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Subject: AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 16 September, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

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

Call In: 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#**

Please take note that the call in number is NOT a toll free number, long distance charges may apply with your telephone service provider if you do not have free long distance on your plan.

A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:

Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Jason Kjos	Epsilon Systems
Stephen Giannetti	Metropolitan Laboratories
Larry Ryan	Metropolitan Laboratories
Tom Bray	MAETS
Olisa Moyer	AECOM
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Otto Hylton	AMSEC

Call In: None received

B. Old Business:

- 19 August, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

C. Topics for Discussion

- 10 September, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
 - i. Johns Hopkins University (JHU) is producing a paint coating that reflects heat without the use of VOC. Could see it introduced to our industry in about 2 years.
 - ii. Honeywell Plant in Richmond is facing \$300K in fines and another \$14M in mandatory improvements to their facility after a recent inspection.
 - iii. Safety Seminar Subcommittee. The seminar will be held at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center on Wednesday, October 14th. John Davis, Crofton Diving, is the POC. He can be reached at jdavis@croftondiving.com. So far, the tracks are set and \$18,000 in sponsorships has been raised. There are currently 102 "registered" attendees. There will be a cap of 200 people.
 - iv. Still no word on an OSHA Area Director. John Ratcliffe, OSHA Area Compliance Officer, is the current Point of Contact. The next

VSRA/OSHA Partnership meeting is scheduled to take place at VSRA (Penthouse floor) at 0900 on Wednesday, September 30th. There will be no Executive Luncheon.

- v. Brian Applewhite is still looking for someone to Chair the SSRAC Sub-committee. Contact Brian if interested.
- vi. Permit Authorizing Individual (PAI) HOT/COLD work form is almost done. Still looking at the cold work portion of the form. Bill will visit MARMC to discuss once complete.
- vii. Brian Applewhite noted that there have been 31 fires in this port this year.
- viii. There will be a VSRA Safety/WAF Working Group formed in Oct to look at revising/updating course content.
- ix. There were no safety suggestions submitted.
- x. There was a Beryllium Proposed Rule meeting held on 8 Sep by the Shipbuilders Safety Committee. This new rule will affect our industry when it goes into effect (usually w/spent blast abrasive).
- xi. Signal Corp. is hosting a presentation on recordkeeping in Dec. Email James Sammons if interested. james.sammons@signal-ctc.com
- xii. FY16 CH1 & 2 are available for use.
- xiii. Housekeeping is still a problem across the waterfront.
- xiv. There was a long discussion regarding whether or not a CP can certify a space safe for entry w/restrictions. That is being looked into by the MC's.

➤ 1 September 2015 Industry Call Highlights

- i. None this meeting
- 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#

➤ VSRA-OSHA Partnership Meeting Highlights:

- i. Next meeting September 30, 2015.

➤ 27 August 2015 AMMA General Meeting Highlights:

- i. There will be a Team Competition held at Scott's Creek Marina, 6 Harper Rd, Portsmouth, VA 23707 on October 17th. It will be sponsored by FM99. Flyer to follow.
- ii. Discussion about available grant to develop certification programs required by industry, potential funds available to help AMMA members benefit from Fiber Optic Fabricator Training Program
- iii. Joe Yurso mentioned an item from the MARMC QMB meeting: The entire industry is experiencing problems with welding (qualifications, materials, etc.). A recent welding audit (local facility) resulted in a shutdown of operations until improvements could be made.

➤ AMMA Safety Committee Meeting

➤ New Business

- i. FY-15 CH 2, FY-16 CH 1 & recent FY-16 CH 2
 - ii. There's a new Standard Item Website NSI WEBSITE
“<http://www.navsea.navy.mil/Home/RMC/CNRMC/OurPrograms/SRAC.aspx>”
- Guest Speaker future meeting topics
- i. Personal Fall Arrest, Proper Attachment Points – Jason Kjos-Oct
 - ii. Tank watch & rescue requirements
 - iii. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
 - iv. HAZWOPPER
 - v. Noise Monitoring Program

Larry Ryan of Metropolitan Laboratories presented a very good, detailed briefing on Air Sampling. Specifically, he spoke about:

- How samples are taken
- The development of “Abatement Boxes”.
- How to use interpret/sampling data

*If someone would like to volunteer to present one of the topics above at our next meeting, please contact Wally with the details.

D. Open Discussion: Input from members attending

- Discussed the requirements for proximity of ladders to open holes.
- Tom Bray discussed his commitment to the support of AMMA as the new VP. He also discussed his desire to see how each member company is doing WRT their OSHA numbers.
- Lessons Learned:
- i. Tom Bray discussed the possibility of having the Lessons Learned collected from the meeting minutes and posted collectively on the AMMA website.
- Recent Injuries
- i. An individual received electric shock from a 115V cable that had unknown/unseen damage while tracing a different cable through a cableway. Employee was unable to free himself and had to be “kicked off” by a sailor. Employee received minor injuries and burns. Remind your people of the unknown dangers awaiting them in the existing cableways onboard the ships
 - ii. While performing the removal of A/C ducting in the overhead a 4’ section of unsupported ducting fell and hit an employee’s knee. Employee lost 2 days of work.

Next Regular Meeting: The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 21 October, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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