordon Ganaway

Pete Goodman opened the floor for the Round Table Discussion. The Round Table discussion is for members seeking solutions to safety concerns and share experiences.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were drawn and distributed and the meeting closed at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Next Meeting & Crawfish Boil:

Next Meeting is Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Lafayette Petroleum Club.

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replace the candidate with a more viable candidate and the election process is repeated again in four more years. As a safety professional, if we fail to deliver it is very plausible that dire consequences will be the result. It is our responsibility to provide the tools and assistance to our people so that we “Know” they are working safely and not to simply “Hope” they are making the right choice.”

The message was intended to increase awareness among our GCSTG members of the need to volunteer and support the group. Our group has continued to serve its members during this tumultuous economic industry downturn and we all appreciate the members who have stepped up to help serve GCSTG.

As for this message, while I was on my daily 36-mile one-way Houston commute home from my office I was visited by my GCSTG message muse. I was listening to the usual cacophony of political noise and a phrase that irritates me drifted above the noise and I thought “That’s it!” The phrase was “Contribute their fair share of taxes” and was referring to the wealthy, rich, one percent, etc., that allegedly don’t contribute enough taxes. My first thought was roughly 50% of the people don’t contribute any federal taxes so maybe they are the issue. Then my second thought was this could be a message topic! Since I’m not very loquacious I’ll jump at anything that gives me a message topic.

So my thought was maybe more people should “Contribute their fair share of safety” and not leave it up to everyone else to carry them. Thankfully, from my personal experience the number of people not contributing their fair share of safety is way under 50%. During our career as safety professionals we have all come across the individuals that do not contribute their fair share of safety. You know, the ones you have to remind to wear their protective eye wear, try to engage them in the safety training, give little thought to their JSA preparation, etc. There are also the Managers and Superintendents that do not see their role as a safety leader for their people. These are the people that we need to get involved in contributing their fair share of safety.

Unlike volunteering to contribute more federal taxes, as safety professionals we are more than willing to contribute more than our fair share of safety. Our goal is to get everyone involved in contributing their fair share for safety. Thankfully we do not get all the government we contribute for but hopefully our safety investment will generate substantial returns. Safety is much like our taxation system. Unless everyone is working to contribute their fair share, we will always have people sitting on the sidelines and causing the incidents that will injure themselves and others.

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R.S.V.P.

In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.

**Email your RSVP
by Thursday, September 8th at 11:00am,
to: genebarf@bellsouth.net**

Please include in your email:
The date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).

2016 Meeting Schedule

Friday, Nov. 11, 2016
General Membership Meeting

membership report

Category	Count
Air Service Companies	1
Associations	1
Contractor Production Operators	12
Diving Service Companies	2
Drilling Companies	2
Governmental Services	27
Independent Safety Consultants	14
Industrial Medical Services	10
Insurance Companies	1
Marine Service Companies	2
Oil/Gas Production Companies	38
Safety Equipment Suppliers	1
Safety/Training Services Companies	22
Service Companies	72
Support Services	3
Universities-Safety Training	2
Total	210

Welcome New Members

JAMIE JACOBS, CSP
CRESCENT SAFETY SERVICES

MATHEW SCHEXNAYDER
DANOS

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

September 2016

General Fund	\$79,907.24
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,597.27
TOTAL	\$82,504.51

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I look forward to seeing everyone at the 9/9/16 GCSTG meeting. Also, think about bringing a co-worker and do what you can to be an ambassador for GCSTG. New faces and active current members keep GCSTG a vibrant and relevant organization.

Gordon Ganaway, CSP
President, Gulf Coast Safety & Training Group

Quality Committee

ASQ had 17 people in attendance at our August meeting. A majority of those were non ASQ members who were interested in participating in the GCSTG Quality Committee.

The next ASQ meeting will be held October 13th at Forum Energy Technology. Patrick Broussard will be speaking on process management. ASQ is also inviting students from UL's Engineering and Industrial Technology program who are interested in pursuing a job in Quality. We are looking for Quality Professionals to attend and share their interest and knowledge with these students.

For more information please contact Nic McCormic (nic@dutymms.com)

SafeGulf Report – Edie Tranchina

The last SafeGulf Board meeting was held in Houston on August 4th. The meeting was hosted by IADC. Alexis Vitone stepped down as SafeGulf's Chairperson after leaving BP. Laurie Knappe with Apache has agreed to act as Chairperson until a quorum is available to vote on a new chair. Those present agreed on the need to clearly identify current "active" board members, and establish a directory. The group began reviewing the Guidance Document and several revisions have been noted. A final copy will be published on the website, when completed. The final training requirements for the Orientation are to be distributed to all known training providers.

GCST&G Science Fair Committee Report – Leonard Nederveld

All of the chairs are in place for the 2016 - 2017 Regional Science Fairs. Fair dates will be announced in the coming months. Below are the chairs for each region. Please contact them if you wish to assist with the judging. All fairs usually take place in February or early March.

All of the Regional Chairs volunteered again for this coming year. A big thank you to every one of them.

Here is the contact info:

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