

2026 VOSH SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE AGENDA

SEPT 16TH

10 AM

REGISTRATION AND VENDOR HALL OPENS

12 NOON

CONFERENCE OPENING AND LUNCH

With Commissioner Jim Frederick and Virginia Secretary of Labor Jessica Looman

1:00 - 2:00 PM

KEYNOTE SESSION - THE REAL COST OF SAFETY

With Rich McElhaney

2:10 - 3:10 PM

BREAK-OUT SESSION

- Lithium Ion Battery Recycling
- 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 17TH

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 17TH

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 18th

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