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OSHA Offers New Publication on Fire Service

WASHINGTON -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is offering a new publication, [Fire Service Features of Buildings and Fire Protection Systems](#), that will help increase the safety of building occupants and emergency responders by streamlining fire service interaction with building features and fire protection systems.

"Our new booklet offers practical and important information that can help save lives," said Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA. "Fire service can be very dangerous work and our new manual is one more resource that can be used to help keep firefighters and other emergency responders safe."

Fire service operations take place in stressful and time sensitive environments. Decisions are often made in

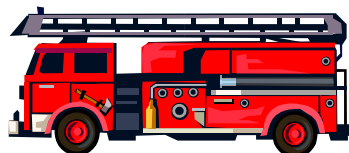
unfamiliar settings and without vital information, such as what is burning, where the fire is spreading, or the location of occupants. Poorly located fire hydrants, inaccessible fire department connections, confusing zone information, unmarked valves, or improperly designed standpipes are examples of features that can slow fire service operations. Delays, however brief, can dramatically affect an operation and its outcome.

OSHA's new manual explains how fire service operations can be influenced by different building features and offers considerations for design professionals that can help facilitate these operations. The manual includes chapters and narratives on building and site design, sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, fire department connections, fire alarm and communications systems, as

well as various firefighting systems.

The material in **Fire Service Features of Building and Fire Protection Systems** is appropriate for all fire service organizations, including fire brigades and fire departments. Many of the discussions can help during responses for other emergencies such as hazardous material releases, emergency medical care, non-fire rescues and terrorist events.

The new booklet can be downloaded from OSHA's web site on the publications page or by calling OSHA's publications office at (202) 693-1888.



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October Chapter Meeting Details

What: October CNY ASSE Chapter meeting. Joint meeting with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

Topic: The Onondaga County Field Communications Unit will come and give a brief power point presentation and review of the field com unit. This unit is used for any fire or emergency in Onondaga County for the multiple communications of EMS, Fire, County Sheriff, NYS Troopers, City and Local Police to be able to communicate on one line for mass tragedy to better control a situation. We will have two Onondaga 911 dispatchers presenting.

When: Wednesday, October 11th, 2006. Starting at 5:30.

Where: C&S Engineers Conference Room, 499 Col. Eileen Collins Blvd. (Syracuse Airport) Syracuse

Dinner: Catered Buffet (usually around \$16.00 to \$20.00)

RSVP: If you plan to attend, please notify Mark Walker at walkersprk@usadatanet.net

OSHA Accepting Comments on Hazard Communication and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

WASHINGTON -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced that it will publish an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the Federal Register on Sept. 12, 2006, seeking public comment on the implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Adoption of the GHS by OSHA will require OSHA to propose changes to the Agency's Hazard Communication Standard (HCS).

The GHS is a system for standardizing and harmonizing the classification and labeling of chemicals by providing a comprehensive approach to defining the health and physical hazards of chemicals, creating classification processes, and communicating hazard information through uniform labels and safety data sheets.

"GHS is expected to bring more consistency and clarity, both from a national and international perspective, to hazardous chemical regulations in the workplace," said OSHA Administrator Edwin G. Foulke, Jr. "The diverse and sometimes conflicting national and international requirements can create confusion among employers who seek to use hazard information to effectively protect their employees. One of the many benefits of adopting GHS is that it would provide a consistent format for labels and safety data sheets, making the information easier to comprehend and access when making hazard assessments."

To help those who are not familiar with the approach in the GHS, OSHA has prepared a [guidance document](#) that summarizes the GHS requirements.

The GHS has been adopted by the United Nations with a

goal of broad international adoption of the GHS by 2008. The adoption of the GHS will facilitate international trade by increasing the consistency between the laws in different countries that currently require different information to be provided to employers and employees about chemicals during their production, transportation, use, and disposal based on jurisdiction.



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Written comments (in triplicate) must be submitted not later than Nov. 13, 2006, to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. H-022K, Room N2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Electronic comments may be submitted to: <http://ecomments.osha.gov/>.

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Save the Date

November 16th

On Thursday, November 16, beginning at 6pm, our CNY ASSE chapter will be hosting a joint meeting with the local AIHA chapter at the Pastime Athletic Club, 1314 N Salina St, Syracuse. Dr. Cynthia Morrow from the Onondaga County Department of Health will be our speaker, addressing preparations for the Pandemic Flu.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS KICK OFF 5th ANNUAL KIDS' 'SAFETY- ON- THE- JOB' POSTER CONTEST

In an ongoing effort to educate children on how workplace safety affects them and their families, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) kicked off its fifth annual ASSE kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest today. ASSE members' children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews can participate. The contest runs September 19, 2006 through February 14, 2007 and is broken down into five age categories.

The winning poster in each age group will best illustrate workplace safety and will be featured on the annual North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week poster distributed worldwide. NAOSH Week, May 6 - 12, 2007, is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and preventing injuries. ASSE will also be celebrating Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day May 9, 2007.

"Children of ASSE members are not totally aware of how critical their parents' work is when it comes to saving lives and reducing injuries worldwide," ASSE President Donald S. Jones, Sr., CSP, P.E., said. "This contest helps teach ASSE members' children just how their parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, work day in and day out to help the millions of people who go to work, return home safely every day. It is also educates them on workplace risks to take with them as they grow up and take that first job."

In addition to having the winning entries displayed on the NAOSH 2007 poster, entrants and their families will be recognized at the NAOSH 2007 national kick-off in Washington, D.C., and displayed at ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference & Exposition to be held in Orlando June 24-27, 2007. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a NAOSH Week partner with ASSE, along with 30 other organizations and associations.

The poster contest is open to children between the ages of 5 and 14. There are five age categories with a winner selected from each age group. An independent panel of judges will select the five winning entries that best illustrate the theme "Safety-on-the-Job." All entrants will receive a prize with the winner of each age group winning a \$1,000 savings bond. For the ASSE kids' "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest rules and entry form please go to the www.asse.org/naosh web site or contact customerservice@asse.org. The winning entries will be announced in March 2007.