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## New England Roundtable Online Series

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### January 5, 2022: Understanding OSHA's General Duty Clause and industry standards

**Presented by: Martha Catevenis**, Safety and Health Consultant and OSHA Training Institute Instructor

The "General Duty Clause" from the OSHA Act of 1970 requires that, in addition to compliance with hazard-specific standards, all employers provide a work environment "free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm." The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) relies on the General Duty Clause for enforcement authority.

Ever wonder what would constitute a "General Duty" violation? Please join us in reviewing 5(a) (1) section of the OSHA Act.

Topics include but not limited to:

- Covid 19
- NFPA 70E
- Combustible Dust
- Workplace Violence
- Thermal Heat Stress
- Ergonomic Hazards
- Safety Latches on lifting hooks
- High Visibility Clothing
- Seat belts on a forklift

Martha is a safety and health consultant who has been an instructor with the OSHA Training Institute Education Center Region 1/Keene State College since 1999, instructing both general industry and construction related courses. She owns a New England-based consulting firm, which services the construction, mining and general industries. She has BS degree in Applied Adult Education and an AAS in Occupational Safety and Health.



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### January 12, 2022: Myth Busters: Is Everything You Know About Indicators Wrong?

**Presented by: Pam Walaski, CSP**

Articles and conversations about measuring OSH programs appear almost daily - often dismissing long standing tenets such as lagging indicators. Trying to keep up can be mind-boggling. Join Pam as she brings you up to date, de-mystifies OSH performance measurement and provides a path forward.

Pam Walaski, CSP is Senior Program Director for Speciality Technical Consultants, Inc. and just completed a 3-year-term as an ASSP At Large Director. She has a national reputation as a conference/webinar presenter on multiple topics, including performance measurement and management systems.

### January 19, 2022: Doing Safety Differently

**Presented by: Brady Keene, MS, ASP, CHST Keene State College - Assistant Clinical Professor Workwise NH - Supervisor / Safety Consultant**

The presentation will feature an introduction to "Safety Differently", also known as Human and Organizational Performance and/ or New View Safety. Within the presentation, we will explore the fundamental principles behind Safety Differently as well as some of its most influential factors, such as Blue Line Black Line theory, pre-accident investigations, and more. Attendees can expect a practitioner's approach to the presentation as it will be presented in a way that is simplistic, yet involved.

### January 26, 2022: Process Safety Management

**Presented by: Mike Ziskin**

### February 2, 2022: Because Going To Work Shouldn't Be A Grave Mistake!



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**Presented by: Tonya Ford**, Executive Director / **Rena Harrington**, Family Member **UNITED SUPPORT & MEMORIAL FOR WORKPLACE FATALITIES**

Do you ever wonder how to speak to family member victims after a tragic, unexpected work incident? Do you wonder about the other side of every occupational loss?

Tonya Ford and Rena Harrington with the national organization, United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities (USMWF) will be joining us for our NE Round Table Conversation to help us get more of an understanding of the impact, struggles and reality of occupational incidents, illnesses and diseases.

USMWF was established in 2007 as the only grassroots, family based, national, not-for-profit organization that offers support, guidance and resources to families that have been affected by any work-related incidents, diseases and illnesses. We know and understand first-hand the devastation that takes place in the mind, body and soul after such a tragic, unexpected death. Recognizing the overpowering emotions one has during the stages of grief. It is important that no one should feel alone during these times.

USMWF strives to honor our fallen workers, support families left behind and educate the public of the importance of workplace safety to ultimately prevent occupational incidents, illnesses and diseases.

We invite you to “Hear the Story” of fallen worker Justin Harrington, 27 of Gloucester, MA through the voice of his mother Rena Harrington as she shares the tragic, unexpected loss of her son and how it has forever affected her and her family as she works to turn something so negative into something positive with the help and guidance of USMWF.

We know and understand that completing an inspection is not ever easy, but we hope that we can assist you in communicating with the family member victims left behind after their life has been forever changed.

**February 9, 2022: Blurred Lines: How EHS has turned into an extension of HR**



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**Presented by: Joe Orazio**, EHS Manager | Brazonics, Inc Hampton, NH  
COLLINS AEROSPACE

EHS professionals don't necessarily always know what each day has on the agenda for them. One of the things which is becoming more and more prevalent, as an EHS professional, is the inheritance of some traditionally HR held functions when it comes to mental health and wellness. The goal of this presentation is to show why it is EHS is being turned to by employees, understanding that adversity is perceived differently by each person, give you tools and conversational tips on how to approach situations as they arise, and provide accessible resources.

**February 16, 2022: OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program. "What every business needs to know"**

**Presented by: Kristen Rubino**, Assistant Regional Administrator for Whistleblower

OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Program enforces protections for employees who suffer retaliation for engaging in protected activities under more than 20 federal laws. We will discuss an overview of the program, a basic allegation, and the investigative process. There will be some time for a question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

**February 23, 2022: Mitigating the Transmission of Airborne Pathogens in Indoor Environments.**

**Presented by: Paul Bemis**, President Air Cleaners Inc. [www.AirCleanersInc.com](http://www.AirCleanersInc.com)

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, attention has been drawn to the issue of indoor air quality. Over the past 10 years buildings have become much more energy efficient by tightening the building envelope, thus reducing air and heat leakage. This has, in many cases, come at the expense of indoor air quality. Air tight energy efficient buildings rely almost exclusively on the HVAC system to deliver clean outdoor air. So what is the right response to a deadly airborne pathogen for an indoor environment? In this session the viewer learn the latest science from the most advanced minds in the field of building science. Extensive use of CFD (Computational Fluid



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Dynamics) will be used to visualize airflow and highlight mitigation strategies.

Paul Bemis is the President of Air Cleaners Inc and the current President of Granite State ASHRAE Chapter. Paul is both a Mechanical Engineer (UNH) and Electrical Engineer (NU) with extensive experience in the Building Sciences Market. As the Vice President of Marketing for Fluent Inc, the market leader in Computational Fluid Dynamics, Paul became an expert in the field of fluid flow and related modeling. He now uses that expertise to design and develop solutions for improving indoor air quality.

### February 28, 2021: DOT Related Topic

**Presented by: Roy Roberts, Steve Piworski**

### March 2, 2021: OSHA ACCIDENT CASE STUDY

**Presented by: Don Naim, Andover OSHA Senior Compliance Officer**

This presentation is about an inspection of an auto auction facility after multiple fatalities. A vehicle in the auction struck and killed five people. This accident was the largest number of people killed and/or injured in this type of industry. This inspection was based on the General Duty Clause 5(a) (1). I will be presenting on the inspection and the safety corrections the employer implemented to avoid any future accidents of this type, and how it relates to other industries that are similar.