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Subject: AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 21 October, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:05 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
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Call In:None

B. Old Business:

- 16 September, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as changed.

C. Topics for Discussion

- 8 October, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
i. Oregon wants to relocate an entire shipyard, then clean-up the old footprint.
ii. A Yacht building company fines for adding structures to it's footprint w/o proper permits.
iii. Still no word on an OSHA Area Director. John Ratcliffe, OSHA Area Compliance Officer, is the current Point of Contact.
iv. Brian Applewhite is still looking for someone to Chair the SSRAC Sub-committee. Contact Brian if interested.
v. 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.
vi. There were no safety suggestions submitted.
vii. Signal Corp. is hosting a presentation on recordkeeping in Dec. Email James Sammons if interested. james.sammons@signal-ctc.com
viii. FY16 CH1 & 2 are available for use.

- ix. Housekeeping is still a problem across the waterfront.
- x. There was a discussion regarding NAVSEA SI 009-10 (ACM) and the requirements for sampling and testing prior to working.

➤ 1 Sept 2015 Industry Call Highlights

- i. 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#
- ii. There was a discussion regarding a smaller workload for FY16/17, aka "Lean Years". FY18/19 will be heavier across the industry, according to SECNAV.

➤ 24 Sept 2015 AMMA General Meeting Highlights:

- i. 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

➤ New Business

- i. FY-15 CH 2, FY-16 CH 1 & 2
- ii. FY-17 Preliminary Standard Items available
- iii. 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. Tank watch & rescue requirements
- ii. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
- iii. HAZWOPPER
- iv. Noise Monitoring Program

Jason Kjos of Epsilon Systems presented very good information on Fall Protection. Specifically, he spoke about:

- Anchoring/Anchorage Points and Connectors
- Planning the use of systems (e.g. calculating fall distance)
- How to avoid Pendulum (Swing) Falls

- A slideshow on Fall Protection Training and catalogs for fall protection gear are attached.

\*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 two Quality Assurance Notices issued by BAE Systems regarding work onboard USS MAHAN covering:
  - i. Personnel working in spaces/tanks will be prohibited from entering with tobacco products.

- ii. Dust Collectors are not to be used for ventilating any contaminate other than dust.
- Discussed BAE Systems Gang Box Topic: Red Tag Violations.
- Discussed BAE Systems Safety Advisory: “Control of Hazardous Energy (Lock Out Tag Out Plus)” issued 14 Oct.
- Discussed GD NASSCO-Norfolk and Bremerton EHS advisory issued 12 Oct for Requirements for Connex Boxes, Hazardous Materials Storage Lockers and Material Storage Boxes.
- Discussed MARMC memo regarding Quality Alert for NON-RFI Status of In-Stock NUFLO, Inc. Piping Elbows and Metallic Pipe Fittings, and Guidance for Reporting Installed NUFLO Components.
- Lessons Learned:
  - i. Subcontractor cut-out watertight door with inadequate Gas Free Work Scope and within 5” of a fully stocked live ammunition magazine. Hot Work Permit signed by Ship’s FM, Supervisor, Hot Worker and Firewatch, and no one identified the proximity of the magazine during their walk-around prior to signing the chit and performing the work.
  - ii. Subcontractor installed new A/C system on a barge. Ship’s Force previously tagged-out system. Subcontractor illegally ‘jumpered’ the thermostat and operated equipment with Danger Tags installed. They left the ship, and also left the system running and unattended.
  - iii. AIT crew performing plasma cutting had all necessary fire protection in-place, including ventilation. Hot worker changed positions during the process, thus directing sparks toward an area that was unintended. FW noticed a glow behind the fire cloth and discovered the ventilation ducting on fire. Fire Watch extinguished provided fire bottle, searched surrounding ship spaces, out of approximately 7 ships force bottles tagged as current only 1 was operational. Fire was extinguished with SF assistance. Only temporary ventilation was damaged.
  - iv. During paint removal, contractor did not maintain good housekeeping practices, allowing debris from the operation to collect uncontrollably below the work area. He was also working without his hard hat.
  - v. Hot worker performing plasma cutting on a deck foundation proceeded to work up the bulkhead’s I-beam (not included in the planning), resulting in a small fire onboard.
- Recent Injuries
  - i. An individual received an eye injury with performing grinding operations while wearing safety glasses and a face shield. The employee used the eye wash bottles, felt fine and continued to work instead of going to the Occupational Medical provider to verify the debris was removed. The employee felt discomfort late that night, went to the emergency room and received treatment. 3 days lost time.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 18 November, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm.

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