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National Safety Council Announces 2011 Rising Stars of Safety Honorees '40 Under 40' Recognized for Contributions to Safety

Itasca, IL – The [National Safety Council](#) has announced 40 honorees younger than 40 as its NSC Rising Stars of Safety Class of 2011. This program recognizes tomorrow's leaders for their commitment to safety, influence on safety culture and creation of safety initiatives producing measureable outcomes.

"Thinking of how safety has evolved over the years, it is imperative to recognize and tap into the next generation of safety leaders to advance the future of safety," said National Safety Council President and CEO Janet Froetscher. "We are excited to begin working with the NSC Rising Stars Class of 2011, along with last year's inaugural class, to share their unique perspectives and knowledge."

Honorees will be recognized at the 2011 NSC [Congress & Expo](#) – the largest annual gathering of safety professionals – in Philadelphia on Oct. 31-Nov. 4, among more than 10,000 of their safety peers.

The 40 honorees for the Class of 2011 are listed below and [featured](#) in October issue of *Safety+Health* magazine:

- Samah Al-Hamad: *Operational Excellence Management System Leader*, The Bahrain Petroleum Co. - BAPCO (Awali, Bahrain)
- Oden Austin: *Safety and Occupational Health Consultant*, DuPont (Deepwater, NJ)
- Steve Bryant: *Safety Supervisor*, Pike Electric (McKee, KY)
- Brett Buxbaum: *Health and Safety Manager*, Ardaman & Associates Inc. (Orlando, FL)
- David Campos: *Industrial Hygienist*, Raytheon Missile Systems (Tucson, AZ)
- Justin Carwile: *Safety Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge*, 721st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, U.S. Air Force (Ramstein Air Base, Germany)
- Nate Cook: *Safety and Environment Officer*, SeaRiver Maritime Inc. (Bristol, ME)
- Edward DeNeale: *Director of Corporate Safety*, The Matthews Group Inc., TMG Construction Corp. (Purcellville, VA)
- Jennifer Dively: *North America Low Voltage Occupational Health and Safety Divisional Director*, ABB Inc. (Pinetops, NC)
- Jim Dorris: *Occupational Safety Director*, Cummins Inc. (Hernando, MS)
- Laurence Fortin: *Safety Director*, Brutoco Engineering & Construction Inc. (Fontana, CA)
- Chad Frost: *Safety Professional*, Pacific Industrial Contractor Screening Inc. (Houston, TX)
- Kyle Hall: *Health and Safety Specialist*, UPS (Louisville, KY)
- Dustin Hardin: *Technical Consultant*, Liberty Mutual Group (Houston, TX)
- Francisco Hernandez: *Safety Supervisor*, General Motors of Mexico (Mexico City, Mexico)
- Fahad Ishfaq: *Senior Engineer Safety*, Pakarab Fertilizers Ltd. (Multan, Punjab)
- Joshua Jacobsen: *Director of Risk Management*, Architectural Wall Systems Co. (West Des Moines, IA)
- Janine Jones: *Patient Safety Resource Specialist*, WakeMed Health and Hospitals (Raleigh, NC)
- Robert Jones: *Training Coordinator*, Nyrstar (Clarksville, TN)
- Johnathan Judy: *PSM/RMP Engineer*, Reddy Ice Corp. (Weyers Cave, VA)
- Robert J. Kacmarcik: *Director, Environment, Health and Safety*, UTC Fire & Security (Farmington, CT)
- Darren Kemp: *Environmental, Health and Safety Manager*, TE Connectivity (Greensboro, NC)
- Kurt Kollwelter: *Damage Prevention and Loss Control Coordinator*, INTREN Inc. (Union, IL)
- Joseph Kopko: *Safety Director*, EMCOR Services, Scalise Industries (Lawrence, PA)

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- Sean Kriloff: *Facility Services Group, Health and Safety Manager*, CH2M Hill O&MBG (Tempe, AZ)
- James J. Kuhn: *Executive Vice President*, Atlantic Testing Laboratories (Clifton Park, NY)
- James Lange: *Divisional Safety and Claims Manager*, J. F. Ahern Co. (Fond du Lac, WI)
- Treena Leonard: *Safety Manager*, CalPortland Construction (Santa Maria, CA)
- Natalie Noland: *GCC Project Manager*, ExxonMobil - Global Procurement (Houston, TX)
- Angela Patterson Sikes: *Digital Media Coordinator*, Bridgetsons Americas (Nashville, TN)
- Russ Reynolds: *District Safety, Health and Environment Manager*, AECOM (Greenville, SC)
- Michelle Schulz: *Corporate Safety Project Manager*, Southern California Edison (Monrovia, CA)
- Francene Scott-Diehl: *Vice President of Safety-East Group*, MV Transportation (Winter Garden, FL)
- Reid Swenson: *Line Technician*, Alliant Energy (Sheboygan, WI)
- Ryan Unger: *Regional Safety, Health and Environmental Manager*, DSI Underground Systems Inc. (Martinsburg, WV)
- Anna Waehler: *Environmental, Health and Safety Coordinator*, U.S. Silica Co. (Jackson, TN)
- Seth Wehner: *Safety Director*, Ritsema Associates (Grandville, MI)
- Erin Welken: *Safety and Environmental Professional*, John Deere (Valley City, ND)
- Michael Woods: *Safety and Technical Training Consultant*, LG&E and KU Energy (Louisville, KY)
- Sophie Wu: *Industrial Hygienist*, U.S. Marshals Service (Alexandria, VA)

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