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Subject: AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 18 March, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

Location: QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:

Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Jason Kjos	Epsilon Systems
George O’Leary	George Sharp
Shawn Chausee	Phoenix Group
Tom Craddock	Delphinus
Otto Hylton	AMSEC LLC
Jolean Halford	QED
(no call-in attendees)	

B. Old Business:

- 21 January, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

C. Topics for Discussion

- 12 February and March 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights.
 - i. Discussed Air Sampling presentation by Colleen Becker, and the lack of air sampling by companies. Without an accumulation of data, companies aren’t able to justify proper safety protocols for their employees.
 - ii. Discussed SWRMC letter that spoke of relaxing 009-74 requirements for having a Tankwatch and General Announcing Systems/Alarms. MARMC does not recognize the letter as valid, stating that SWRMC issued the letter without approval. All of 009-74 remains in effect for all of us here.
 - iii. Discussed Safety Walk-Thru Training by Signal. A flyer with details will be sent out soon. It is planned to take place on 29 April, 2015 at the Marriott in Norfolk. Free parking and lunch. There will be registration requirements detailed in the flyer.
 - iv. Discussed a reminder to get the word out to folks about the Safety Rewards Program to personnel through TBT’s, etc.
 - v. Discussed the next VSRA Partnership/Executive Luncheon. It will be held on 6 May, 2015 at 11:30 at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth.
 - vi. Homework was given out – The question: “What are we doing wrong?” We provide all of this training, yet we still

have safety issues. How do we change the safety culture at the deckplate level? Come to the next meeting with any ideas or suggestions you may have to improve.

- vii. Discussed upcoming OSHA classes. Looking at having 5400/5410 classes in July, and 5402 in June in Virginia Beach. Details to follow once dates are set.
 - viii. Spoke about Reporting Requirements WRT Inpatient Hospitalization. Employers can request that the hospital write the words "Formal Admission" on the care ticket to help in determining reporting requirements.
 - ix. Discussed a presentation by Frank Murphy of NNSY and how they developed their award winning VPP.
 - x. Discussed how a worker in San Diego fell 110 feet to his death after stepping onto a sheet of plastic covering a hole on a ship's sponson. Where was the Hazard Identification?
 - xi. Next meeting April 09, 2015 @ 9:30 at AMSEC.
- 12 March Safety Management Board (SMB) Highlights
- i. NNSY VPP presentation, took approximately 6 years to establish. Some Do's and Don'ts of the program: Do marketing and training to get the word out; Don't make it mandatory. Remember, this is an employee owned voluntary program. They have a Bright Ideas Program that takes suggestions for Safety, etc. The number to call for their employees is (757)967-4009.
 - ii. Discussed requirement to notify MARMC TSDO (Technical Support Duty Officer) when an incident (009-74) occurs. The TSDO can be reached at (757)443-3872 ext. 2450; email: MARMC_TSDO@navy.mil. The desk is staffed 24/7.
 - iii. Discussed how MARMC collected their first year of safety discrepancy data, totaling more than 17K incidents. Increased department to 24 people. There have been 36 fires since 1/1/14, 5 this year. MARMC will place the presentation on their website. They will also offer a sanitized version of the database used to collect the data.
 - iv. Next Fire Drill is at BAE on 13 May, 2015 onboard USS BATAAN during 2nd Shift. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 26 February AMMA General Meeting -cancelled due to inclement weather
- 3 February and March CNRMC Industry Call
- i. Updated Fire Metrics provided
 - a. Upcoming Fire Drills
 - i. April 2015: SERMC
 - ii. May 2015: MARMC

- iii. May/June 2015: SWRMC
 - ii. To join contact Sarah Dean, CNRMC C200 Staff, Knowledge Manager, McKean Defense Group, Email: sdean@mckean-defense.com, Desk: (757)355-6941, Desk routes to mobile after 4 rings. She will add you to the email invite distribution. The Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada) is: 1-866-910-6663 Pass code: 2124261#
- 11 February VSRA/OSHA Partnership Meeting
- i. Mr. Dan DeWease, Area OSHA Director, could not attend, OSHA was well represented by Ms. Jessica Bookman and Mr. John Ratcliffe.
 - ii. Reminder that there are new reporting requirements effective January 1, 2015. Hospitalizations, amputations, loss of an eye. Hospitalization, have the doctor report clearly the status.
 - iii. Discussed use of respirators and facial hair. The OSHA regulations are quite clear on this: 1910.134(g)(1) Facepiece seal protection.
 - iv. Discussed A filtering facepiece (dust mask) is defined at 1901.134(b)
 - v. Briefly discussed Bee Stings at work; when in doubt, call OSHA
 - vi. Discussed that if someone loses consciousness for any reason at work, it is an automatic OSHA Recordable/Reportable incident.
 - vii. Discussed auto injuries off the clock are not recordable
 - viii. RRI Tool
 - xii. Discussed the next VSRA Partnership/Executive Luncheon. It will be held on 6 May, 2015 at 11:30 at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth.
- Guest Speaker future meeting topics
- i. Machine Guarding
 - ii. VOC Reporting Requirements
 - iii. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
 - iv. Tank watch & rescue requirements
 - v. HAZWOPPER
 - vi. Noise Monitoring Program
 - vii. Fall Protection – Jolean will attempt to have a representative from MSA provide a presentation

Tom Craddock of Delphinus provided a great presentation on Protecting the Health and Safety of Temporary Workers. Specific areas included and handouts provided for:

1. Personal Protective Equipment
2. Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Requirements

3. Whistleblower Protection Rights
4. Protecting Temporary Workers
5. April 2013 OSHA News Release
6. Excerpts from a July 2013 Webinar on the topic

D. Open Discussion: Input from members attending

- A general discussion was held and the question of how are they protected when entering spaces during Hot Work, etc. requiring certification by a Marine Chemist or Competent Person? Are they automatically covered if working for the company performing the work, or does the temporary agency have to be listed separately on the certificate for entry?
- Discussed the requirements for Permit Authorizing Individuals (PAI) from NFPA 51B (reference within NSSI 009-07) and that the shipyards that haven't really been enforcing it are now starting to do so such as BAE and GD NASSCO.
- Discussed updates to WAF Training from VSRA are coming.
- Briefly discussed requirements for voluntary use of respirators and the often misclassification of dust mask, be careful, must read the manufacturers classification of the item. Workers will need to follow medical screening, fit testing and training requirements in order to 'voluntarily' use a respirator (1910.134).
- A member spoke about the recent rash of auto accidents, 10 for his company alone. Personnel keep backing up into other vehicles, etc. These are flatbed type vehicles.
- Recent Injuries
 - i. An Employee shattered their knee due to a hose improperly placed across a ladder tread on a ship by Ships Force. Another employee was treated for an ankle sprain for injury from a ship's ladder on another ship due to a hose that was improperly placed across a ladder tread by Ships Force. This happened on 3/16. As of 3/18, the ship had not removed the hazard. Ship was located at NOB. Bottom line; do not hesitate to go directly to the ship's Safety Office and inform them to remove the hazard.

Next Regular Meeting: The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 15 April, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Reminder - We now have a conference call number for those members that cannot physically make it to the meeting.

- Conference call number: 1-605-475-5900
- Conference code: 2672299#

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wally Finn, Chairman, AMMA Safety Committee