

ASSE Mobile Chapter  
Regular monthly meeting 11:30 A.M. January 20, 2010  
White-Spooner Construction Co. 2110 S. Beltline, Mobile, AL.

Dealing With OSHA Inspections  
And  
Contesting OSHA Citations

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The fifth meeting of the 2009-2010 ASSE Mobile Chapter was called to order at 11:35 A.M., a list of those in attendance is attached, and there was a quorum present.

The guest speaker for this month was Mr. Buzzy Riis Esq. with Hand Arendall, L.L.C. and his presentation was "What to Do When OSHA knocks". Buzzy a lifetime resident of Mobile graduated Washington & Lee University *laude*, in 1982 receiving his Law J.D. from the University of Alabama in 1985. Beginning in 1991 with Hand Arendall has been Personal Injury & Insurance; Construction & Public Contracts; Employment & Labor his Practice Group; and Workers Compensation.

Buzzy handed out his bound summary to begin his presentation; then proceeded to expound on the document focusing on preparation, anticipating an inspection, surviving an inspection, & employers rights & obligations prior, during & after an inspection; this was accomplished with examples and actual experiences and results. Civil & Criminal penalties were included in the presentation for those with less than successful inspection outcomes. His presentation prompted many questions and a few comments from OSHA, following the presentation there were more questions and comments. This is a vital guide for the Safety Professional in developing Best Practices, training, implementation, auditing, and answering management's questions. It is available at the Hand Arendall website.

PROFESSIONAL SAFETY *journal of the ASSE* in the February issue book review Compliance features OSHA Inspections: Preparation & Response by Rick Kaletsky. Published by the National Safety Council, 466 pp. \$ 107.29. As reviewed it details everything needed for an OSHA ready S&H program. NSC Birmingham does not have a copy and declined to loan one, doesn't seem to be available on DVD.

For what it is worth in this writers experience when OSHA knocks it is like the beginning of a contact sport ball game, after the ball is snapped you really find out if the preparation and practice work that day with those players.

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