

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 16th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm @ Speedway Restaurant
GFPD Officer Brian Robbins: Why and How to Conduct a Workplace Security Assessment

Compressed Air Safety

Compressed air is often misjudged and not recognized as a hazard because people often think of air as harmless. CAUTION: SERIOUS INJURY MAY OCCUR! Did you know...

- Air forced into body tissues through the skin can cause an air embolism (air bubbles in the blood stream) which can be fatal if it reaches the heart, lungs, or brain.
- Inflation injuries of the intestine can be caused by air being directed at private body areas. A worker in the U.K. died of injuries sustained through horseplay with a compressed air hose. This act of horseplay can be deadly!
- Air blown into the mouth at only five PSI can rupture the esophagus or the lungs.
- Eye and ear injuries can occur from a blast of air or flying particles. These types of eye and ear injuries can cause partial or total loss of sight or hearing.
- The sound from a compressed air hose can reach 120-130 dB which is well above OSHA's 90 dB permissible exposure limit.
- 40 PSI can blow out an ear drum from four inches away and possibly cause brain damage.
- As little as 12 PSI can blow an eye out of its socket!
- Flying particles can cause cuts and bruises to any part of the body.



REMEMBER –

- Hoses and lines should be rated to meet the maximum operating pressure of the equipment.
- Always wear proper Personal Protective Equipment:
 - Safety glasses with side shields and a face shield if needed.
 - Hearing protection.
 - Respiratory protection, depending on the material(s) being worked with.
- Normal work clothing is not protection against compressed air.
- If you must clean with compressed air, do not use air that is set above 30 PSI. You must also have effective chip guarding and proper PPE (**OSHA standard 1910.242(b)**).
- NEVER USE COMPRESSED AIR TO CLEAN CLOTHING OR HAIR!
- NEVER POINT COMPRESSED AIR AT YOURSELF OR ANOTHER PERSON!

Active Shooter Survival Training Offered at NDSC March 7 - Fargo, ND

In response to recent events and requests for training, the North Dakota Safety Council will be hosting a second Active Shooter Survival Training in Fargo on Thursday, March 7 in Fargo at the Butler Training Center, 3401 33rd St. S, Fargo, ND, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Course cost is \$49 per person and includes lunch. To [register click here](#) or call 800-932-8890.

Active Shooter Survival Training is a realistic instruction that will help employers and public officials prepare for the unthinkable. A 'shooter' can strike at anytime, and recent events have shown that schools, corporations, malls, theaters, child care centers, government facilities, and houses of worship are at risk. Response to a critical incident must be the result of training, practice and empowerment to act. [Click here for full course description](#). The course will be lead by security expert, Stefan Salmonson, president of PROtective Services, Inc. Stefan has more than 600 clients to which he provides executive and personal protection services, bringing a high level of expertise and knowledge for attendees to tap in to. [Click here for full speaker biography](#).

BOARD MEETING

Board members meet the first Thursday of the month – 6:00-8:00 pm at the Valdak Corp. 1149 36th Ave. S (Valley Dairy)

NEXT MEETING January 10th

2012 BOARD MEMBERS

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COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Dan Mankie)

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Education Committee

(Rick Else)

Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations

- February - Rick Halldorson, Eastern ND Training Consultant for the North Dakota Safety Council (NDSC) will talk about safety services they offer to employers. 701-680-7979

Membership Committee

(Dave Opp, Eric Pearson)

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NOSHA is a non-profit organization formed to provide area safety professionals a direct way of sharing safety concerns, goals, and ideas to promote workplace safety.