Ergonomics: Cool Tools for Schools
Liz Foott,
Senior Safety Management Consultant, SAIF Corp.

Liz has over 12 years of broad-based EHS experience in multiple industries including semiconductor, healthcare, pharmaceutical and facility operations. She has served as an EHS program manager for various types of environmental and safety projects for multiple clients. Her recent projects include designing and implementing numerous health and safety programs and training modules. Liz is also in the Army National Guard, where she has spent the last 12 years as an Environmental and Preventive Medicine Officer. Currently, Liz is a Senior Safety Management Consultant with SAIF Corporation and provides a multitude of safety and environmental health services.

Laurie LaBrasseur, ARM
Senior Safety Management Consultant, SAIF Corp.

Laurie LaBrasseur is a Senior Safety Management Consultant for SAIF Corporation. She provides Total Worker Health (safety + wellness) consultative services to the state agencies and universities throughout Oregon. She will tell you that presenting and training in health and safety topics is by far the favorite aspect of her job. “I enjoy identifying ergonomic challenges in the workplace and finding or developing solutions to mitigate or eliminate them. The solutions are often just as applicable at home. It supports our vision of making Oregon the safest and healthiest state in the nation, and I like that,” says LaBrasseur.

She has served in a variety of positions during her 25 years with SAIF including providing safety services to small businesses and Assigned Risk policies, working in Actuarial, Research & Analysis and Information Technology on the data warehouse team. On a personal note, she is a private pilot, plays senior women's softball, loves international travel and is a former member of the award-winning Oregon Spirit Chorus, an a'cappella group based in Salem, which placed 3rd in the world for Sweet Adelines small choruses in 2015.
Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Scott is certified as a Master Exercise Practitioner with a Master's degree in Management and Leadership, Emergency Manager. In addition to holding a Homeland Security Region 4 Training and Exercise coming to CRESA in 2013 as the Washington State representative, Scott spent 5 years in aerospace manufacturing before the Katrina/Rita relief in 2005. After retirement Scott served in various companies including the first Persian Gulf War and Iraq in 2003/2004, as well as various humanitarian deployments to support the 1991 eruption of Mt Pinatubo in the Philippines and leading 40 person platoon to Florida in support of Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief in 2005. After retirement Scott spent 5 years in aerospace manufacturing before coming to CRESA in 2013 as the Washington State Homeland Security Region 4 Training and Exercise Coordinator. In June 2014 Scott was promoted to Emergency Manager. In addition to holding a Master's degree in Management and Leadership, Scott is certified as a Master Exercise Practitioner and Emergency Response Team trainer by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Preparing Your Organization for a Disaster:
Scott Johnson, Emergency Mgt Division Manager, Clark Regional Emer. Services Agency

Jodi Sherwood (Oregon State Police, Project Director for SafeOregon) has worked in public service for 25 years as a project manager and communication professional. Jodi's experience includes crime prevention, community policing, strategic communications, public affairs, media relations, and program development. Prior to joining Oregon State Police, Jodi worked with the City of Keizer Police Department, Department of Human Services, and served as Deputy Communications Director for Governor Ted Kulongoski.

Employment and Athletic Liability:
Kate Wilkinson, Director of Litigation Services, OSBA
Haley Percell, Attorney, OSBA

Kate Wilkinson currently serves as the litigation director for the Oregon School Boards Association. She previously worked as the in-house general counsel and human resources director for Oregon's largest independent grocery store company, working with store and company personnel throughout Oregon and Northern California. She also practiced as an attorney with two prominent Eugene law firms, focusing on civil litigation. Kate was an adjunct professor for several years at the University of Oregon School of Law and is currently an adjunct professor at Willamette University School of Law. She is an active volunteer and has served on numerous boards, including the Oregon Women Lawyers Board (one term as statewide president), the Eugene Civilian Review Board, and the Oregon Workforce Investment Board. She has been active in her local schools, teaching to kids as part of the SMART program and serving as a volunteer mock trial coach. She currently serves on the executive committee of the Oregon State Bar's Litigation Section. Kate has published numerous articles in various journals and has been a speaker at national conferences on employment-related topics. She received her undergraduate degree from Colorado College and her law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

OSHA UPDATES: Corbet (Cory) Stengel, CSHM, Sr. Safety Mgt. Consultant, Oregon OSHA

Cory has worked as an Occupational Health Consultant for OR OSHA since 1992. His focus is on helping both private and public entities become self sufficient in managing their safety and health programs. Cory holds the certification of Safety & Health Management through the Institute for Safety and Health Mgt. As well as providing safety & health consultative services to employers, he has helped various companies achieve both the Voluntary Protection Plan (VPP) Star status and the OR OSHA Safety & Health Achievement Award (SHARP) status.

Developing Strategies for Transgender Students & Staff:
Victoria Nolan, Risk & Benefits Manager, Clean Water Services

Victoria has served as the Risk and Benefits Manager for Clean Water Services since 1998. Other experiences have included positions as Loss Prevention Coordinator and industrial Safety Engineer. In addition, Victoria spent 4 years on her local school board including two as board chair. Victoria holds a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designation as well as an Associate in Risk Management (ARM) and is an active member of several professional organizations such as the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS), the Public Risk and Insurance Management Association (PRIMA) and The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE).

Victoria also has some perspective on what it is like to be different. After 21 years with the organization Victoria transitioned to become the first transgender employee with the District and through the process has helped her co-workers and many others find an understanding of what diversity and inclusion can mean.

The Science and Art of De-escalation:
Christopher Stoaks, Police Officer/SRO

Christopher Stoaks has served as an Infantry Squad Leader in the United States Marine Corps before earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Western Oregon University. He then worked for two years as a Community Justice Corps Leader with the Deschutes County Juvenile Detention Center, and six years as a Work Education Instructor for the COIC Alternative High School, during which time he became a Reserve Officer for the Bend Police Department.

Officer Stoaks was hired by the Bend Police Department in 2007. He is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer. Officer Stoaks has served as a Cadet Advisor, is a Hostage/Crisis Negotiator for the CERT team, is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, the CISM/Peer Support Team and is the Commander of the Bend Police Department Honor Guard.

Healthy & Safe Schools/Lead in Water Update:
Michael Elliot, School Facilities Coord., ODE

Kevin Montague, Dallas School District

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