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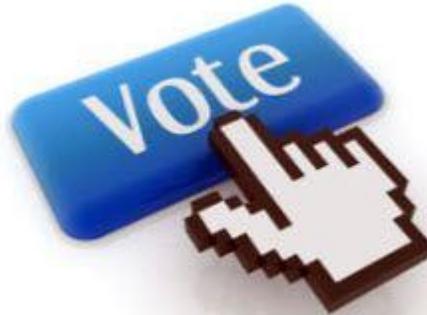
WSSCA Newsletter

The "news you can use " periodical for Wisconsin's school safety and security professionals

Voting Procedures Changes

At the September 23, 2016 business meeting, the WSSCA Board of Directors voted to amend the Constitution and By Laws to allow for electronic voting by the membership. Previously, any vote requiring membership approval was conducted solely at the Annual Conference.

Calls for nominations for candidates for the 2017 elections for Second Vice-President and Board of Director positions will be announced in the November newsletter. Nominees will be announced in the January newsletter, and electronic voting will open in February 2017 so that the new officers will be able to be announced at the start of our 49th Annual Conference.



WSSCA Is Looking For A Few Good Men and Women!

Do you want to be a part of the leadership team of our growing organization? Each year our board of directors look for new talent – young or old, to join our team. If you think you can make this a better organization, or if you care to be a presenter at our conferences or training sessions, contact Ed Dorff, WSSCA's Executive Director, at 920-615-3926 or wssca@wssca.org.

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There is still room! Sign up today if you want to attend!

WSSCA School Safety Certification Program

Modules 3 and 8

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Crown Plaza Hotel - 4402 E. Washington Avenue - Madison, Wisconsin

WSSCA's next School Safety Certification Course modules will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Madison.

Module 3 - Safety: Environmental Health and Safety Compliance. Asbestos Control, Pest Management, Lead and Radon, Air Quality, Hazardous Waste, and Safe Drinking Water.

Module 8 - Security: School Threat and Vulnerability Assessment. Defining and Identifying Threats and Vulnerability in Schools, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Bullying and Harassment, Utilization of Technology for Prevention, and Mitigation of Security and Safety Concerns in Schools.

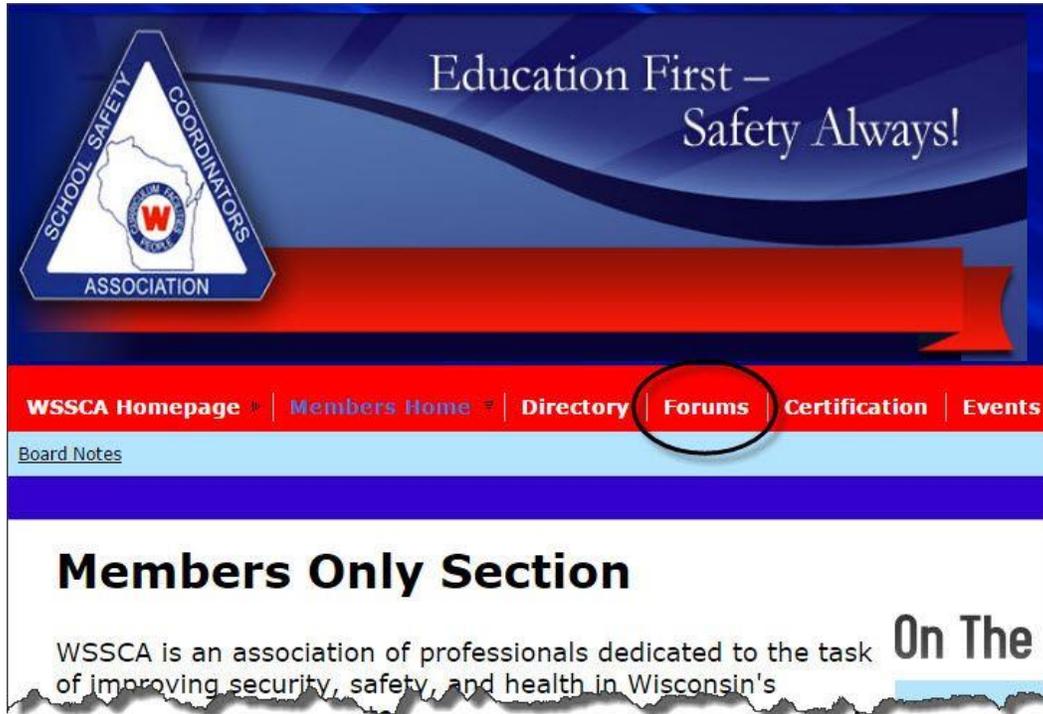
Click on the icon below to register.



We Want To Hear From You In Our Forum!

You have an opportunity to use our forum to network with our WSSCA member community. We've recently added a forum to our members only page of WSSCA.org. Here's how it works.

Click **Forums** in the top page menu.



Subscribe to the forum by clicking on the *Subscribe to forum* link on the right side of the page. Once you are subscribed, you will receive emails when your colleagues post in the forum. Once you subscribe, you'll see an unsubscribe link and can unsubscribe if you choose at anytime.

You will see the topics that have already been created. Click on any of the topics to view the discussions that have taken place. If you don't see a certain topic here, you may start a new topic. To create a new topic, click on the *Create topic* button.



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Ask Your Question

Please select a topic and join the conversation. If you don't see a topic here that is relevant to your question or suggestion, then create a new topic.

Topic	Last message	Replies
 Safety Questions	21 Jun 2016 8:27 AM Robert Ellis	1
 Security Questions	20 Jun 2016 11:55 AM John McCullough	1

When you open a topic you will see the discussions that have taken place. If you want to reply to the discussion, click the *Reply* button. Type in your reply and click *post*.

To return to the topic list, click the *Back to topics* link.

The screenshot shows the WSSCA website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header, there is a forum thread titled "Safety Questions". A user named Robert Ellis has posted a question: "Does anyone have a good protocol/procedures on testing fire related evacuations with groups using your facilities at night?". The post is dated 21 Jun 2016 8:27 AM. Below the question, there is a message from Stacy Washington (Administrator) dated 16 Jun 2016 10:45 AM, which says: "Ask your colleagues questions about safety-related matters: Last modified: 16 Jun 2016 12:47 PM | Stacy Washington (Administrator)".

If you want help with our forum please contact Stacy Washington at stacy.washington@wssca.org.

Save the Date!

WSSCA's 49th Annual School Safety and Security Conference

March 6 - 7, 2017

Kalahari Resort - Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin





The WSSCA Board of Directors and Advisors are putting the final touches on the agenda for our 49th Annual Conference. The preliminary lineup looks fantastic, and we anticipate another fantastic event.

This year we will open online registration on December 5, 2016.

Watch your email for more conference information in the weeks ahead.



We've just escaped from one of the hottest summers we've seen in some time, and now that the cooler days of fall are upon us, it is time to start thinking about snow. Yes, snow, that lovely four-letter word we all have strong feelings of fondness or dread thinking about. WSSCA Advisor Dave Young from EMC Insurance offers some highly important advice as we gird our loins for Old Man Winter. Ed

Yes, It Is Coming!

Removing snow from entry ways, sidewalks and driveways is a necessary evil that is quickly approaching us here in Wisconsin. Snow removal is a strenuous task that has many exposures to employee injury. Approximately 28,000 people are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for injuries that occurred while shoveling or manually removing ice and snow, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Now is the time to review your equipment, practices and train staff to assure that your school district is prepared and employees will be safe.



The following strategies can help reduce exposures to employee injuries during the snow removal season:

Dress For Success

Wear layers of loose clothing so you can peel a layer off if you get hot. Avoid wearing wools and manmade materials that don't allow perspiration to evaporate. Clothing made of breathable and moisture-wicking materials are better choices. You'll also want to protect your feet by wearing waterproof boots with good traction.

Know Your Limitations

Shoveling is a tough job. You need to be physically fit to take it on. Consult your physician regarding your ability to handle snow removal. Before starting to shovel, be sure you have warmed up properly. Try using the same type of stretching you do before your regular exercise routine. Even though it's cold outside, you are still sweating. Remember to properly hydrate.

Practice Safe Shoveling

Stand with your feet apart slightly and bend your knees as you lift. Twisting your body while lifting can cause injury. Your feet should point in the direction you are lifting and throwing in. When possible, push the snow instead of lifting it. If you must lift, focus on using your legs: Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift by straightening your legs, without bending at the waist. Then walk to where you want to dump the snow.

Shovel Early and Often

Snow can be very heavy. Rather than allowing it to accumulate, remove the snow when there is just an inch or two. This will reduce the weights being lifted and reduce the exposures to sprains and strains.

Keep Your Hands Out

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 6,000 people are injured annually using snow throwers. Be sure that all operators know the safety hazards and features as well as safe maintenance procedures for your equipment. Never try to clear a blockage with your hands. Stop the engine and use the attached clearing tool or long stick to unclog wet snow and debris from the machine.

Manage Black Ice

During our fall, winter and spring months when daytime temperatures reach the 40s and 50s, layers of ice will form when melted snow refreezes after sundown creating the phenomenon known as black ice. Identify locations where this is likely to occur and if the ice formation cannot be prevented, focus ice melt efforts there. When performing snow removal and ice control in these areas take care to walk carefully and don't rush. Consider use of removable ice traction devices.

Reminder!

School Security Assessments

Final Months of Grant Subsidies Ahead



In 2013 WSSCA began providing Security Assessments to School Districts in our state. Thirty Districts have taken advantage of this opportunity, and thanks to a grant acquired by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the costs to the Districts were reimbursed up to \$2,000.00.

The Emergency Management Grant is due to expire in March 2017. If your District hasn't taken advantage of this excellent opportunity, now is the time! Ed

Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association

Security Assessment Program

Cost: The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, through an Emergency Management Grant, will

reimburse a district the cost of the Security Assessment/s as follows:

REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL MARCH 30, 2017

If you would like an estimate for the full cost of a Security Assessment before the reimbursement please contact:

Lynn Verage lverage@cesa9.org Phone: (715) 453-2141



Mental health has been one of the most overlooked facets of school safety for all too long. While WSSCA members have rightly been primarily concerned with threats and hazards to physical safety and security, President Pat Meyer recognized the importance of devoting efforts toward mental health issues in our schools as well. Below is the introduction to a lengthy article we've placed on WSSCA's Resource page that addresses the many mutual benefits of establishing partnerships within our districts and communities to better attend to these issues we are all facing with greater frequency. Ed

Community Mental Health Providers in Schools:

Guidelines for School Introduction



Mental health issues are a concern in schools across the nation. With 1 in 5 students dealing with a mental health issue (School Mental Health Framework, DPI, 2015), the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) strives to provide guidance for schools collaborating with community behavioral health partners proposing to offer direct mental health services to youth within the hours of the school day and on school grounds.

The purpose of this document (see link to WSSCA's Resources Page) is to provide districts with guidance for Model 2 School Based Community Mental Health clinics. This document will be under continuous revision and additional elements will be added as they are developed.

The DPI School Mental Health Framework describes Model 2 as: Public or private behavioral health clinics or providers can, through a mutual agreement with a district, locate a clinic within a school and provide direct mental health services to students utilizing a clinic-employed, mental health provider billing families through Medicaid, private insurance or self-pay. The remaining continuum of mental health services for students, particularly at universal and selected levels are supported or provided by school-employed mental health providers as part of the district service delivery model. In this model, schools find ways to promote equal access to school-based community mental health services and strategies to allow for collaboration and coordination of services by the community provider, school personnel and families.



Click [here](#) to read the Community Mental Health Guidelines.

Quotes of the Month

“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

- *Abraham Lincoln*

“Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

- *Vince Lombardi*

Borrowed Humor

"The key to being a good manager is keeping the people who hate you away from those who are still undecided."

- Casey Stengel

I just got a photo from a speeding camera through the mail. I sent it right back – way too expensive and really bad quality.

School Safety Certification

Course Schedule

2016-2017

MODULES	COURSE TITLES	DATES (S)	LOCATION
3 & 8	Environmental Health/Safety Compliance School Threats and Vulnerability	Oct 26, 2016	Madison Crown Plaza
4&9	Health and Safety Compliance Part C Post Incident Recovery and Planning	March 6-7, 2017	Wis Dells Kalahari Resort
RE-Cert Refresher	Recertification and Refresher Electives To Be Determined	March 6-7, 2017	Wis Dells Kalahari Resort
5 & 10	Sound Risk Management Practices Emergency Response Practicum	April 2017	To Be Determined
1 & 6	Health and Safety Compliance Part A General Aspects of Crisis Management	Oct 2017	To Be Determined



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