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2016 Presidents Message

Dear WSSCA Membership,

My name is Patrick Meyer and I have the honor of serving as your President in 2016. My career began in the Refrigeration & HVAC industry as a service technician and designer for 5 years before moving into the hospitality industry with a national hotel chain as a Chief Engineer at a property for almost 14 years. I moved into the public K-12 arena in 1998 and currently serve the Unified School District of De Pere as its Facility Manager.

I want to take a brief moment to thank the many people who work very hard for the association. Thank you to our Past President and Advisors. Thank you to all of the Board members and volunteers. Without all of these fine individuals we could not provide you the resources, training opportunities, networking and information that are currently enjoyed. Thank you to our newest Board members and your desire to be a part of the WSSCA family and its work. I look forward to working with you. Thank you to WSSCA Executive Director, Ed Dorff for your guidance and showing us that you are the right person to carry us forward. Finally I would personally like to thank our IT Director Bob Severson for his work behind the scenes. Your dedication to WSSCA is clearly visible.

I am truly excited to begin the work for 2016. The work to provide timely training topics to the members continues to be important. We want to create and deploy a peer to peer medium that will engage member's one to another to enhance the sharing of knowledge. We are working to formalize our efficiencies as an organization so that we are ready to embrace any opportunities for recognized growth. The energy that was witnessed and felt at the Conference, from the conversations I had experienced with members of WSSCA to the outpouring of generosity at the Silent Auction tables from both the bidders and the quality of the donations, reinforce that school safety and the work of all involved in school safety is a dedicated and caring group of professionals.

In closing, I want to encourage all of you to consider what your role in WSSCA may look like not only today but in the future. We need your support not only through your membership but by careful consideration on your part to volunteer when needed or to consider a campaign for election to the WSSCA Board. It could be that you share your positive experiences of WSSCA with your peers and encourage them to take advantage of the many benefits of WSSCA membership. We know that all of our members have many talents that can be shared in many different ways. I'm asking all of you to help WSSCA continue its mission of "Education First.....Safety Always."

Thank you,

Patrick Meyer

2016 WSSCA President

Congratulations and thank you to the WSSCA Leadership. The results of the elections at the 2016 Conference are indicated in the list of 2016-17 Officers, Board and Advisers below. Many thanks as well to the members who stood for election for 2nd VP and the Board At-Large. Having several people run for office is a sign of a healthy organization.

WSSCA 2016-2017 Officers

Executive Board

Patrick Meyer, President

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Gary Rosploch, WSSCA Assessor

Bill Freeman, Environmental Management Consulting, Inc.

Mary Coss, Fontana School District

We are just a couple of weeks away from our Annual State-wide Tornado Drill, and I was very pleased to take our friend and Corporate Member Mark McGinnis up on his offer to write an article for our April Newsletter. Mark has over 20 years of experience in meteorology, media, severe weather forecasting and weather mitigation. He has first-hand experience with hurricanes, blizzards, tornados, flooding, heat waves, arctic cold, drought and severe weather. As a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador and Certified Consulting Meteorologist, Mark uses his expertise and experience to help educate clients on their real exposure to weather. Research, planning and training enable a client to increase safety, lower litigation exposure and look more attractive to insurance companies. Mark is owner of Fair Skies Consulting, LLC, one of the very fine vendors at last month's 48th Annual Conference. Ed

Time to Shift Your Weather Awareness

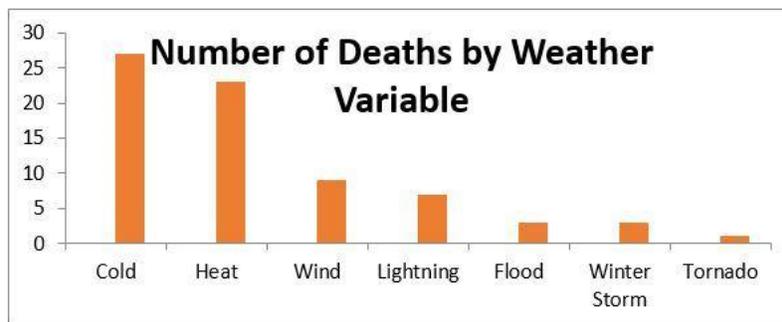
Wisconsin just finished one of the mildest winters on record. Any way you look at the numbers - average temperature, average high, average low and heating degree days – it was a warm winter and your use of heating oil, gas and propane were likely down. That was hopefully a significant benefit enjoyed by all school districts. However, winter is now behind us and we are at a time of year when weather disruption from thunderstorms and warm weather increases daily while winter weather wanes.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 11th through the 16th in Wisconsin. This is a great time to review the effectiveness of your procedures. A statewide tornado drill runs at 1:45pm on Thursday, April 14th. Use that drill to time how quickly students, teachers and employees reach designated weather shelters. Your goal should be within two to four minutes. Also, review your current weather shelters to make sure they are the best possible locations for protection from tornados and damaging winds. Tornado drills are effective and important. In 2014, two Wisconsin schools were damaged by tornados – Country View Elementary, in the Verona School District, and The University of Wisconsin Platteville. Fortunately, the tornados happened in June with few, if any people, on property. Keep practicing your tornado drills and do it twice a year – once in the fall and once in the spring.

It is also important to handle Severe Thunderstorm Warnings exactly like a Tornado Warning. Winds from severe thunderstorms can reach 100 to 150 mph. Those speeds are stronger than most tornados. So, the next time your school is in a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, evacuate everyone to your weather shelters. Not everyone does this, but you should. Take severe weather seriously. Here is a ten year analysis of weather deaths and injuries for Wisconsin. The data is from 2006 to 2015.

Year	Deaths	Injuries
2015	3	8
2014	15	8
2013	6	4
2012	14	51
2011	10	24
2010	6	50
2009	7	247
2008	6	33
2007	3	6
2006	5	56
10 yr Avg	7.5	48.7

As you can see, statewide, there is significant variability. However, we average nearly 8 deaths and 49 injuries a year. The financial loss, estimated by The National Weather Service, is nearly \$202 million annually. Looking at the table, would it surprise you that deaths by tornado are very rare in Wisconsin? Analyzing the last ten years, here are the fatalities by weather variables:



Only one person has died from a tornado in Wisconsin in the last ten years. Cold, heat, wind, lightning, flooding and winter weather caused more fatalities than tornados. Surprised? This is a good time to ask, “How good is our weather plan?” Does it address weather variables that are much more likely to cause death and injuries?

To summarize, use Severe Weather Awareness Week to assess your tornado and severe thunderstorm weather drills. Take the time to discuss other weather variables that have a greater impact on safety. And ask, “Can we mitigate our risk from all weather variables?” Have a safe and productive 2016!

Mark McGinnis
Fair Skies Consulting

Did We See You at the Conference?

The 48th Annual WSSCA Conference and Expo is in the books, and as I continue to review, log, document, and think about the conference, I come to one easy conclusion: *It was a fantastic event!*

So many people were heavily involved in planning, preparing, and delivering the 48th, that I fear missing some in trying to give due credit to all. But there is something I learned about our organization, its members, supporters, and leaders: they are among the most generous and selfless folks around. I’ve yet to see anyone look for recognition or praise; in fact, when thanks have been offered, more often than not, I see the recipient turn the credit and acknowledgement to another.

Nevertheless, here’s a shout-out to our Board of Directors and our Advisors. Our organization’s leaders are truly a remarkable group of folks not at all averse to doing the heavy lifting whenever and wherever necessary.

We are still reviewing the survey results, and I know that the leadership of WSSCA will be taking away some great advice from those who were kind enough to respond. I can share with you the fact that 95% of the folks who responded to the survey told us that they intend to share information gained at the conference with others in their districts. Ninety-seven percent (97%) said they intended to come to future WSSCA Conferences. How great is that? Almost 100% said they

found value in the conference, and almost 100% intend to come again.

To all who attended, sponsored, donated, spoke, and participated in any way, I say thank you most kindly. Ed

WSSCA 2016 School Safety Coordinators of the Year

Congratulations to Dale Zabel and Laura Lloyd of the Kettle Moraine School District. Dale and Laura represent the first time the COY has been awarded to a team. Their work over the past years exemplifies the concept of synergy – the idea that the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts! Sponsored by Community Insurance Corporation (CIC)



Muskego-Norway buildings-grounds head wins state professional award

WSSCA Board Member Jeremiah Johnson

<http://www.mymuskegonow.com/news/muskego-norway-buildings-grounds-head-wins-state-professional-award-b99687243z1-372005581.html>

Quotes of the Month:

“The fate of the country...does not depend on the kind of paper you drop into the ballot box once a year, but on what kind of (person) you drop from your chamber onto the street every morning.” –*Henry David Thoreau, 1854*

“We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.” – *Charles Franklin Kettering, 1949*

Borrowed Humor of the Month:

It’s been raining so much in Los Angeles that the Chia Pet I threw in the garbage is now blocking my entire driveway. *Jay Leno*

At Easter dinner I told my family about the fire at the Goodwill Store. Fortunately there were no injuries or damages, just lots of second-hand smoke.



Edward L. Dorff
Executive Director and Editor

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