

## SDAIHA Newsletter February 2009

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Hello SDAIHA members,

We are in a new year with a new Board. We have some energetic and talented board members (new and continuing) so our Chapter should go forward with excellent meetings and administration.

We also had a great year of speakers. I learned much about Resource Surfing, Disaster Industrial Hygiene and other issues. I have been able to apply some of the things I learned to my job.

One of our long time members, Stewart Migdal, with Cal OSHA, recently sent me an overview of a death at UCLA. This death could have been prevented with simple training and enforcing existing safety rules. I recently visited one of my clients who had a finger amputation due to lack of training about guarding. Both of these employers have formal safety programs with full time professional Safety Managers. Take a minute to review this case and see if you need to audit your training policies.

<http://www.rsc.org/chemistryworld/News/2009/January/23010903.asp>

I always tell my clients: "A loss control program is dynamic. It should be changing for the better as new policies and safety rules are added or changed from accident investigations, hazard identification surveys, employee suggestions, etc."

See you at the meetings and in Toronto. Sincerely,

