Upcoming Events
See what's coming up on the calendar

Merit Program
The VAS staff has been getting a lot of inquiries about the "Merit" program in the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), and whether it is legitimate. Click here to find out more about this program.

Fall Seminar Recap
On September 20, more than 40 people attended the VAS Fall seminar in Leesburg, VA. This seminar was a big success due to Bull Run Chapter.

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How to Get Your CEU's Certificates in a Few Easy Steps
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Recruit a Member
Did you know that when you recruit a

Centennial
The APELSCIDLA's Centennial is June, 2020. The board is hoping to put together a booklet including photographs and documents over the past 100 years. Click below to read how you can submit your photos and/or documents.

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Footsteps
Saundra O'Connell is the President of the Bull Run Chapter and is the Assistant Branch Chief, Zoning

12/12/20
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Review, at Fairfax County. To read more about Saundra, click below.

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Safety Minute
Did you know???

JHA is one practical approach recommended to identify hazards and possible solutions to reduce or eliminate hazards. JHA’s focus on hazard identification at the job task level.

Downloadable Forms and Templates are available for and should be made part of you field crews daily routine.

**IMPORTANT POINTS**

**Why conduct a Job Hazard Analysis?**

To become aware of all the hazards associated with each position in your organization. To prevent work related deaths, injuries, or illness by eliminating or controlling hazards identified. To ensure all employees have the proper job procedures to ensure their safety. To ensure all employees have the training, equipment, and supplies to do their jobs safely.

When conducting a JHA, always consider the full range of safety and health hazards, from machine safety to high noise levels to chemical and biological exposures. Also, consider impacts such as environmental impacts to your task at hand. Terrain conditions, weather, insects and wildlife all need to be considered.

**How do I Conduct a Job Hazard Analysis?**

- Involve your employees in the JHA process.
- Identify the job or task to be analyzed.
- Break the job or task into key components.
- Identify the hazards found in each key component.
- Use accident history of injuries and “near misses”.
- Identify ways to eliminate or control these hazards.
- Act to eliminate the hazard or implement the controls.

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**Job Board**

To see new job openings [click here](#)

**A Florida Man Has Been Missing for 22 Years**
After several drinks at a local night club, William Earl Moldt called his girlfriend around 9:30 p.m. to say he would be home soon.

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