

# 2026 VOSH SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE AGENDA

**SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**10 AM**

**REGISTRATION AND VENDOR HALL OPENS**

**12 NOON**

**CONFERENCE OPENING AND LUNCH**

With Commissioner Jim Frederick and Deputy Commissioner Chuck Stiff, CSP

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

**KEYNOTE SESSION - THE REAL COST OF SAFETY**

With Rich McElhaney

**2:10 - 3:10 PM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION**

- Recycling Lithium Ion Batteries- Panel
- NFPA 70E - A Practical Guide to Safe Electrical Start-Up
- The Strategic Professional: Using Enterprise Risk Management to Manage Organizational Risk
- The Alphabet Soup of Ergonomic Assessments

**3:10 - 3:20 PM**

**AFTERNOON BREAK AND SNACKS**

**3:20 - 4:30 PM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION**

- Lights Out Manufacturing
- Virginia Risk Control Institute
- Trench Safety: If You Aren't Compliant, Are You Truly Competent?
- Overhead and Underground Powerline Safety

**SEPT 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 - 10:00 AM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION**

- Workplace Electrical Fatalities: 2011- 2024
- Moral Obligation to Provide Fall Protection
- Journey Toward Safety Excellence: The Roadmap to Success
- Injury Free Mindset

**10:00 - 10:10 AM**

**MORNING BREAK AND SNACKS**

**10:10 - 11:20 AM**

**BREAK-OUT SESSION**

- Human-Centered Safety Leadership: Building an Injury-Free Workplace Culture
- Virginia Challenge Program "Building Safety Champions"
- When Low Injury Rates Lie Why TRIR is Not Safety Performance
- Now That We Can Do Better - What Are We Waiting For?

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SEPT 17<sup>TH</sup>

11:20 AM

## GENERAL SESSION

With Commissioner Jim Frederick

12 NOON

## LUNCH

1:10 - 2:20 PM

## BREAK-OUT SESSION

- The Challenges of a Traditional Safety Trainer and the Need to Adapt to the New Generation of Construction Workers
- National Traffic Incident Management Training
- What's Missing Between Your Safety Program and the Field
- Energizing Your Safety Committee

2:20 - 3:20 PM

## BREAK-OUT SESSION

- From Reactive to Proactive: How AI Can Transform Your Safety Culture
- What Turns You On?
- Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene for the EHS Manager
- Workers' Compensation: What the Safety Professional Needs to Know

3:20 - 3:30 PM

## AFTERNOON BREAK AND SNACKS

3:30 - 4:30 PM

## BREAK-OUT SESSION

- (TIM) Traffic Incident Management
- From Reactive to Proactive: Advancing Driver Safety Through Behavioral Intelligence
- Young Minds Leading in Safety: Driving Culture, Innovation, and Accountability
- The Rising Burden of Hearing Loss in Today's Workforce

SEPT 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 10:00 AM

## BREAK-OUT SESSION

- Exploring Virginia's Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)
- Fall Protection Basics
- Safety Leadership: Building a Positive Safety Climate and Learning from Complacency
- Is Common Sense and Worker Safety the Same?

10:10 - 11:00 AM

## BREAK-OUT SESSION

- Welcome to Thunder Ohm
- Cleared to Work - But Are They Safe? FFD Decisions in MSK Injury, Behavioral Health, and Substance Use for Safety-Sensitive Roles
- Work Zone Safety, PPE, and What it Really Means, and How it Applies to Work Zones

11:15 AM

## CLOSING SESSION AND RAFFLE PRIZE