

# American Society of Safety Engineers National Capital Chapter



*November 2006*

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## *November Meeting* Come join us for a tour of **ATF's Fire Research Lab** in Beltsville, MD

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agency has a unique and state of the art facility for conducting forensic fire investigation research and testing.

**The tour is limited to 30 people**, on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations for the tour must be received by **C.O.B. November 7<sup>th</sup>** so that we can obtain clearance ahead of time for the group. A valid picture ID must be presented for entry into the tour facility.

**DATE:** November 9, 2006

**TIME:** 11:45 – Lunch at "Famous Daves Restaurant", Laurel  
1:00 – Leave for Tour

**LOCATION:** Famous Daves, 14140 Baltimore Ave, Laurel, MD  
20707-5007

**COST:** No charge for tour, individual checks will be issued for meals ordered.

**For reservations**, please provide your full name to Bruce Donato  
[bdonato@kafirstaid.com](mailto:bdonato@kafirstaid.com) or 301-208-0000

## President's Message

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is knocking on our door. For many this season brings about a time of reflection. For me, I am grateful to see that Safety and Health issues have become a more important part in many people's lives. Where once most safety ideas were scoffed at and brushed aside, we can now see them becoming more easily accepted and mainstream. Just look at the safety advancements with our automobiles. There is however much that still needs to be done. As technology changes, so does our safety and health challenges. Nanotechnology is revolutionizing many products, but with it comes the need for a better understanding of the hazards that these new technologies bring. Terrorism has also expanded the roles of the SHE professional. As our roles and challenges shift and expand, one thing remains constant. We are in an ever evolving field where learning is essential. A very important part of that learning can be achieved by interacting with others that share that common "passion" for helping others. I would like to think that we do that at the National Capital Chapter. So come on out and join us at our next meeting and meet those challenges together.



If we do not get to see you at our next meeting, I wish all of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving season.

*Mary Winkler, CSP*

ASSE-NCC President



## October Meeting Recap:

October's meeting was held at Pier 7 Restaurant (down along the waterfront in Washington, DC). Our speaker was Mr. Ken Lauziere, P.E., Fire Marshal for the Architect of the Capitol. He led us on an enlightening talk of the history of fire protection at the U.S. Capitol. It has taken him 22 years of persistence, and he can now say that almost all the buildings at the Capitol have fire protection systems. One of their new buildings, under construction, is the **Capitol Visitor's Center**. It has 10,000 detectors installed and he gave us an idea of the length of time it will require to test a system of that magnitude. We all have the same goal, protecting people, property and the environment. He shared a story with us that demonstrated even at one of the highest levels in our government, a Supreme Court Justice can use some fire safety education and advice.



For more information on the New Capital Visitor's Center, you can log onto <http://www.aoc.gov/cvc/index.cfm>.

## **ASSE Foundation Professional Development Grant Program**

The Foundation Board is pleased to announce the **ASSE Foundation 2007 Scholarship and Professional Development Grant Program**. This program is available to students pursuing degrees in occupational safety, health and the environment and members/safety professionals wishing to advance their professional credentials in safety. **This year ASSE is offering over \$105,000** in scholarships and grants thanks to the generous support of our donors.

This year they have added five new awards including the CNA Foundation Scholarship (2 awards @ \$4,000 each), the George Gustafson HSE Memorial Scholarship *sponsored by the Texas Safety Foundation* (\$2,500), the Southwest Chapter Roy Kinslow Scholarship (\$1,000), the Medina Professional Development Grant (\$2,000) and the Texas Safety Foundation Professional Development Grant (\$2,500).

A list of awards, criteria, applications and program rules are available on our website at [www.asse.org/foundation](http://www.asse.org/foundation). **Applications are due December 1, 2006** and award recipients will be announced on or around April 1, 2007.



### **HELP WANTED!!!**

Your chapter is looking for a few good members to help with the following items:

•**Webmaster**— The template is selected and the mold is there. We need someone who will work with National ASSE to maintain our information. This will entail a few hours a month, and a few emails and phone calls a month. Call **Mary Winkler** for more information.

•**Programs**—Are you interested in hosting the chapter meeting at your location? Would you like to put a tour on in your facility? Do you have a great speaker or topic that you think the chapter would be interested in? Call **Anthony Blythe**

•**Newsletter**—We're looking for assistance with the newsletter—Submitting articles, interesting info. Just 1-2 hours a month! Call **Amy Wangdahl**

•**Other opportunities**—if you'd like to get involved, but not sure you have the time or know what to do, call **Mary Winkler**. We can always use help at meetings and other events through the year!

## Safe Tips Turkey Fryers



- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and other materials that can burn.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages. Don't use them under eaves or overhangs.
- Use turkey fryers on a flat surface to keep them from tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you are not careful, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer.
- Do not overfill the fryer. Doing so may cause the oil to catch fire from the burner. The fryer must be large enough to hold the oil and the turkey with plenty of room between the top of the oil and the top of the fryer. Test your out using water before heating the oil, if you have any doubts about the size of the fryer. And don't try to fry a turkey that is too large.
- Wipe the turkey down with paper towels inside and out before immersing it. If it is wet, the hot oil turns the water into steam, which accelerates to the surface and creates a hazardous geyser..
- Lids and handles can become extremely hot. Use well-insulated pot holders or oven mitts when handling any part of the aluminum pot.
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes in case of oil spatter.
- Keep an ABC multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions.

### Some interesting facts about Thanksgiving:

- about 270 million turkeys are raised in the United States each year
- the typical American eats about 13.6 pounds of turkey a year, with a good bit of it at Thanksgiving time.
- about 572 million pounds of cranberries and 1.4 billion pounds of sweet potatoes are produced in the United States each year
- the first Thanksgiving wasn't really celebrated by the Pilgrims, but was instead celebrated by Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado in Texas in 1541
- it wasn't until 1939 that Thanksgiving was officially on the fourth Thursday in November. In previous years, Thanksgiving might have been celebrated on the 1st, 3rd or last Thursday in November.

## Get your budgets ready! Upcoming Conferences & Events



- *SeminarFest*—January 21-27, 2007, Las Vegas, NV
- *Safety 2007*—ASSE National PDC—June 24-27, 2007 Orlando, FL
- *ASSE Region VI PDC*—September 17-21, 2007—Myrtle Beach, SC

Would you like to attend the Regional PDC for **FREE**? Submit an application to be a presenter, and we'll pick up one night hotel and your conference registration! Log onto <http://www.asse-region6.org/CallforSpeakers.htm>

### What's wrong with these pictures?



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