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On The Level - June 2021



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JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

VPPPA's 2021 Safety+ Symposium



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An Integrated Safety & Health
Management Systems Symposium

AUGUST 31-
SEPTEMBER 2
2021

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What's New at the 2021 Safety+ Symposium? Mega Sessions!

Need another reason to attend this year's **Safety+ Symposium**? Safety+ will be offering Mega Workshop Sessions! Whether you're joining us live in Nashville or virtually from your own computer, you will have the opportunity to join one of three mega workshop sessions on Wednesday, September 1. Attendees can choose from one of three options below.

LABOR & MANAGEMENT OPEN FORUM

Get answers directly from the President of the Metal Trades Department (MTD), AFL-CIO, Jimmy Hart. Learn how the pandemic directly impacted VPP and safety as a whole, and what changes or modifications to expect in the future.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

In the event that an active shooter entered your business, would you know what to do? Seconds can mean the difference between life and death. In this workshop, we will discuss prevention and response protocols that can save lives. A unique and powerful workshop that teaches individuals how to survive and save lives.

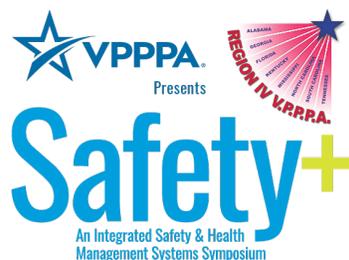
SAFETY TRAINING BOOTCAMP

Bootcamp is an intense but effective way to receive training. Traditional bootcamp prepares soldiers for armed combat while this bootcamp prepares trainers for combat against ineffective safety training. Since the topic of safety is typically uninspiring and dry, many safety professionals and trainers struggle to keep their sessions fresh, engaging and memorable. This bootcamp session focuses on actionable tips to help safety professionals sharpen their craft and become more powerful and authentic trainers.

Safety+ National Symposium Highlights

- **More than 75 innovative workshop topics**, each presented by top EHS professionals, federal and state OSHA representatives, and fellow VPP participants.
- **Exhibit Hall with 200+ vendors** will be available to both in-person and virtual attendees.
- **Exclusive (and safe) networking opportunities** for safety professionals of all levels.
- **Earn industry CEUs** while attending Symposium workshops.
- **Post-Symposium Workshops** offered to professionals looking to further their safety knowledge after the conference.
- **Awards & Scholarships** celebration will be held to recognize and honor the best of the best.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville!



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News from OSHA

OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard

OSHA released its Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) 29 CFR 1910.502 for COVID-19 on Thursday, June 10. It's directed at healthcare and healthcare support services and aims to protect workers facing the highest risk of exposure to COVID-19.



The agency also issued updated guidance on mitigating and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in all workplaces.

To view the ETS issued by OSHA, along with additional information related to COVID-19, click [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE	AUGUST
	9 - 15
SAFE + SOUND <i>Week</i> August 9-15, 2021	2021

Safe + Sound Week 2021

OSHA's Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event, held each August, that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

This year, it will be held August 9 – 15, 2021.

VPPPA is proud to be recognized as an organizer for 2021's Safety + Sound Campaign. To learn more about being safe and sound at work, click [here](#).

Save the Date - Webinars



Confined Space Entry Critical Thinking Applications

June 29 at 2:00PM ET

Speaker: Rebecca Bedell.

Sponsored by **Draeger**.



Confined Space Entry (CSE) is a complex, multifaceted component of your safety program, with unique challenges and requirements for each site. In this presentation, we will establish the Basic Applications of CSE, then progress through more specific situations and circumstances. Whether you are new to CSE, or looking to enhance your existing protocols, this presentation will provide crucial thinking points to keep top of mind before conducting any confined space entry.

To register, click [here](#).

VPPPA July Labor Summit Webinar

July 22 at 1:00PM ET

VPPPA's first Labor Summit Webinar, with speakers Jack Griffith and Benjamin Heurung, was a smashing success! The July Labor Summit Webinar will be held on Thursday, July 22. More details coming soon.

To register, click [here](#).

[View Webinars](#)

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June 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.

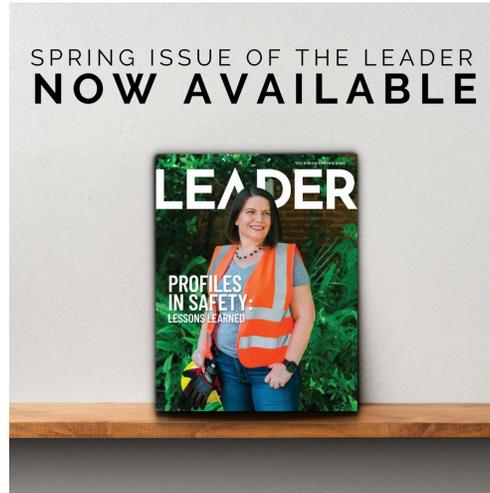


The June article highlights challenges surrounding transitioning back to working in-person, and offers tips to ease reentry into the workplace.

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

[Read Blog](#)

The *Leader* Magazine



Have you read the latest issue of the *Leader* magazine?

The spring issue discussed **Profiles in Safety: Lessons Learned**. You can check it out [here](#).

Our upcoming Autumn 2021 issue of the *Leader* will be focusing on **Workplace Violence & Safety**.

Authors: If you would like to contribute an article or request further information, please contact communications@vpppa.org.

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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.](#)

Advocacy - Voluntary Protection Program Act

Tell Congress to PASS the Voluntary Protection Programs Act!

Shortly after the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA) was formed in 1985 there was movement to make the country's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) law. When Fed-OSHA adopted the California program, invented by Labor just a few years earlier, they adopted it as a discretionary program. This means VPP could be canceled with a pen stroke today. The VPP Act would codify the VPP into law, provide it a dedicated line item in OSHA's budget, and would maintain the existing VPP process.

When constituents speak, Congress listens. The VPPPA needs your help to support our efforts to pass the Voluntary Protection Programs Act. If passed and signed into law, the Voluntary Protection Programs would be cemented into law, protecting the program from dramatic swings in political power.

[Take Action](#)

Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Want to write for the *Leader* magazine? The theme for the Autumn issue is **Workplace Violence & Safety**. 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



Congratulations to the June

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.

VPPPA Member of the Month, Nina Mendonca!

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](#).

Stay Connected



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