

January 24, 2014

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**2014 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Business Education Seminar**

(all day seminar or lunch only option in lieu of January SAEMS luncheon)

On Wednesday **January 29th, 2014** from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, the **Pima County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)** will be holding their annual **Emergency Planning - Business Education Seminar** at the Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center, 7350 South Old Nogales Highway, Tucson, Arizona. Expected presentations include: Complying with DOT HazMat Regulations (U.S. Dept. of Transportation); Highway Safety & Prevention (Arizona Dept. of Public Safety); HazMats & the Fire Code (Arizona State Fire Marshal); Tier II Data Base Up-dates (Arizona State Emergency Response Commission); Overview of Railroad HazMat Shipments (Union Pacific Railroad); Report on HazMat Releases (U.S. Chemical Safety Board); HazMat Safe Practices (Local Pima County Business); Arizona Safety Data Sheet Program (Industrial Commission of Arizona); and The Role of the LEPC (Pima County LEPC).

Robert Kelly and **Zachary Barnett** with **Federal OSHA** will provide the lunch presentation on the elements of the Presidential Executive Order #13650 – improving Chemical Safety and Security. This Executive Order is in response to the Fertilizer Plant explosion in West, Texas. Based upon reports generated from this explosion, the president feels that more needs to be done to ensure community safety from chemical storage and operations. These OSHA representatives will report to the businesses on the progress of the assigned working group so far and additional safety concerns to be addressed. They will provide information to the business community in the part that they play in achieving the objective of the Executive Order and the intended benefits of this program to businesses.

FULL SEMINAR OPTION: The seminar is FREE and includes a free lunch for attendees. Registration forms are at <http://www.pima.gov/lepc/training.shtml>.

LUNCH ONLY OPTION: Lunch only attendees pay regular SAEMS luncheon fees. Contact Heather Spitzer at Heather.M.Spitzer@raytheon.com if you plan to attend the luncheon ONLY and go to www.saems.org to submit your payment by PayPal.

Click here for the [Link to Workshop Registration Form](#)

Click here for the [Link to Vendor Registration Form](#)

Go to the LEPC webpage at <http://www.pima.gov/lepc/training.shtml> for more information. The seminar is an excellent way for emergency response businesses to showcase products and services to many potential customers. Contact John Wisner for more information at john.wisner@pima.gov or 520-798-0600.

December Luncheon Summary

Carlos Lopez, PE from **Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)** presented on the Tucson-Phoenix State Rail Plan that would connect Arizona cities by passenger rail. This effort is part of ADOT's goal in providing Arizona citizens with alternative means of transportation and commuting between our cities.

Carlos explained the various components of the project and their current efforts at completing their Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and their Alternative Analysis for narrowing down the various potential corridors between the cities. The overarching goal is to build connectivity between the major southwestern cities through a passenger rail system.

The Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Transit Administration are both involved cooperatively in this project. In the next couple of decades, we will eventually see a passenger rail system connecting Phoenix and Tucson.



2014 Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Fair (SARSEF)

SAEMS is a proud sponsor for the Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Fair, which will be taking place on Tuesday March 11, 2014 at the Tucson Convention Center. Volunteer to be a judge for this great event! Elementary and Middle School judging takes place from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. High School Judging is from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM or 5:30 PM if you are a category team leader. Breakfast and lunch will be provided! More information on dates, times, and directions can be found at this link: <http://sarsef.org/judges/dates-times-directions/>. Link to judge sign up forms: <http://sarsef.org/judges/sign-up-now/>.



Annual SAEMS Scholarship Applications Due March 2, 2014



The SAEMS application form for University of Arizona environmental studies scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year is now available! Approximately \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded to several undergraduate and graduate students. Applications accepted beginning in December 2013 (upon receipt of Fall 2013 grades), and are due no later than March 2, 2014. Finalists will be contacted for interviews with the SAEMS Scholarship Committee, and winners will be invited to introduce themselves at a SAEMS luncheon meeting. The scholarship applications are available on the SAEMS website at http://www.saems.org/scholarships_frameset.htm. For more information contact B.J. Cordova, (520) 481-3223 or bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov. Last year's scholarship winners were noted in the People In Action section of Inside Tucson Business in September.

**SAEMS
Website
Updates**

See the latest information on the SAEMS website, including seminar, luncheon, and scholarship information, previous luncheon presentations, Trash & Bash updates, ADOT press release regarding our Trash & Bash volunteers, Executive Committee meeting notes, financial information, News Flash archives, etc.! Members can access the current membership directory (to be updated soon) under the Members tab on the website (www.saems.org) or [Click Here](#), and then enter the member user name and password. New passwords will be sent out to current members soon, so watch your inboxes.

PAYMENT TIP:

SAEMS lunch and seminar attendees are requested to use PayPal for payments whenever possible. Financial charges for using PayPal are about 2.7% and the charge for using a credit card averages 4.8%. Last fiscal year SAEMS spent \$1,600 on financial fees. If everyone used PayPal, we could cut the costs in half and have \$1,000 more for scholarships. As an added bonus, pre-paying on PayPal allows members to fast forward through the lunch or seminar check-in line.

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

February 1, 2014, 8 AM to Noon
 Eastside Service Center
 7575 East Speedway Boulevard

Every Friday and Saturday, 8 AM to Noon
 Main Site
 2440 West Sweetwater Drive

February 8, 2014, 8 AM to Noon
 El Rio Neighborhood Center
 1390 West Speedway Boulevard

Every Monday through Saturday, 6 AM to 5 PM
 Los Reales Landfill
 5300 East Los Reales Road

For more information on materials you can dispose, business programs, etc., go to the City of Tucson website at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/household_hazardous_waste.

Member News and Announcements

City of Tucson Environmental Services has posted a job announcement for an ES Environmental Manager position. The posting will run from January 10 – February 9, 2014. Go to the City's website for more information or to apply at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/sigma/JobListings.aspx>. The job announcement is also posted on the SAEMS website at http://www.saems.org/job_openings_frameset.htm.

SAEMS Adopt A Highway Cleanup

On Saturday December 14th, 2013, the devoted SAEMS volunteers completed the quarterly highway litter cleanup along our stretch of I-10 near the Sonoita exit. Participants included Barb Ricca, Ken Asch, Pat Harrington, Dan Williams, Mike Block, and Mike's cousin Al Jorissen. We cleaned up 18 bags of litter and several tires along the highway. Everyone enjoyed breakfast/lunch at the Vail Steak House afterward. The winning roadside "treasure" was a unique hunters' hat found by Pat, and he won the Starbucks card.

The next highway cleanup is **Saturday February 15, 2014 at 8:00 AM**. We look forward to new volunteers in 2014, and remember that family and friends are welcome, but youth must be at least 12 years old to participate. Contact Dan Williams to RSVP or if you have any questions at Daniel.Williams@uahealth.com.



The SAEMS December Adopt-A-Highway volunteers



Pat Harrington with the winning roadside "treasure" – a unique hunters' hat

**Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) 2014 Annual Conference
 Closing the Gap Between Water Supply and Demand**



The conference is being held **Tuesday, April 8, 2014** at The University of Arizona Student Union Memorial Center, and is a collaboration with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Options will be explored on balancing the scales of water supply and demand in Arizona. A special poster session will include a celebration of the WRRC's 50th anniversary. Keynote speakers include Sandra Fabritz-Whitney (Director, ADWR) and Kay Brothers (Co-Chair, Colorado River Basin Study Next Steps Working Groups Coordination Team), and Senator Jon Kyl has agreed to provide informal comments at the conference luncheon. The conference will close with a panel discussion and Q&A session led by WRRC Director Sharon B. Megdal on, "Closing the Gap: How can we do it?"

Registration is \$100 until March 6, 2014 (after March 6, \$125) and \$35 for students. To access registration, the agenda, a poster abstract submission form, and other information go to: wrrc.arizona.edu/conference. Poster abstract submissions are due Monday, February 3, 2014. For information on conference sponsorship, contact Jean McLain at jmclain@cals.arizona.edu. Get weekly conference updates via the WRRC Weekly Wave e-news digest ([sign up here](#)).

WRRC Brown Bag Seminars

Attend the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center weekly brown bag lunch seminars at the Sol Resnick Conference Room at 350 North Campbell Avenue. Please see their website at <http://wrrc.arizona.edu/events/brownbag> for a schedule of topics. For more information, contact Jane Cripps at jcripps@cals.arizona.edu or (520) 621-2526.

Beat Back Bufflegass

January 25, 2013 join with others in the community to help stop the invasion of bufflegass. Go to their website for more information and to register at <http://www.bufflegass.org/>. Also available on the website is a pocket guide to bufflegass identification, videos, articles, and a short film.

