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Letter from the President

What a great year 2009 has started out to be! We have a new US President and I am proud to lead this association this year also! I have many new items to execute by the board's direction and my desire and I am asking many of the membership to step up and be part of a sub-committee!

We have started out with this new forum- the NEWSLETTER!

This is a quick view of upcoming events and recap of past events. It will be good reference to keep on your desk!

We have changed the dates of the 2009 meetings so please see the website for details and updates! We are offering the well received "Tool-belt" classes again – more on that theme in the next NEWSLETTER, but plan on your crews attending one of them! We have listened to your suggestions and lengthened them to allow more details in the class!

We will be updating the Website with many pieces of information! Be sure to get your CAHED dues paid up so you can easily reference the material offered there! Also see my letter!

The Membership Committee Task Force has taken many bold steps to get more hospital Directors, Engineering and Safety Managers involved with this networking and education association!

You may ask "Why should I join or re-join?" CAHED is the best place for:

- Timely Engineering information
- A great place to ask those "dumb" questions
- A great network of industry experts to ask the smart questions
- Excellent networking of your peers in the industry
- Great and very inexpensive education for your career development

I hope 2009 brings you much more happiness and advancement than 2008!

Bob

Announcement

SAVE THE DATE: CAHED Annual Tradeshow and Meeting will be hosted June 18th and 19th at the Inverness Hotel and Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado, Check www.cahed.org for more details on this and other events in 2009.

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Recap of 2008 CAHED Annual Tradeshow and Meeting

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Up Coming Events

Annual Tradeshow and Seminars
June 18-19, 2009
Inverness, CO

CAHED Annual Golf Outing
August 14, 2009
Fox Hollow Golf Course
(Register online starting 3/1/09)

Autumn Conference
September 17-18, 2009
Steamboat Springs, CO

Winter Seminar Meeting
November 12-13, 2009
Vail, CO

Recap of 2008 CAHED Annual Tradeshow and Meeting

Thursday, November 20th

There were 2 “**Tool-belt**” Classes presented:

Hardware 101 by Mario Wibbins of Access Hardware and Fire Alarm Systems for Healthcare Facilities by Todd Daily of Rolf Jensen & Associates. These classes were well attended by hospital maintenance personnel and provided a unique educational opportunity.

An informative presentation on **The Joint Commission’s 2008-2009 Emergency Management Standards** was presented by Dean Samet, the Director of Regulatory Compliance for Smith Seckman Reid, Inc. Dean’s discussion focused on managing 6 critical areas or functions during emergencies comprised of:

- Establishing communication strategies
- Managing resources and assets
- Managing safety and security
- Defining and managing staff roles and responsibilities
- Managing utilities
- Managing patient clinical and support activities

Dean also described:

- Using a scalable approach to combinations of escalating events to demonstrate sustainability
- Identifying the hospital’s, community’s, and emergency responder’s capabilities and limitations during a disaster
- Identifying the hospital’s capabilities and responses for an escalating event where they have to describe, in writing, their capabilities and response efforts when they cannot be supported by the local community for up to 96 hours.

This was a terrific opportunity for those in attendance to gain invaluable information on this challenging topic and to share their experiences and emergency operations plans and strategies with their colleagues.

Friday, November 21st

Those in attendance at the annual meeting were treated to a presentation by **Dr. James Jackson, Founder of Project C.U.R.E.** Dr. Jackson described how Project C.U.R.E collects donated medical equipment and supplies at various locations around the United States and distributes them to over 120 “medically underserved” countries around the world. It was truly inspirational to hear the stories of how the donated materials have helped struggling medical facilities save the lives of individuals suffering from illnesses that are easily treated in the United States. CAHED members were encouraged to donate used medical equipment and supplies that are no longer needed. For more information on Project C.U.R.E., visit their website at www.projectcure.org.

Tim Adams of ASHE provided an update on The New Joint Commission Life Safety Standards

The Joint Commission has created Life Safety Standards that apply to most accreditation types. At first glance, it appears that this is a huge increase in requirements. The new standards are based on the 2000 Edition of the Life Safety Code, which organizations have been required to comply with as part of the Environment of Care. For organizations that have used the SOC Part III as a self - evaluation tool, most of the new Life Safety Standards have a direct correlation to items in the SOC Part III. Not all of the life safety requirements are in the Life Safety Standards. There are still requirements related to life safety in the Environment of Care, such as the requirements for a written fire safety plan, testing fire safety systems and equipment and performing fire drills.

There are two Elements of Performance in the Life Safety Standards that can lead directly to a Conditional Accreditation. The first is if it is found that an organization has not met the timeframes identified in a Plan for Improvement accepted by The Joint Commission (LS.01.001.01 EP 3). The second is if it is found that an organization does not have an Interim Life Safety (ILSM) Policy that includes "criteria for evaluating when and to what extent the hospital follows special measures to compensate for increased life safety risk". (LS.01.02.01 EP 3.) Organizations should actively manage any PFIs. They should also review their ILSM policy and be diligent in performing risk assessment and initiating ILSM when needed during construction or when there is a life safety deficiency. They should also document their risk assessment and implementation of ILSM.

The tradeshow took place on both Thursday and Friday. It was a lively event with over 80 vendors providing information on their most innovative equipment and services that healthcare facility personnel utilize. The Blue Light Special drawings yielded many valuable prizes to attendees including wine, an iPod Shuffle, an HD TV, Nuggets tickets, gift cards, and much much more!



Be sure to check www.cahed.org for all updated 2009 events and information!