

# ON THE LEVEL

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On The Level - March 2021



VPPPA Members Receive a  
10% Tuition Discount



Next Level Safety - Have you registered yet?

Want to learn more about the current state of the safety industry, directly from OSHA?



*April 20-21, 2021*

VPPPA is collaborating with OSHA to present our first annual virtual conference, **Next Level Safety**. This partnership is designed to help take your safety knowledge to the next level.

#### Highlights:

- 24 workshops in 3 different tracks: OSHA, VPP and New to Safety.
- 8 OSHA-presented workshops, featuring trending safety topics such as Employee Engagement in VPP, VPP Application Common Pitfalls, OSHA COVID-19, OSHA Recordkeeping, and more.
- Opening session featuring James Frederick, Principal

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

- Dive into the OSHA Top 10 Safety Violations of 2020.

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.

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### Become a Sponsor for Next Level Safety

To learn about sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#).

## News from OSHA



### Submit Nominations for OSHA's NACOSH

OSHA is inviting interested persons to submit nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH).

Nominations for NACOSH membership must be submitted by May 10, 2021.

For more information or to submit a nomination, click [here](#).

### National Emphasis Program (NEP)

In response to President Biden's January 2021 [executive order](#), OSHA released a [National Emphasis Program](#) (NEP) on March 12, 2021, targeting industries where workers are at a high risk of contracting SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19.

This new NEP enhances OSHA's emphasis on COVID-19-related hazards by formalizing components of inspections in workplaces where employees have a high frequency of close contact exposures, and



where this hazard is present. The policies and procedures outlined in this NEP will be accomplished by a combination of inspection targeting, outreach and compliance assistance.

To read more, 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.

Take advantage of this amazing member benefit today. The deadline for submission is May 21, 2021.

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March 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 March article highlights Women's History Month and offers insight on ways to build a safe and supportive environment for women in the workplace.

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

[Read Blog](#)

## Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week



Mark your calendars! March 29 - April 2 is [Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week!](#)

Every year hundreds of employees are injured or die from preventable hazards while working in grain storage and handling. Safety doesn't need to be big to be effective.

This is a FREE, virtual event for those in the grain industry. Visit [www.standup4grainsafety.org](http://www.standup4grainsafety.org) or use #StandUp4GrainSafety to search social media for event details and resources available to you!

[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.

Join N.O.W.

## 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 March VPPPA Member of the Month, Michael Wilts, CSP!

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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