



Marshall Safety and Health Action Team (MSAT)

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MINUTES

August 4, 2004

The MSAT meeting was held Wednesday, August 4, 2004, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Room 625, Building 4201.

Attendees were: Lynn Motley, Kasondra Turner, Brittany Metcalfe, Beth Young, Cathy White, Glenn Funkhouser, Jean Snowden, Darlene Garner, Lorraine Raby, Todd MacLeod, Kevin Vellacott-Ford, Janie Crawford

WELCOME/GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chairman, Monte Gravunder welcomed all members, identified the Emergency Exits and noted that in the event of an emergency evacuation during a meeting, attendees need to reassemble outside the East end of building 4201 (toward 4203) for roll call. Protective Areas were also identified in the event of inclement weather conditions

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Janie Crawford for efforts to broaden the awareness of the Marshall Safety & Health Action Team at Marshall Space Flight Center.

MSAT SAFETY MINUTE

Monte presented a safety minute outlining the dangers that school age children faced as schools reopen. Some of the highlights of this topic included:

- There are 374,000 school children in the State of Alabama.
- The most hazardous part of the day of school children is boarding and getting off school buses.
- Also, there are more young school age drivers on the road during high traffic periods.

OLD BUSINESS

I THINK SAFE

- The July 22nd event in the lobby of Building 4203 involved the best turnout of this type event. There have been several requests/inquiries as to the next event.

SAFETY JEOPARDY

- Monte Gravunder, Chris Fisher and Todd Mscleod opened a checking account with Regions Bank. Current contributors are MTI, ASRI, and EG&G Logistics
- As soon as enough money is deposited to place an order for prizes, the next Safety Jeopardy game will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

- The current inventory of MSAT uniform shirts does not include any large sizes, so an order for more shirts will be placed.
- August 12th is the retirement party for Axel Roth, management sponsor for MSAT.
- August 29th through September 1st, Monte Gravunder will be attending a VPP conference in Las Vegas as the MSAT representative.
- October 27/28th will be the MSFC Safety Day with a theme of "Return to Flight".

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- ***Close Calls Committee:*** Two certificates have been presented and a third certificate will be presented on August 10th. Chris Fisher will be taking over the responsibility of the close call committee.
- ***Membership Committee:*** No Report
- ***Health Committee:*** On October 1, NASA will initiate a "*Healthier NASA Campaign*", which is an education effort for employees in healthy living to promote greater responsibility for personnel health. This effort will include a 15 month lifestyle calendar with a specific health tips each month. Also, there will be a "Healthier by Choice" cookbook due around this year's holiday season.
- ***Employee Interface and Communications:*** No report
- ***Center & Team Actions Committee:*** No report

OPEN DISCUSSION -

- Frank Smith discussed his impression of an industry training session sponsored by the National Safety Council and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Birmingham on July 29th. There were discussion of Safety Cultures, employee attitudes and unsafe work practices among safety professionals present.

- There was an inquiry as the role of MSAT at the upcoming MSFC Safety Day. Monte Gravunder explained that the current plans are to share a booth with the MSFC SHE committee and issue "I Think Safe Badges". Also, MSAT will sponsor NAFCO, a fire extinguisher servicing company, to refurbish and sell portable fire extinguishers.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- MSAT members are asked to submit their concerns and any beneficial suggestions to make the Center a safer place to work to Monte Gravunder.

The next MSAT Meeting is

August 18, 2004, 10:00-11:00

ROOM 625 - BUILDING 4201