



NRASP News

Starting the Conversation

The GHS Final Implementation Deadline is Upon Us—Are you Ready?

On Wednesday, June 15 our very own Randy Niles will be presenting. In his presentation Randy will review the new OSHA Hazard Communication standard and the Global Harmonization System (GHS).

He will encompass how the GHS originated along with new elements associated with the program. In addition, Randy will review pictograms, signal words, hazard statements, labeling and new SDS sheet format.

Meet the Board

Randy Niles

OECS, Inc—Fargo, ND

Randy Niles began his 2 year term as NRASP President on January 1, 2015. He had been a director on the NRASP Board of Directors for four years prior to becoming President. Randy has been a safety consultant for OECS of the Dakotas, Inc. for four years. His office is located in West Fargo. He has served as safety director for companies in Arizona and North Dakota prior to joining OECS of the Dakotas, Inc.



He attended Bismarck State College and Arizona State University where he studied Psychology and Marketing. He is also a member of the Continuum Toastmasters in Fargo. Randy lives in West Fargo with his wife, Kelly. They have three children, Mary Jo, Brandon and Grace. He also has a Great Dane named Oakley.

In his spare time, Randy enjoys his role as husband, dad and President of the Pittsburgh Steelers Fan Club! To offset the pure excitement of living the safety world during the week, he relaxes by serving as a wedding DJ for Harmon Entertainment on the weekends!

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Special points of interest

- June is National Safety Month
- July is National Fireworks Safety Month
- August is National Immunization Awareness, Back to School, and Children’s Eye Health & Safety month

NRASP Lunches

June – Randy Niles—GHS: The deadline is past—Now what do we do?

July – Fargo/Moorhead Fire Marshals - Industrial/Construction Fire Code

August – Stephanie Winterquist—Aging Workforce

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MISSION STATEMENT:

To enhance the development of Safety, Health and Environmental Professionals

June is National Safety Month

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SAFETY
MONTH 2016

It's National Safety Month. Each June, the National Safety Council and its partners raise awareness on preventing the lead-

ing causes of injury and death at work, on the roads and in our homes and communities. This year's theme is *SafeForLife*. Each week of June has a different focus area. Help spread the word about National Safety Month.

Week 1: Stand Ready to Respond

The nation depends on emergency responders to preserve the public's safety and health when disasters strike. To successfully meet this challenge, emergency responders must be protected from the hazardous conditions that disasters and other emergencies create, whether natural or a result of human action.

On any given day, anything can happen, from a slip and fall at home to a natural disaster near your workplace. By assessing potential risks and having a plan to respond, you can be prepared to handle emergencies, wherever they occur. Part of this preparation is being trained in first aid and CPR – it could be the difference between life and death. Even the fastest paramedics can take 8 to 12 minutes to get to a patient after calling 9-1-1.

Week 2: Be Healthy

Every day, 52 people die from prescription opioid overdoses. Prescription pain medications such as Oxycontin, Percocet and Vicodin account for more drug overdoses than heroin and cocaine combined. Many of those affected are working-age adults. According to a NSC survey,

80% of Indiana employers have had an issue with prescription opioids in the workplace. Even when taken as prescribed, opioid pain medications can impair workers on the job.

There are four easy things employers can do to address this growing issue – 1) review your workplace policy to address opioid misuse; 2) include the most commonly abused opioids in your drug screening; 3) train supervisors on how to recognize signs of drug use and how to address it; and 4) educate your employees on the risks of opioid use.

Week 3: Watch Out for Dangers

Preventable injuries are the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. Being safe means being alert, even in familiar surroundings. Watching out for hazards can help you identify and avoid them before an injury occurs. But first we need to know what those risks might be. Part of the solution is putting safety first – in our lives and in the lives of those we care about.

Week 4: Share Roads Safely

With crashes the leading cause of workplace death, we need to do everything possible to avoid impairment behind the wheel. Distracted driving is a huge issue tragically taking thousands of lives each year. Communication systems in vehicles are there for convenience, not safety. Even hands-free devices pose a threat because the brain remains distracted. While there are currently no federal laws banning all electronic device use behind the wheel, employers can have a huge influence through safe driving policies.





2016 Annual Safety Conference

Tuesday, November 29 -- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 30 -- 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn
4351 17th Ave. S, Fargo, ND

Schedule of Events

Registration/Continental Breakfast:	7:00 am – 8:00 am
Keynote:	8:00 am – 9:30 am
Break/Vendor Show:	9:30 am – 10:00 am
Breakout Session 1:	10:00 am – 11:45 am
Lunch/Vendor Show:	11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Breakout Session 2:	1:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Break/Vendor Show:	2:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Breakout Session 3*:	3:15 pm – 5:00 pm*

**Breakout Session 3 will only occur on Tuesday, November 29*

On **Wednesday, November 30** between 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm there will be:

- ◆ Member Social with Cash Bar
- ◆ Vendor talks and drawings
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ President Re-cap, and
- ◆ End of Conference drawings

Golf Committee

Due to a last minute closure of the restaurant at Rose Creek Golf Course, the annual NRASP golf outing has been moved from July to August this year and is in a new location.

Tentative date scheduled is: **Wednesday, August 17 at Meadows Golf Course.**

This will be a 9-hole event, same as previous years.

Matt Weis is heading the Golf Committee this year. Any NRASP member is eligible to serve on a committee. Please contact Matt Weis at mattw@dawsonins.com if you are interested in being part of the Golf Committee this year or are interested in a sponsorship.



Annual Conference Committee Update

Keynote speakers are being finalized and breakout sessions are being created as we speak. We are less than six months from our next Annual Conference and the committee is gearing up for another great year of speakers, vendors, drawings and a good time increasing our safety knowledge.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the upcoming conference please contact any Board member and they will be happy to get you registration information. Cost for a 10 x 10 booth space is \$175 and includes a covered table and 2 chairs. The price includes booth space and your company's name in the Vendor listing on the Conference Program.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

- ◆ Diamond Sponsorship = \$1000+
- ◆ Platinum Sponsorship = \$1000
- ◆ Gold Sponsorship = \$500

Contact Carolyn or Becky for more sponsorship information

Regulatory Safety Updates

In going along with the NRASP mission of sharing knowledge, each quarter the Board will supply a list of any Regulatory updates with in the Transportation, Workplace Safety, and Environmental scopes.



Workplace Safety

- 05/13/2016 - OSHA updates guidance on good engineering practices in PSM
- 05/11/2016 - ISEA's new initiative seeks to protect workers from dropped objects
- 05/11/2016 - New final rule to make work injury data available on OSHA's website
- 05/10/2016 - OSHA: Excavation company puts workers at risk of trench cave-ins
- 05/09/2016 - Brooklyn company exposes workers to unsafe lead, noise, and chemical hazards, OSHA finds
- 05/06/2016 - Fall prevention infographics now available
- 05/05/2016 - New fact sheet provides ladder jack scaffolding requirements
- 05/04/2016 - NIOSH releases study on work-related hearing loss
- 05/03/2016 - OMB completes review of electronic injury tracking rule
- 05/03/2016 - Emergency Response and Preparedness Subcommittee to meet on proposed rule
- 05/02/2016 - Fact Sheet provides details on rescue planning in permit-required confined spaces
- 04/29/2016 - BLS data shows fatal work-related injuries highest in more than 5 years
- 04/28/2016 - Agencies issue guidance on protecting workers from exposure to Zika virus
- 04/27/2016 - Department of Labor to release new FMLA poster
- 04/27/2016 - Workers' Memorial Day to acknowledge lost workers on April 28
- 04/26/2016 - Black Lung Benefits Act final rule aims to protect coal miners' health
- 04/25/2016 - OSHA issues enforcement policy regarding confined spaces
- 04/22/2016 - NIOSH releases Total Worker Health Agenda
- 04/21/2016 - GAO report says more effort needed to reduce workplace violence for health care workers
- 04/20/2016 - OSHA provides guidance on work-related exception
- 04/19/2016 - CSB finds offshore risk management and regulatory oversight still inadequate
- 04/18/2016 - MSHA data indicates 2015 safest mining year on record
- 04/18/2016 - Most employees feel their workplaces are safe, survey says
- 04/15/2016 - Cal/OSHA urges employers to prepare for approaching heat season
- 04/14/2016 - BLS releases data on injury and illness job transfer/restriction pilot study
- 04/13/2016 - MSHA temporarily delays respirable dust sampling requirement for certain areas
- 04/12/2016 - OSHA releases 2015 enforcement data
- 04/11/2016 - Employees blame their jobs for weight gain, survey shows
- 04/11/2016 - Report shows potential health effects of climate change on workers
- 04/08/2016 - Former coal mine CEO sentenced to one year in prison and \$250,000 for violating mine safety standards
- 04/07/2016 - New York developer will pay \$700K for exposing workers to lead, asbestos hazards
- 04/06/2016 - NIOSH releases guide to help companies build a nanotechnology safety program
- 04/05/2016 - Mine safety alert targets April — the second deadliest month in mining
- 04/04/2016 - OSHA, Shipbuilding Group form alliance to protect workers in shipyard employment
- 04/04/2016 - NIOSH fact sheet aims to keep older drivers safe in the workplace
- 04/01/2016 - Hiring will continue in the second quarter, survey finds
- 04/01/2016 - OSHA: Safety pays, falls cost
- 03/31/2016 - OSHA issues temporary enforcement delay of PSM-covered chemical concentrations
- 03/30/2016 - NIOSH offers tips to help protect workers from mosquito-borne illnesses
- 03/29/2016 - OSHA schedules special meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health
- 03/28/2016 - OSHA publishes eye and face protection final rule
- 03/25/2016 - OSHA announces silica final rule
- 03/24/2016 - Oregon OSHA adopts changes to construction-industry fall protection rules
- 03/23/2016 - NIOSH publication addresses improper use of respiratory protection in health care
- 03/22/2016 - OMB concludes review of silica final rule
- 03/21/2016 - CDC launches publication focused on protecting employee health
- 03/18/2016 - Data shows more than 10K severe injuries reported in first year of OSHA requirement
- 03/17/2016 - OSHA issues updated memorandum on injury and illness reporting requirements
- 03/16/2016 - OSHA enforcement to focus on protecting workers from struck-by vehicle hazards
- 03/15/2016 - OSHA cites Wisconsin cleaning service company after window washer falls to death
- 03/14/2016 - OSHA revamps shipbreaking operations directive
- 03/11/2016 - NIOSH provides tips on keeping workers safe when 'springing forward'
- 03/11/2016 - Sleep deprivation costs workers and companies, survey shows

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Transportation

- 03/31/2016 - North Carolina trucking company shut down by FMCSA
- 03/30/2016 - Oregon timber industry granted extension of HOS rest break exemption
- 03/29/2016 - PHMSA puts finishing touches on new reverse logistics rule
- 03/28/2016 - Wyoming trucking company shutdown by FMCSA
- 03/25/2016 - Study finds crash risk five times greater for truck drivers not adhering to sleep apnea treatment
- 03/24/2016 - ATRI recruiting participants for truck parking research
- 03/23/2016 - FMCSA announces urgent truck safety recall
- 03/22/2016 - Massachusetts trucking company declared imminent hazard to public safety
- 03/21/2016 - South Carolina trucker declared an imminent hazard to public safety
- 03/18/2016 - FMCSA to hold listening sessions on crediting carriers for going beyond compliance
- 03/17/2016 - FMCSA issues NPRM to ease CDL process for service members
- 03/16/2016 - FMCSA extends compliance date of bus leasing and interchange rule
- 03/15/2016 - DOT announces notice of funding availability for infrastructure projects
- 03/14/2016 - Report finds unawareness on effective ways to reduce crash risk due to driver fatigue
- 03/11/2016 - Daylight Savings Time: Handling drivers' time recording
- 03/10/2016 - DOT seeks feedback on sleep apnea rule for CMV drivers
- 03/09/2016 - FMCSA announces mandated CSA program study
- 03/09/2016 - Trucks recalled due to loss of steering risk
- 03/08/2016 - FMCSA publishes notice to revise definition of high-risk motor carrier
- 03/07/2016 - DOT releases 30-year freight projections
- 03/04/2016 - FMCSA estimates roadside inspections saved thousands of lives
- 03/04/2016 - Entry-level driver training proposal to be published
- 03/03/2016 - ATRI survey seeks trucking crash cost data
- 03/02/2016 - FHWA responds to FAST
- 04/29/2016 - Transport agencies to host three sleep apnea listening sessions
- 04/28/2016 - PHMSA releases 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook
- 04/28/2016 - More than 800 recalled trucks still need repair, FMCSA reports
- 04/27/2016 - FMCSA seeks input on annual state inspection programs for passenger-carrying CMVs
- 04/26/2016 - FHWA proposes new rule to combat traffic congestion
- 04/25/2016 - Senate approves THUD bill requiring DOT to issue 'Speed Limiters' proposed rule
- 04/25/2016 - Senate bill would add 73-hour limit for truck drivers
- 04/22/2016 - Missouri seeks exemption from CDL knowledge test for veterans
- 04/21/2016 - FMCSA seeks feedback on Beyond Compliance program
- 04/21/2016 - FHWA issues new performance measures proposal targeted to reduce traffic congestion
- 04/20/2016 - Large trucks involved in fatal crashes declined in 2014, according to FMCSA report
- 04/19/2016 - Sleep apnea survey launched
- 04/18/2016 - New Driver Examination Forms must be used starting April 20
- 04/18/2016 - FMCSA calls for immediate re-inspection and retesting of certain cargo tanks
- 04/18/2016 - More than 10,000 trucks recalled due to fire risk
- 04/15/2016 - Freight shipments drop for first time in 2 months
- 04/14/2016 - DOT establishes MCSAP Formula Working Group
- 04/13/2016 - National Work Zone Awareness Week under way
- 04/12/2016 - Missouri requests to extend timeline for military CDL skill test waiver
- 04/11/2016 - CVSA's annual Roadcheck set for June 7-9
- 04/08/2016 - Distracted driving awareness month begins
- 04/06/2016 - FMCSA grants Oregon limited exemption to CLP requirement
- 04/06/2016 - FDA rule to affect food transporters
- 04/05/2016 - BTS releases annual transportation statistics report
- 04/04/2016 - IRS issues proposed regulations related to truck and trailer excise taxes
- 04/01/2016 - FMCSA bans Canadian truck driver from operating in the U.S.
- 05/13/2016 - Legal marijuana use linked to fatal accidents, AAA study finds
- 05/12/2016 - FMCSA issues safety advisory for TYTAL cargo tanks
- 05/11/2016 - ATRI seeks for-hire motor carriers for operational costs survey
- 05/10/2016 - Tennessee truck driver pronounced an imminent hazard to public safety by FMCSA
- 05/09/2016 - PHMSA extends comment period for natural gas pipelines regulations to July 7, 2016
- 05/06/2016 - California issues draft plan for freight system of the future
- 05/05/2016 - Trucking firm associate pleads guilty in CDL fraud case
- 05/04/2016 - U.S. Customs to test prepay option for the commercial truck single-crossing user fee
- 05/03/2016 - PHMSA final rule integrates latest ASME standard for boiler and pressure vessels
- 05/02/2016 - NHTSA issues proposed safety standard for motorcoaches and large buses



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Environment

- 03/31/2016 - EPA publishes final rule revising list of partially exempt chemical substances
- 03/30/2016 - EPA proposes use of climate-friendly alternatives to HFCs
- 03/29/2016 - Pennsylvania company will pay \$55K to settle alleged environmental violations
- 03/28/2016 - Hardwood flooring retailer pays \$2.5M to settle California clean air claims
- 03/25/2016 - EPA encourages use of Safer Choice program cleaning products
- 03/24/2016 - OIG report says EPA needs to take extra steps to protect public from contaminated water
- 03/23/2016 - EPA, New Mexico water utility agree to penalties for sewage overflows and E. Coli violations
- 03/22/2016 - EPA appoints board of experts to help develop e-Manifest system
- 03/21/2016 - EPA enhances criminal enforcement data on ECHO
- 03/18/2016 - EPA to develop rules to reduce methane emissions from existing O&G sources
- 03/17/2016 - Cheese producer meets chemical accident prevention measures, reaches settlement with EPA
- 03/16/2016 - Agency to begin research on unregulated facilities using TRI data
- 03/15/2016 - EPA encourages Americans to become leak detectives
- 03/14/2016 - Pet care company will pay \$151K for failing to report pesticides to EPA
- 03/11/2016 - Electric company agrees to pay \$850K in asbestos cleanup settlement
- 03/10/2016 - EPA finalizes one of the largest superfund projects in history
- 03/09/2016 - Washington seafood companies to pay nearly \$500K for environmental violations
- 03/08/2016 - Technology company agrees to pay \$5M for improper hazardous waste management
- 03/07/2016 - EPA proposes action to prevent poisonings from a commonly used herbicide
- 03/04/2016 - EPA issues draft risk assessment for toxic chemical
- 03/03/2016 - EPA, NHTSA seek comments on emission limits for heavy-duty vehicles
- 03/02/2016 - EPA moves to ban insecticide flubendiamide
- 03/01/2016 - EPA publishes underground storage tank manual
- 04/29/2016 - Five pesticides to be evaluated by EPA, including aldicarb and coumaphos
- 04/28/2016 - Senators introduce the Water Resources Development Act
- 04/27/2016 - EPA announces tactics to develop national action plan for safe drinking water
- 04/26/2016 - Company will pay \$50M to clean up Tennessee superfund site
- 04/25/2016 - Agency to review EPA's pesticide import inspection program
- 04/22/2016 - EPA Administrator: It's time to reach the 'next level' of environmental protection
- 04/21/2016 - Nebraska housing company to pay penalty for lead-based paint violations
- 04/20/2016 - Large trucks involved in fatal crashes declined in 2014, according to FMCSA report
- 04/20/2016 - EPA releases the Draft Integrated Review Plan for the NAAQS for Particulate Matter
- 04/19/2016 - EPA publishes 21st annual U.S. greenhouse gas inventory
- 04/18/2016 - Coast guard releases 2016 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program Guidelines
- 04/15/2016 - 2016 TRI program public outreach and training event set for this fall
- 04/14/2016 - Chemical Safety Board to hold public meeting April 20
- 04/13/2016 - EPA releases UST requirement publications
- 04/12/2016 - EPA prepares to reissue 2017 Construction General Permit (CGP)
- 04/11/2016 - Resin manufacturer settles with EPA for claims of clean water violations
- 04/08/2016 - EPA adds five sites to National Priorities List
- 04/07/2016 - EPA final rule aims to reduce exposure to trichloroethylene
- 04/06/2016 - EPA empties USTs to prevent groundwater contamination
- 04/05/2016 - PHMSA to hold oil spill response workshop
- 04/04/2016 - Cleanup plan proposal issued for Minnesota Superfund site
- 04/01/2016 - EPA requires California contractor to warn residents of lead-based paint dangers
- 05/13/2016 - EPA issues first-ever standards to reduce methane emissions in the oil and gas sector
- 05/12/2016 - New EPA report shows nearly half of wetlands in good health
- 05/11/2016 - EPA updates Straight Talks on Tanks (UST) publication
- 05/10/2016 - EPA to re-issue requests for grant proposals
- 05/09/2016 - Company fined for improperly shredding refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners

