



### OCTOBER 2023

#### VPPPA On-Site at Roco Rescue's Challenge 2023







VPPPA Partnership Manager, Heidi Hill, is currently on the scene in Baton Rouge, LA, at Roco Rescue's Challenge 2023. The annual event brings together rescue teams from across the country at the Roco Training Center, a VPP star site, for surprise scenarios and realistic confined space practice drills!

#### VPPPA Lunch & Learn Virtual Series Focuses on Strengthening Culture and Performance

Human & Organizational Performance (HOP), hazard recognition, and safety culture are on the menu for <u>VPPPA's Lunch & Learn Virtual Series</u> this October 31 through November 2. The three-day event will offer attendees a variety of live sessions led by industry experts aimed to help advance safety and health at their workplace. These sessions include:



Session: Wearable Safety Tech Benefits & Impact | Tom West, MākuSafe

Session: But I Don't Wanna | Sharon Lipinski, Habit Mastery Consulting
Session: The Final Barrier Between Life and Death | George Cole, PVNGS

In this session, VPPPA member and MākuSafe VP, Tom West, will demonstrate how data collected through wearable technology can be leveraged to identify root cause behaviors and develop processes that promote positive worker engagement in reducing potential hazards.



Habit Mastery Consulting's Sharon Lipinski will share valuable insights on how companies can effectively implement cultures that foster the necessary buy-in for executing successful behavioral changes. Meanwhile, George Cole, with Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, will present real-world examples of how human behavior, and our ability to influence safe decision-making, can make the difference between returning home each day and potentially experiencing catastrophic consequences.



Session: Why Don't We See the Things That Can Hurt Us? | Doug Pontsler, Center of Visual Experience

Session: Top 7 Proven Safety Tools, Techniques & Practices to Turn Around a Problem Plant | Jean Ndana, Bull Moose Tube

COVE's Doug Pontsler will lead a session centered on hazard recognition and worksite analysis, assisting attendees in comprehending how to aid teams in improving their ability to visualize and identify commonly overlooked hazards. Ndana from Bull Moose Tube will lead a thorough analysis of seven tools and practices that attendees can implement to mitigate performance declines and initiate a turnaround at their worksite.

Registration for the Lunch & Learn Series is \$99 for VPPPA members and \$199 for non-members; materials and recordings will be available through VPPPA's eLearning Toolbox to participants for three months following the event, allowing them on-demand access to the content at their convenience.

The series is sponsored by <u>Columbia Southern University</u>, an online institution committed to transforming lives through higher education. Join your peers in gaining knowledge to help raise the standard for a safe and healthy workplace, one site at a time. Register today!

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## Safety+ Symposium







## Congratulations to the winners of our event survey raffle!

1) Shelleen L. 2) Tarnesha H. 3) Gavin L. 4) Kyle B. 5) Trisha W.

## Save the Date: 2024 Safety+ Symposium

We look forward to welcoming you to the <u>2024 Safety+ Symposium</u>, which will be hosted at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in the picturesque city of Aurora, CO, from August 25-28, 2024. Mark your calendars!

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# Summer Leader Magazine

In case you missed it: The 2023 summer issue of VPPPA's *Leader* Magazine, **Industrial Hygiene**, is available online. VPPPA members, take advantage of your exclusive digital benefits and read it now!

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# New VPP Online Features and Highlights from Safety+ 2023

Explore AuditSoft's article to uncover the latest VPP Online enhancements, designed to streamline collaborative Annual Self-Evaluations and further drive continuous improvement, unveiled last month at Safety+2023.



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## National SGE the Year Award

In case you missed it: Robert (Bob) Simmons received the 2023 National Special Government Employee (SGE) of the Year Award from Jim Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Occupational Safety and Health, at VPPPA's Safety+ Symposium.



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## New to the VPPPA Blog

In our latest blog post, <u>PepTalk</u> discusses the meaning of a safety stand down, why safety is so important, and how to deliver a successful stand down event that improves safety performance.

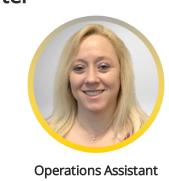


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## Safety Star of the Quarter

## Congratulations, Julie Smith!

The VPPPA Safety Star of the Quarter is a program to honor and recognize an employee's achievements in safety performance and professionalism. Help us showcase an exceptional VPPPA member by submitting a nomination today.









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