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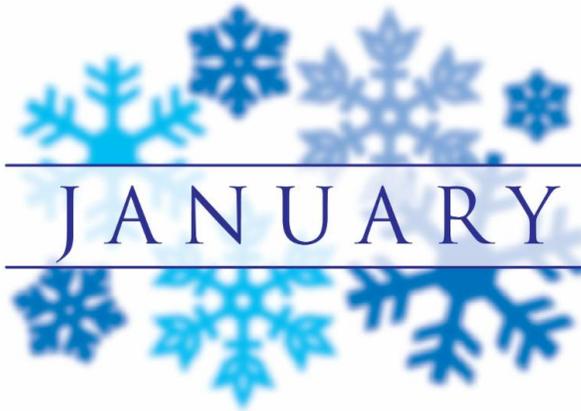
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New year, new banner! Check out our new On the Level banner above.

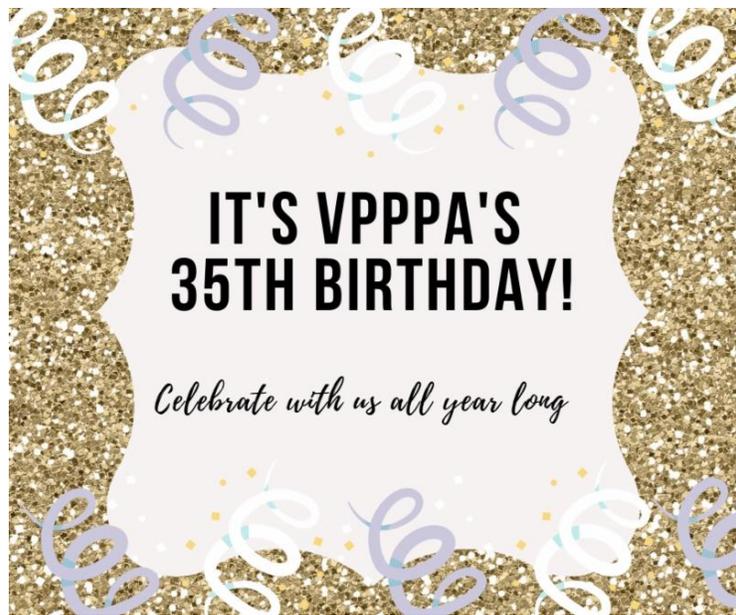
Happy 35th Birthday VPPPA!

The VPPPA began in 1984, and we are celebrating our 35th birthday in style. We're giving away birthday gifts ALL year long and hosting a birthday party at the 2019 Safety+ Symposium in New Orleans, LA, August 27-30. We will be giving away two new prizes each month, as well as at Safety+ later this year.

To be entered into our first prize drawing, all you have to do is answer a VPPPA trivia question correctly and you can potentially win a Fitbit! Read more about our story and answer the trivia question [here](#). **Tomorrow is the last day to answer our first trivia question and be entered to win.**

Stay up-to-date on our future contests and prizes by "liking" VPPPA on [Facebook](#).

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Give Back to VPPPA with AmazonSmile

VPPPA has set up an AmazonSmile account. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when our members shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the price of eligible purchases to VPPPA. There is no price difference if our members choose to use AmazonSmile. To sign up for the VPPPA AmazonSmile page, visit: bit.ly/AmSmVPPPA. **Be sure to start at Smile.Amazon.com when you begin shopping.**



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Free Trenching and Excavation Training Video

OSHA has updated its National Emphasis Program (NEP) on preventing trenching and excavation collapses in response to a recent spike in trenching fatalities. Trench collapses, or cave-ins, pose the greatest risk to workers' lives. When done safely, trenching operations can reduce worker exposure to other potential hazards including falls, falling loads, hazardous atmospheres and incidents involving mobile equipment. To protect these workers, employers must think about preventing injuries and providing workers with the right equipment for the job.

A new video developed by OSHA Region VI Training Institute Education Centers offers guidance on how to prevent injuries and fatalities from common hazards in trenching and excavation.

The one-hour video focuses on:

- Cave In Protection
- Best Practices
- Resources
- Other Hazards in Trenching

*The video is free of charge and will be available for viewing beginning **February 18**.

[Click here to register to receive the video](#)

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Free January Webinar Opportunity

The webinar, "How to be a Safety Ninja: Using PowerPoint for Safety Training" will focus exclusively on how to leverage PowerPoint more efficiently and effectively to achieve a better training program. PowerPoint is not a weapon, it is a gift as long as you can master the amazing extras that have been added to the software over the last several years. Find out about image manipulation, template usage, SmartArt, color palettes, and of course other details to make your presentation awesome. Couple these tools with other valuable safety ninja skills on developing effective training programs, and you are one step closer to your goal of great training. Anyone who uses PowerPoint, develops training programs, or manages people who do, should attend this fast-paced, interactive program.

Presenter: Regina McMichael, The Learning Factory

Date: Tuesday, January 22

Time: 1:00PM EST

Price: FREE

[Click here to register](#)

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Safety+ Workshop Proposal Portal Open Now

Do you have a safety story to tell or ways to train others in safety and health? Please share your expertise with our attendees at the 2019 Safety+ Symposium. We are now accepting proposals for workshop presentations during the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to the National Office at conference@vpppa.org or call us at (703) 761-1146.

Proposal Timeline

- Deadline: Friday, March 22, 2019
- Notification of Acceptance April 19, 2019
- Deadline for Accepting Speaking Role: May 24, 2019

Important Speaker Notes

- Proposals are for 1-hour workshops.
- Proposals that focus on promoting a commercial product will not be considered.
- Proposals will be reviewed and selected based on several criteria to include topic relevance, quality of proposal and creativity.
 - Tip: We are always excited to see creative, interactive and fun workshops in our selection process. Teach attendees through games like jeopardy or bingo, group work, or use props. Have fun and be creative!
- **You must choose a level for your workshop in correlation with the attendees experience with the topic:**
 - Beginner (0-5 years of experience)
 - Intermediate (6-10 years of experience)
 - Advanced (10+ years of experience)
- **Topic examples:**
 - Worksite Analysis, Hazard Prevention and Control, Training, Ergonomics, Management Commitment, DOE/EPA/OSHA, Health and Medical, Challenge, Behavior Based, Safety Management Systems, Employee Involvement, S.H.A.R.P, and Other

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Write for a VPPPA Publication

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.

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.

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 January Member of the Month is Kenneth Mueller. You can read about him [here](#).

Congratulations, Kenneth!



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