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The presentation this month will outline activities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics (NACE) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited committee Z365-Control of Musculoskeletal Disorders.

George Laporte, Ergonomics Manager at NATLSCO, is a member of both committees and will review the status of standards as well as goals of the two groups. The National Safety Council has issued the latest Z365 draft and expects to issue the final standard once ANSI gives their accreditation of the process. The actions of both of these groups have been very contentious and controversial, so ASSE and HFES expect a lively discussion on this topic. Please plan to attend our joint meeting.

Registration:	11:30am – 12:00pm
Luncheon:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Presentation:	1:00pm – 2:00pm
Executive Committee Meeting:	2:00pm – 3:00pm

Location: Cucina Biagio's Restaurant

Directions: Take I-90 (O'Hare) to Harlem Avenue South. Go approximately 3 miles to Lawrence, go West/make right. Cucina Biagio's is on left (South) side of Lawrence.

Advanced Registration	\$20.00
At the Door	\$25.00
Retired Members	\$10.00

CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE SEEING?

The May meeting provided a tour at O'Hare International Airport, the world's busiest airport. We began our tour at the Chicago Fire Department's (CFD) Fire Training Facility.

Our members were able to watch a Suburban Fire Department conduct live burn exercises, which provides them with essential skills necessary in the event of an emergency. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under Part 139 of the Federal Aviation Regulations requires that fire fighters, who may be expected to respond to an aviation emergency, must perform these exercises in order to maximize safety at the airport in the event of an emergency.

Two plane fuselages are utilized and controlled by computer to provide propane fuel to ignite flames at specified vectors of each plane. Fire fighters are then required to use their skill to determine wind and flame direction in order to douse the flames within a specified time frame.

Another tour stop included the O'Hare AMC Building, which houses all construction and snow fleet equipment.

Did you miss the May tour?



National Safety Council Designates June as National Safety Month

The National Safety Council (NSC) and its chapters around the country have designated June 2003 as [National Safety Month](#), an annual observance aimed at promoting preparedness and helping Americans prevent injuries on the roads and in homes, communities and workplaces.

National Safety Month presents the National Safety Council's approach to preparedness with the theme, Four Words. Four Weeks. For Life. The four words – knowledge, action, dedication and community – reflect the Council's focus throughout its 90-year history of safety leadership. They figure in the four weeks of National Safety Month – Driving Safety Week, Home and Community Safety Week, Preparedness Week and Workplace Safety Week. And the Council reminds us that safety is not just for National Safety Month, it's for life.

During National Safety Month, the NSC and its chapters around the country will provide information, programs and solutions to help people prepare for emergencies and prevent injuries and fatalities. Areas of special focus are distracted driving, elderly falls, emergency preparedness and safety leadership.

For complete information visit <http://www.nsc.org>.

President's Corner

Dear Members,

As I sit here and write this, I am pondering the successes of the past Chapter Year. Our meetings have been moved to Cucina Biagio in Harwood Heights, which has increased member attendance. Our newsletter has been revamped and we have almost eliminated the cost of mailing by posting the newsletter electronically. We have done our best to provide each of you with meeting topics that are current and would provide valuable information for your positions. I hope that each of you has found that we as an organization are continuing to move forward to fit your needs as our profession and environment changes.

I really want to thank each of the Executive Board Members because without you, we wouldn't be where we are today! Dawn Boisvert, First Vice President, has taken on many additional responsibilities such as newsletter, surveys and contacting other Chapter representatives for important information. Jim Smith, Treasurer has kept our finances sound and has fulfilled all requirements to both National and the IRS. Sanobeia Christmas has taken an active part as acting Secretary and has done an outstanding job keeping our meeting minutes in order. A special thank you goes to the Extended Board, Leslie Batterson, Linda Rhodes, Marion Synowiec, Rich Moscato and Paul Kendall for being there as much as possible to provide valuable knowledge and always willing to lend a helping hand. Also a thank you goes to Al Borzych, Mary Adamchik and Scott Trisoliere who have become more active during the year.

The May Tour at O'Hare International Airport provided a peek at just how much intense training goes on behind the scenes. The Chapter would like to thank Managing Deputy John Townsend and Chicago Fire Department Chief James Kehoe for allowing our group to tour the Airport Burn Pit and AMC Building. A special thank you goes to Robert Duda and Wilson Vazquez who provided us with transportation and Lieutenant Thomas Wagner for the an outstanding view of the Chicago Fire Department Training Facility.

I would also like to thank each member of the Greater Chicago Chapter for continuing your membership with ASSE and for participating as much as possible. I hope that when Dawn continues on as President, each of you can find the time to attend at least one of the Chapter meetings. The Greater Chicago Chapter really is a great Chapter and I am proud to say that I have been a part of this great group of people.

As always, if I can ever be of assistance please let me know.

Maribeth A. Anderson, President
Greater Chicago Chapter

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Driving Safety Week -- June 1-7

Focus: Driver Distractions.

During the first week of National Safety Month, the NSC will describe safety measures that will help Americans avoid traffic accidents caused by driver inattention, fatigue, cell phone use and other distractions.

Home and Community Safety Week -- June 8-14

Focus: Elderly Falls. From June 8-14, the NSC will provide safety tips and other resources to the elderly and those who care about them to decrease the incidence of these life-threatening accidents.

Preparedness Week – June 15-21

Focus: Emergency Preparedness. During this week, the NSC will stress the importance to individuals, families and organizations to prepare for emergencies by learning first aid, CPR and AED procedures and by developing emergency plans for homes, buildings and public facilities.

Workplace Safety Week – June 22-30

Focus: Safety Leadership. The final week of National Safety Month will focus on helping organizational leaders, managers and supervisors to understand the important role they have in protecting the safety and health of their employees and their families on and off the job.

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OSHA provides information on SARS

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is providing information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that may be useful for employers and employees. The information is available on the agency's website at www.osha.gov.

"As new issues about safety and health in the workplace evolve, it is important to put information in the hands of people who need it the most," said John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. "There is still much we do not know about SARS, but sharing what we do know helps everyone make informed decisions about assessing risks and taking appropriate precautions."

Information on OSHA's website includes a PowerPoint presentation that employers may find useful in discussing the risks of SARS in the workplace, information about precautions to be taken in working with patients with SARS, and links to other agencies' fact sheets, guidance and information on SARS, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

As more information about SARS becomes available, OSHA will add to its webpage.

June Speaker Biography

George P. LaPorte is the Ergonomics Manager for NATLSCO, the loss control division of Kemper Insurance Companies, Lake Zurich, IL.

Mr. LaPorte has spent more than 23 years in the areas of ergonomics, safety and industrial engineering and currently supervises Kemper/NATLSCO's Health and Ergonomics technical staff.

A certified industrial ergonomist, Mr. LaPorte has provided ergonomics consulting in the meatpacking, textile, bakery and health care industries.

We'll See You in the Fall

Just a reminder, as usual, we will not be meeting in July and August, or distributing a newsletter during these months. We will resume normal activities in September.

Over the summer, we will be holding a planning meeting to schedule our topics and speakers for the coming year.

If you would like to be part of this planning meeting, please contact one of our executive board members to be added to the email distribution list.

Have a safe summer!