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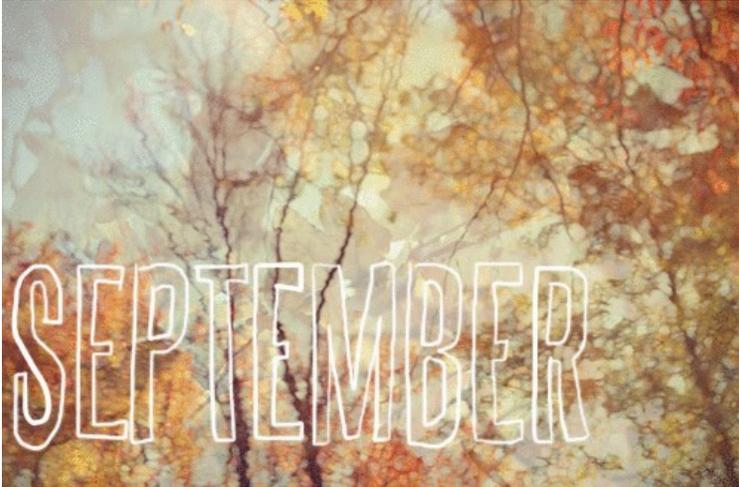
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Thank You For Attending Safety+

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended the 2018 Safety+ Symposium in Nashville, TN! It is always wonderful to meet our members, exhibitors and sponsors face-to-face. This year's event had record attendance, and we hope everyone who was interested was able to fill out the post-event survey. We randomly selected two winners from the post-event attendee survey and one from the post-event exhibitor survey to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. **Congratulations to: Sue E., Calvin W. and Ashlynn J.**

We hope to see everyone again at the 2019 Safety+ Symposium in New Orleans, LA! We already have some great ideas in the works for next year's event.

You can check out the 2018 [event photos here](#) and find [workshop presentations here](#).

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Do You Love Animals? Check Out the #VPPPAAnimals Contest

The #VPPPAAnimals contest is back by popular demand! [Check out some of our entries from last year](#).

Submit a photo of your dog, cat, bunny, pet rock, etc. and use **#VPPPAAnimals** in the post. The post with the most "likes" will win a spot in *The Leader* magazine AND a \$50 Amazon gift card. Be sure to "like" your favorite entries, and tell your friends to "like" entries, too.

The easiest way to enter is to add your photo in the comments on [this post](#). Or you can email your photo to membership@vpppa.org.



The contest runs until September 27th at 4PM EST. We will announce the winner on September 28.

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We Want to Hear From YOU! Take Our Membership Survey

Our members are important to us and we want your voices to be heard. Please consider taking a few minutes to fill out this membership survey. We want to know what you want to see from the VPPPA. With this information, we will be able to increase, improve or reevaluate our membership benefits to tailor to your specific needs. **Complete the survey by October 5 to be entered to win a gift card!**

[Take the Membership Survey](#)

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Potential Funding Boost for OSHA

Last Thursday, the House and Senate resolved their differences in a congressional conference committee meeting on a "minibus" appropriations bill. According to *Safety + Health Magazine*, "the spending package includes funding for the Department of Defense and a continuing resolution to keep the government open until December 7.

The minibus, which includes the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act of 2019 and the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2019, was passed by the Senate on September 18. It still needs approval from the House, which likely will come before the federal fiscal year 2018 ends on September 30, and President Donald Trump's signature. The appropriations bill provides about \$557.8 million for OSHA in FY 2019, a \$1 million increase from the Senate's initial minibus, which passed August 23, and \$12.5 million more than the House's proposed budget. The agency received \$552.8 million in FY 2018; the Trump administration allocated \$549 million.

OSHA's federal compliance assistance efforts are scheduled for a \$2.5 million increase to \$73.5 million, and at least \$3.5 million is going to the Voluntary Protection Programs. OSHA's enforcement budget is slated for a \$1 million boost to \$209 million."

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Hurricane Clean Up Hazards

Hurricane Florence is still destroying property in North Carolina, and parts of South Carolina have experienced flash flood warnings. Around 35 lives have been claimed by the storm, and Wilmington, NC, has essentially been cut off by floodwaters. In addition, Fayetteville, NC, has had major flooding and dams are being put to the test.

A few tips for those impacted by the hurricane:

- Start the recovery process. If you have insurance, and it's safe to return home, call your insurance company to file a claim. Take photos and videos of all damages before you start cleaning up.
- Extreme heat and humidity can be dangerous. Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated, and take frequent rest breaks.
- Try to avoid exposure to flood water as it can be electrically charged, carry infectious diseases, attract mosquitoes, or be filled with dangerous animals like snakes.
- To kill all major water-borne bacterial pathogens, bring water to a rolling boil for 1 full minute. Boil 3 minutes at elevations above 5280 ft (1 mile or 1.6 km).

A few resources for donating towards the victims of the storm:

- [North Carolina Community Foundation](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity of Wake County](#)
- [Foundation for the Carolinas](#)
- [United Way Hurricane Florence Recovery](#)

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Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we might add you to our blog schedule for 2018.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages. In addition, please send us any safety "lessons learned" and we can share them with our membership.

Member of the Month

Have you checked out the **Member of the Month** section on our website? If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please email membership@vpppa.org.

The September Member of the Month is Cliff Butler, you can read about him [here!](#)



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