



Cascade Safety and Health News

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Our Mission

ASSE is a global, member-driven association providing representation, promotion and support for those engaged in the profession and/or the practices of safety, health, and environment in their efforts to protect people, property, and the environment.

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Cell Phones and Driving

By Twyla Buckem-Gallaway

At the January meeting Matt Bouman, an eleven-year veteran with the Springfield Police Department, addressed the new cell phone law and the current regulations regarding hands-free cell phone usage.

811.507 ORS was originally enacted to address adolescents texting on cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. It was classified as a secondary violation, which meant law enforcement officials had to have a primary violation in order to pull a driver over before speaking to them about the phone.

811.507 ORS was amended and classified cell-phone use while driving as a Class D violation with a base fine of \$142.00. Now officers merely need to observe a cell phone in hand while driving in order to issue a citation.

There are several exceptions to the law: a person who is summoning medical or other emergency help if no other person in the vehicle is capable of summoning help; a person using a mobile communication device for the purpose of farming or agricultural operations; a person operating an ambulance or emergency vehicle; a person 18 years of age or older who is using a hands-free accessory; a person operating a motor vehicle while providing public safety services or emergency services as a volunteer; a person operating a motor vehicle while acting in the scope of the person's employment as a public safety officer, as defined in ORS 348.270; a person operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the person's employment if operation of the motor vehicle is necessary for the person's job; a person who operates a two-way radio device that transmits radio communication transmitted by a station operating on an authorized frequency within the citizens' or family radio service bands in accordance with rules of the Federal Communications Commission; a person activating or deactivating the mobile communication device or a function of the device; a person using a function of the mobile communication device that allows for only one-way voice communication while the person is: Operating a motor vehicle in the scope of the persons employment; a person providing transit services to persons with disabilities or to senior citizens; or participating in public safety or emergency service activities.

There was extensive discussion among the group regarding the use of a cell phone while acting within the scope of employment — for instance, a salesperson on a cell phone after work hours in a personal vehicle. While he may have work-related reasons for taking the call, Bouman reminded the group that an officer's job is to issue the citation once a violation is believed to have occurred. Arguments may need to be made before a judge.

Bouman anticipates that the law may produce issues which will need to be read-dressed, and that the law will likely be amended.



President's Corner

By Elizabeth Bartleson

Change is one of life's constants—something that we don't always expect. For so many of us change has come into our lives with the kind of force that manages to surprise us. So it is with the Cascade Chapter and the resignation of our Chapter President, Duane Grange.

Duane has tirelessly served the Cascade Chapter in various capacities over the years including newsletter editor, Governmental Affairs Chair, president, and Regional Operating Council member. We will miss his insight and his passion for safety, but as with so many of us, current changes demand that Duane's energy and attention be directed elsewhere.

Duane, we thank you for your time and your talent in service to the chapter. We wish you the very best and hope that you may find yourself in a position to join us again.

Elizabeth Bartleson

Cue the Director (Final Take)

The Cascade Chapter is once again supporting the statewide teen video contest. High school students across Oregon can create a 45-second public service announcement promoting young worker safety and health. The top three entries will take home cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$500, and will earn a matching amount for their respective schools.

Video themes fall into the following categories:

- The risks of practical jokes in the workplace
- Lifting and carrying loads on the job
- The benefits of being trained for every job task.

For more information please visit the OR-OSHA website at www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha

Entries must be submitted by February 15, 2010.

Member Spotlight

*ASSE Cascade Chapter member **Bill Woodson** has been in the manufacturing business for over twenty-six years. His past safety experiences include developing divisional EHS programs, auditing divisional EHS and ISO compliance, leading divisional initiatives such as "Designing EHS In". Bill currently serves as the Safety Manager for Alcan Cable in Roseburg, Oregon. He can be reached via e-mail at bill.woodson@alcan.com or by phone at 541-440-6619.*

CC: How did you get involved in safety?

BW: In the early 1980's I realized that my children looked up to me and I needed to demonstrate through my behaviors and actions the expectations I wanted my children to follow. My wife played a huge role in helping me see this. I was very protective and did not want them to get hurt. An example comes to mind in using a table saw without the blade guard in place. I was sending a message that it was okay for me to do it, however, I did not want my son to use the table saw without the guard in place. I could not give my son a good logical reason for not having the guard in place, therefore I reinstalled the guard.

In the early 1990's I became involved in devel-

oping EHS Directives and programs with Alcan Corporate personnel. Programs included Confined Space, Hazardous Energy Control, Hazardous Communication, Ergonomics, etc. I enjoyed working with EHS personnel at corporate and in 1994 accepted the job of the Safety Manager for Alcan Cable – Roseburg, Oregon.

CC: What drives you to continue to be a part of the safety profession?

BW: I enjoy working with people and feel that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure we have an environmentally safe and healthy workplace. I believe that in any organization, people are your most valuable resource.

Leadership is the key component in developing a culture of trust, respect and transparency with people. Communication, employee involvement, and clearly communicating expectations are only a few of the responsibilities of a good leader. You may wonder what this has to do with safety. I feel role-modeling leadership as a manager sets clear expectations. It is no different with safety.

In the years of schooling and education we did not

learn how to identify hazards, assess risk and how to control those risks. I feel risks are associated with everything we do. However, if we do not recognize the risk and control it, we escape experiencing a loss. When this occurs, a habit is developed and we never experience the risk level involved until the day we are injured. This way we are reacting to the injury and may be see the severity involved. We must be proactive in preventing an injury through the education of HIRARC (Hazard Identification Risk Assessment & Risk Control).

Behaviors are things that are hard for most people to overcome. Through BBS (Behavioral Based Safety) observations, people come to the realization and importance of risk analysis. We must all be role models and believers in EHS whether at work, at home, or in our communities. As managers/leaders we must be on top of our game at all times.

I work with employees so they can come up with solutions to make their jobs safer. When people understand it is easier for them to see that is the right thing to do. Many times people do not understand why local, state



*ASSE Cascade Chapter Member **Bill Woodson***

and federal laws and regulations are put in place. Once they ask questions and understand, they realize it is the right thing to do. It's all about understanding and allowing a culture for change. It is amazing what people can do if they know they have a say in things and are part of a team in accomplishing agreed upon goals.

CC: What do you want to accomplish in your career before you retire?

BW: I strive on challenges and have agreed to add the environmental role to my responsibilities. By March 2010, I'll become the EHS (Environment, Health & Safety) Manager for Alcan Cable, Roseburg. I also want to ensure a culture of EHS believers in everyone I touch or work with.

It's all about role modeling what you believe in and speaking from your heart.



VALLEY RIVER INN
EUGENE, OREGON

March 9-10, 2010

2010: a safety odyssey

Topic areas include:

- Safety and Health Management
- Safety Committees
- Industrial Hygiene
- Risk Management
- Healthcare
- Environmental
- Construction
- Health/Wellness
- Leadership and Communication

Exhibits open

- Tuesday: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Breakfast with the Exhibitors

A wonderful opportunity to visit with exhibitor representatives and participate in prize drawings. Continental breakfast is provided.

- Wednesday 7-8 a.m.

Watch for registration information in January 2010

Costs to attend

(fees include lunch for the days registered):

Tuesday and Wednesday (March 9 and 10)	\$150
One day (Tues, March 9 or Wed, March 10) ...	\$ 90
Half day (includes lunch)	\$ 60

If you have questions

or would like to receive registration materials, exhibitor information, and/or sponsorship information for the



Occupational Safety & Health Conference

Contact the Conference Section,
oregon.conferences@state.or.us

503-378-3272 or toll-free in Oregon
at 888-292-5247, option 1

Conference information is posted on the web
at www.orosha.org or www.asse-cascade.org



A joint effort of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE),
Cascade Chapter, and the Oregon Occupational
Safety & Health Division (Oregon OSHA).

Conference Update

By Doug Caven

The 2010 Cascade Safety & Health Conference is just around the corner on March 9th & 10th at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

Whether you are a business owner, safety professional, or safety committee member, we have classes that will improve your skills and help make your workplace safer. If you own a safety-related business, we still have a few openings for booth space left, and this is a great opportunity to get the exposure you need to grow your business.

This year we are partnering with Food for Lane County in an effort to help those most in need in our state. Bring canned foods or a monetary donation to purchase "Safety Bucks" which are then used for the gift basket raffle. Six theme baskets will be available, and will include fishing, golf, Oregon Ducks, Oregon State Beavers, family night and a Valley River Inn get-away.

There are volunteer opportunities, too, for those who want to help out. Now is the time to get involved, so please contact me or Elizabeth Bartleson so we can best utilize your time.

For more information visit www.orosha.org or <http://cascade.asse.org/index.php>. See you at the conference!

Meet Our Speaker

ASSE Cascade Chapter member Paul West is the General Manager of Safety Directions, LLC. He started Safety Directions in 1998 to assist Oregon companies by providing consulting and training services designed to increase safety awareness and productivity.

Paul has assisted companies in developing and implementing safety programs. He provides numerous safety training classes ranging from Oregon Asbestos Worker and Supervisor training to Mobile Equipment (forklift, aerial lifts, and crane) classes. Paul assists companies with managing injured worker issues, including early return-to-work, and the Employer-at-Injury Program and Preferred Worker Program benefits recovery.

Safety Directions has grown to currently servicing 21 monthly accounts from Southern Oregon to Wilsonville. Consulting and training services have been extended to include teaching at various Oregon Junior Colleges, with additional work in Washington, California, and Nevada. The company's client base includes companies involved in manufacturing, construction, mining, logging, municipalities support, retail sales, transportation, and environmental activities.

Paul is a past president of ASSE, Cascade Chapter, a member of the Oregon Truckers' Association and the North American Transportation Management Institute. He is currently working towards achieving EPA and DHS approval to provide Lead safety classes.

Please visit the Safety Directions LLC website at www.safety-directions.com.

Job Opportunity

The University of Oregon is searching for an Associate Director, Environmental Health and Safety.

For details, please visit <http://hr.uoregon.edu/jobs/unclassified.php?id=2885>.





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The Next ASSE Cascade Chapter General Meeting

February 16, 2010

Location: *Sizzler Restaurant*
1010 Postal Way
Springfield, OR

Time: *11:30 AM to 1:00 PM*

Topic: *C-Stop Program*

Speaker: *Paul West*

(Meet our speaker on page 5!)

Member News

ASSE Cascade Chapter member **Don Rowland** reports that the Papé Group has several divisions that have achieved or are scheduled to achieve SHARP status. Among them are:

- Papé Machinery/Portland, Oregon — Three years as a SHARP company
- Papé Machinery/Sacramento, California — Two years as a SHARP company
- Papé Machinery/Kelso, Washington — Will be awarded Washington START (Safety Through Achieving Recognition Together — a SHARP equivalent) in the first quarter of 2010

- Papé Material Handling/Eugene, OR — Will be awarded SHARP status in 2010.
- Papé Machinery/Sparks, Nevada — Will be awarded Nevada SHARP in 2010.
- Papé Kenworth/Eugene, Oregon — Will be entering into the SHARP program by the end of February.

Congratulations to the Papé Group on a terrific set of achievements!

Mary Lou Wilson, Cascade Chapter newsletter editor, indicated that for the second consecutive year, the Wildish

Companies was recently awarded the Associated General Contractors' 2009 Recognition of Safety Excellence (ROSE) Award for the Highway category — 300,000 to 700,000 hours.

Congratulations to the Wildish Companies!

Cascade Chapter members are welcome to submit their news! Please send your information to the newsletter editor at marylou@wildish.com.