



American Society of Safety Engineers

Southwestern Ohio Chapter

News & Meeting Announcement – September, 2016



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September Chapter Meeting – Medical Marijuana

On September 14 the Chapter held a meeting at The Sheakley Building in Springdale. Featured speaker Brad Weber of Sheakley provided a broad perspective on the widely used drug marijuana and updated the group on recent changes to Ohio's marijuana laws. A summary:



- Today's marijuana is 30 times higher in the active ingredient THC than in 1985 – and addictions have increased correspondingly.
- THC is fat soluble so stays in the body much longer than other drugs. Side effects include memory and learning impairment which persist long after use. Both the social acceptance and use of marijuana continue to rise.
- The Federal government ranks marijuana on a par with heroin and LSD and has found no legitimate medical use. Medical or recreational marijuana use is allowed in many States, some of which allow use for almost any reason.
- Per HB 523, effective September 8 2016, Ohio allows use of marijuana to treat 20 specific medical conditions via vaping, oils, patches or edibles (but not smoking). Dispensing has yet to be set up.
- Ohio employers still may enforce drug-free workplace policies and may fire or refuse hire based on drug test results. The public may not understand this, so expect pushback and discontent against drug-free workplace rules.

Thanks to Chapter members [Lori Ridgeway](#), [Scott Mirizzi](#), [Karen LaRue](#), [Cheryl Leadbetter](#), [Joseph Blower](#), [Bryan Beamer](#) (his first meeting!), [Don Chapman](#), [Scott McAlpine](#), [Jason Newland](#) and [Brandon Freeman](#) for attending.

New Chapter Members

ASSE Southwestern Ohio is pleased to announce our newest members:

- [George Carrington](#)
- [Paul Devroomen](#)
- [Erin Dunn](#)
- [James Leach](#)



Welcome to the Chapter! We look forward to seeing you at future meetings!

Upcoming Chapter Activities

Save these dates!

- **October 11** – Lockout Exception presented by Troy Uahinui of Toyota [see page 3 for details](#)
- **November 8** – Update of ANSI B11 Series presented by Stan Brubaker of Liberty Mutual [*CEU Eligible*]
- **December** – Vendor Night, co-hosted with AIHA, date and details to come
- **December 2** – Give Back to The Community Event – a volunteer opportunity for our Chapter to support Ronald McDonald House – [see page 2](#)
- **January 10, 2017** – Strategic Planning Meeting: Help the Chapter set its course for 2017 and beyond.
- **February 14** – Virtual Meeting via Webinar, subject TBA
- **March 14** – Open Date: Want to present to the Chapter? [See page 2](#)
- **April 11** – Construction Leadership by Linda Goldenhar of CPWR

Ronald McDonald House

So far we have four volunteers for the “Give Back to the Community” event at The Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to the following who have volunteered so far!

- Cynthia Eghbalnia
- Brad Weber
- Jonathan Zimmerman
- Scott McAlpine

WE HOPE YOU WILL VOLUNTEER TOO!

WE NEED SIX MORE VOLUNTEERS!



Background: In addition to our strong focus on serving our members and fostering the safety profession, our Chapter leadership also has set a goal of giving something back to the community that has done so much for us. Through its “Taste of Hope” program, the Ronald McDonald House allows groups such as ours to support their mission of making life easier for families who are in town while their children undergo treatment at Cincinnati’s hospitals.

DATE: Friday, December 2, 2016 (Friday)

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ronald McDonald House
350 Erkenbrecher Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45229

If you would be willing to join our group for this event, or if you have questions, please email Scott McAlpine at scm@djj.com.

Presenters Wanted



As an organization we are always on the lookout for speakers to present worthwhile topics at our monthly Chapter meetings. These speakers do a valuable service for our membership in adding to our knowledge base and keeping us abreast of changes in the field of professional safety practice.

We would love to hear from CDC or NOISH speakers, or those with expertise in radiation safety or who can walk us through incident investigation methodology with a relevant real-life example, or...well, the possibilities are endless. And if you don’t want to lecture, why not invite us to tour your manufacturing facility, or construction site, and show us how you administer an effective safety process there?

If you have a subject you would be willing to present at an upcoming meeting, or if you know of a speaker with a message our members should hear, contact Vice President Don Chapman at dchapman@fujiatotec.net to discuss.

You may not know it, but speakers receive a nifty and possibly valuable gift from the Chapter, as well as our lasting gratitude – and it’s a chance to contribute to workplace safety at many companies outside your own.



**American Society of Safety Engineers
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Tuesday, October 11, 2016
11:30 AM—1:00 PM**

“Lockout Exception”

Troy Uahinui, CSP has worked in the petroleum, food, and glass industries. For the last 16 years he has worked at Toyota’s Corporate Engineering Safety Department based in Erlanger, KY. His responsibilities include robot system assessments, construction safety, machine guarding solutions, and machine risk assessments. He participates on a variety of consensus safety Standards including the ANSI Z244.1 committee, and has held a Certified Safety Professional designation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals for the last 26 years.



This presentation is about how to using alternative measures to control hazardous energy safely and meet OSHA’s requirements when the task does not meet the criteria for the OSHA minor work exemption; for example, during Commissioning, (installing and adjusting a new machine) without using full energy control.

Won’t you please join us!

Agenda:	Arrival and Registration	11:15 – 11:30 AM
	Chapter Business	11:30 – 11:45 AM
	Presentation	11:45 – 12:45 PM
	Q & A and Adjournment	12:45 – 1:00 PM

**Location: Sheakley Group of Companies Offices (meet greeter in lobby)
One Sheakley Way, Cincinnati OH 45246**

**Cost: \$10 for Chapter Members and guests if pre-registered and prepaid via PayPal (lunch provided - specify if vegetarian option is preferred)
\$15 if not pre-registered, paid at the door – no meal**

Please register online at <http://swohio.asse.org>