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On The Level - April 2021



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Time's Running Out - Register for Next Level Safety!

**READY TO TAKE YOUR SAFETY
TO THE NEXT LEVEL?**

JOIN US ONLINE FOR **NEXT LEVEL SAFETY!**

Don't Miss Out On *Next Level Safety*, April 20 & 21!

The countdown has begun! Learn, collaborate, and connect with safety experts next week at our first annual virtual conference. This two-day event offers workshops uniquely designed to accelerate your knowledge of safety and keep you up-to-date with the highest trending safety topics of 2021. Take your safety knowledge to the next level, all from the comfort of your own computer!

What To Expect at *Next Level Safety*

What sets *Next Level Safety* apart from other virtual conferences? It is a collaborative event between VPPPA and OSHA. This partnership provides attendees with 24 workshops within three exclusive educational tracks: VPP, OSHA, and New to Safety. Each workshop is 45 minutes long and includes 15 minutes for attendees to participate in live Question & Answer

sessions.

Can't attend live? You'll have access to all 24 workshops, presentations and Q&As for 30 days, so you can listen on your own time.

Speaker Highlights



James Fredrick
Principal Deputy Assistant
Secretary of Labor for OSHA



James V. Hart
President Metal Trades
Department (MTD), AFL-CIO

Fredrick holds three decades of experience providing OHS leadership to North American labor unions. Additionally, he spent 25 years in the Health, Safety & Environmental Department of the United Steelworkers Union (USW), serving as Assistant Director & Principal Investigator until 2019.

Throughout his career, Fredrick has served on a number of safety & health groups including: NIOSH, NIEHS, ANSI, & OSHA. In January 2021, Fredrick was appointed OSHA's acting administrator & the agency's deputy assistant secretary.

Hart has served in a number of leadership positions at the local, state, & national levels. Following his initiation into the union in 1976, Hart rose through the ranks & was later elected as an international representative & director of the Metal Trades Maritime & Government Employees Department.

His efforts have improved countless outreach methods & ultimately provided insight on building effective consensus among affiliated International & National Unions, the Department, and its Councils.



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News from OSHA

National Safety Stand-Down Week

The 8th annual **National Safety Stand-**

Down to prevent falls in construction is scheduled for May 3-7, 2021.

To kick off the week leaders from OSHA, NIOSH and CPWR will share the latest data related to OSHA enforcement, incident rates, and underlying causes of falls, as well as real life stories and new fall prevention resources to use during Stand-Down week and beyond.



Fall protection saves lives! To join the campaign and learn more on how to **#StandDown4Safety**, click [here](#).



VPPPA welcomes Martin "Marty" J. Walsh as the 29th Secretary of Labor!

Marty J. Walsh was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of Labor on March 23, 2021. He is a lifelong champion of equity and fairness, and a proud product of the City of Boston.

Secretary Walsh leads the U.S. Department of Labor with a strong connection to working people, and a commitment to creating an economy that works for all.

Secretary Walsh issued a public message. To view it, click [here](#).

Awards & Scholarships - Apply Today!



The VPPPA is excited to announce the opening of our Annual Awards and Scholarships season for 2021!

Every year, VPPPA is proud to bestow three Annual Awards to member sites and individuals who go above and beyond in their

efforts to improve safety and health for the workforce.

VPPPA also provides four Scholarships, each worth \$3,500, to support students who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to safety and health in their schools and communities. Members and family (child, grandchild, spouse) of full-member sites in good standing should apply for VPPPA scholarships when pursuing a vocational, undergraduate, or graduate degree in the safety, health, or environmental fields.

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April Behavioral Health Column

VPPPA has partnered with the experts at MindWise Innovations to present a monthly article addressing issues

and questions that members might be hesitant to ask about. These columns will address your concerns about mental health, substance abuse, brain injuries, family issues, and more.

The April article highlights stress related to current events and provides tips on how to manage differences in opinion, as well as maintain team cohesion, within the workplace.

To submit your own question (your information will not be shared), [fill out this form](#).

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2021 World Safety and Health at Work Day

BCSP | Board of Certified
Safety Professionals

Mark your calendars! **April 28** is World Safety and Health at Work Day, an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work.

BCSP will be holding their second virtual career fair on this day to celebrate their ongoing commitment to advancing safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) professionals. This fair is an interactive, real-time experience providing easy and effective ways to apply for jobs, chat with prospective employers, interview for positions, and learn all about the many opportunities in the field of SH&E!

Sponsorship opportunities are available for employers looking to attract and recruit credentialed safety professionals. Don't wait, registration deadlines are quickly approaching! For more information on sponsorship opportunities, visit bcspcareerfair.org

[Employers - Register Here](#)

[Job Seekers - Register Here](#)

Join the VPPPA N.O.W.

Are you a woman in safety looking to network with industry peers? Consider joining the **VPPPA N.O.W. (Network of Women)** group!

This is a private space to come together as women to encourage, pose questions and empower. We are currently over 160 members strong and growing daily! Don't miss the opportunity to network and learn with us.

This April marks the 20th anniversary of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. While sexual harassment in the workplace is common, it's rarely reported - approx. 70% of employees who experience it never file a complaint internally.

VPPPA's N.O.W. will be highlighting SAAM and offering insight on preventative measures for workplace sexual assault in the coming weeks of April. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with likeminded female safety professionals. Join in on the discussion!

Join N.O.W.

Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Want to write for the Summer issue of the *Leader* magazine? The theme for the Summer issue is **Chemical Safety & Hazard Communication**. If you, or someone you know, has experience in this area, please contact communications@vpppa.org. We would love to see your article!

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

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.



Congratulations to the April VPPPA Member of the Month, Steve Ballinger!

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website!

If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please fill out our [nominations form](#).

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