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Renew Your Membership!

Your support is influential to our success! Our accomplishments would not be possible without a dedicated member base. We ask for your continued support by renewing your VPPPA membership today.

Prime member contacts who have not yet renewed for 2016 were emailed their membership invoice last month; this month, a hard copy of the invoice was mailed out. Members who joined in 2015 will receive their invoice on their anniversary date.

To renew your membership, visit our [website](#), or if you have



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Donate to VPPPA's Scholarship Fund

Support the next generation of safety and health professionals by [donating](#) to VPPPA's scholarship fund. VPPPA's scholarships are for members and their families, and are provided to deserving students pursuing a career in the safety, health or environmental fields.

Donating is easy, [click here](#) to complete the donation form now! All donations are tax deductible, and go toward the scholarships below:

- June Brothers Scholarship
- Stephen Brown Scholarship
- William "Sully" Scholarship



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Submit Conference Workshop Proposals!

No matter which industry you're in or the type of worksite you're employed at, one safety issue is relevant throughout: security. Security in the workplace is becoming more and more important, as the number of workplace incidents continue to rise throughout the world.

If you have a security topic that you'd like to present at this year's national conference, or if there's another safety and health topic that you think worksites would benefit from hearing about, submit a proposal to present a workshop at the 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference, Aug. 29-September 1, 2016, in Kissimmee, FL.

Security topics may include:

- Handling an active shooter situation
- Secured entry and access
- Preparation for emergency situations
- Other security procedures/practices



Proposals are due by Feb. 12, 2016; chosen speakers will be notified by the end of March 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact the Conference & Education Department at (703) 761-1146 or conference@vpppa.org.

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Register for the Free "VPP 1-0-Wait What?" Webinar!

The Feb. 18th webinar has already filled up! To accommodate those who didn't get to register, the same webinar will be held a week later on Feb. 25.

Do you want a blueprint for VPP engagement at your site? If you weren't able to attend last year's VPP 101 workshop, join Kelli Heflin on Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. EDT, as she presents the free "[VPP 1-0- Wait What?](#)" webinar. Described as the "cliff notes of the VPP 101 workshop," this webinar will not only guide your site in meeting all elements of VPP, but will also prepare you for writing the application and experiencing a successful onsite evaluation.

Kelli Heflin, the safety coordinator at Southwest Generation Operating Company, has been involved in VPP since 2003 and has served on both the Region VIII and National VPPPA boards.



If you have questions about the webinar, contact the National Office at (703) 761-1146 or email education@vpppa.org.

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Write for *The Leader*!

In coordination with the theme for this year's national conference, the May issue of *The Leader* will cover security issues in the workplace. Because security is a topic that often flies under the radar, we want to bring light to crucial issues that our readers should be aware of.

If you use security best practices to keep your workers safe, or have knowledge to share with our readers, contact the communications department [through email](#) by March 16.



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OSHA's Updated Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines

There's less than a month left to submit public comments for an updated version of OSHA's voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines (OSHA-2015-0018).

The [draft document](#) will help provide employers and workers with a sound, flexible framework for addressing safety and health issues in the workplace. What's new in the guidelines:

- A proactive approach to finding and fixing hazards before they cause injury, illness or death
- Improved safety and health in all types of workplaces
- Help for small and medium-sized businesses to effectively protect their workers
- Increase worker involvement, so all workers have a voice in workplace safety and health
- Better communication and coordination on multi-employer worksites



[Submit your comments](#) by February 15, 2016.

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