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Celebrating our Chapter's



Over our Chapter's 25-year history, we have been acknowledged with the following ISEE awards:

- * ISEE Diamond Level President Education Fund 2020
- * Chapter Quality Award 2020
- * Chapter Service Award 2020, 2018, 2016, 2006, 2000
- * Chapter Newsletter/Website Award 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2007, 2002
- * ISEE Platinum Level President Education Fund 2015
- * Membership Trophy 1999

Our outstanding members have also been recognized by ISEE:

- * ISEE Presidents Award Recipients Don Hall, Denny Kisthart, Dale Ramsey, Dan Leach
- * ISEE Industry Service Award Dale Ramsey
- * ISEE Distinguished Service Award Frank Chaippetta
- * Volunteer Appreciation Award Ethan Huff, John Benedict, Kristin Klemish, Becky Geary-Spahr, Chuck Tomlin, Denny Kisthart, Becky Geary, Randy May, Don Hall

Read more about our Chapter's History on page 8.

The Eastern PA ISEE welcomes requests for topics, and invites readers' letters and other contributions that relate to drilling, blasting, seismology and explosives engineering.

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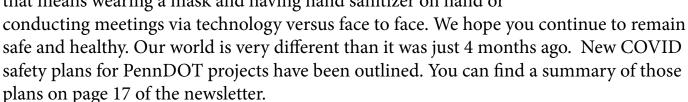


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Letter from The President

Dear Members,

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy during the COVID pandemic. I know many of us have been professionally and/or personally effected. While much of our industry has continued to operate as normal as possible, we all still need to adapt, whether that means wearing a mask and having hand sanitizer on hand or conducting meetings via technology versus face to face. We hope you continue to rem



This year our Chapter is celebrating 25 years. In our history, our Chapter has had many successes as evident of our long list of awards and achievements. Likewise, we have had many members also recognized for their dedication. Read about how our Chapter was organized on page 8. As a Chapter we are proud of our accomplishments and want to continue to educate and connect as many people as possible in the future.

Unfortunately, due to growing concerns related to COVID, we had to reschedule our Spring Clay Shoot & BBQ in May. The event is set for Thursday, October 22nd. Details about the shoot, registration and sponsorship forms are located on page 4-6. If any changes to the schedule are needed, we will keep you posted.

Looking ahead, the Chapter is excited to return to planning in-person events when it is safe to do so. Until then, please stay safe.

Best regards,

Scott

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You can bring your own gun and ammo (7.5-9 lead shot only). Prizes will be awarded!

The event is FREE for Members.

Non-Members will be charged \$35 for a Chapter Membership.

Non-members - please complete the membership form on page 18 and this registration form to sign-up.

Send to: Eastern PA Chapter I.S.E.E.

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Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Clay Shoot & BBQ



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Letter from The Chief

Dear Eastern PA ISEE Newsletter readers,

Flyrock is an inherent risk of blasting, but is preventable. It does not have to happen. When it does occur there is a lot of effort by the blasting contractor, the permittee and DEP to find out why it happened and how to prevent it from happening again. Current blast records and widespread videotaping of blasts are critical for these efforts to succeed. These days most flyrock incidents are not caused by basic blast design errors such as too little stemming, boreholes too large for hole depths or burdens and spacings being too large or small. Most of the flyrock incidents that have occurred recently have been due to precautions not being taken to address conditions in the rock being blasted.

Quarry faces are often uneven which requires bore tracking and face profiling. Careful drilling with appropriate drilling equipment for the site conditions are a must as are detailed drill logs, so the blaster is aware of any changes in the rock. On construction blasting operations one of the biggest problems is inconsistent rock. Care must be taken to ensure that the blaster knows the extent and condition of the rock surrounding each and every borehole.

Blasting is an ultrahazardous activity and is regulated as such. Flyrock is prohibited. Flyrock is a serious violation and appropriate enforcement action will be taken in each case. All blasting in PA must be authorized by DEP permits. The activities conducted on those permits should not be a danger to the public or their property.

When designing blasts please be careful to include any measures that will prevent flyrock. We have been very fortunate to not have a flyrock fatality in PA since 1999. However, there have been several incidents in the past few years where there was potential for injury or worse. Added precautions will help to ensure flyrock incidents do not occur.

Please stay safe and stay healthy,

Richard Lamkie



Our Chapter's 25 Year History

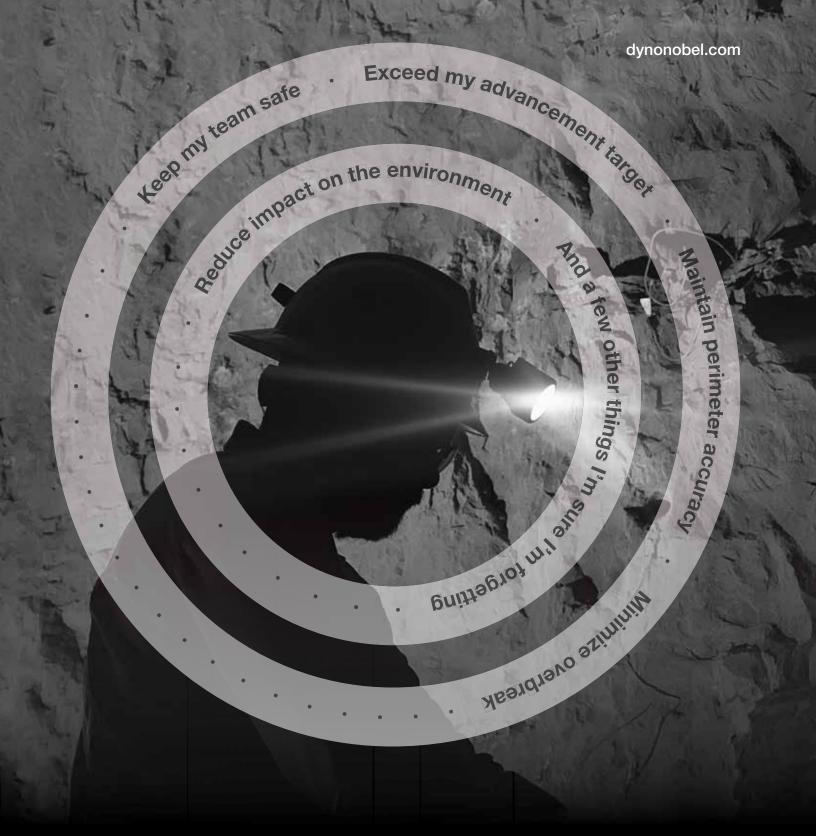
In 1994, at the ISEE Conference in Austin, Texas, several attendees from eastern Pennsylvania met and discussed the concept of a new Pennsylvania Chapter. Plans were quickly set in motion and on February 17, 1994, an organizing committee meeting was held with industry leaders including Conny Postupak, Dale Ramsey, Don Hall, Charles Nork, Randy May, John Brulia, Jim Reil, David Borg, Frank Chiapetta, Dan Waters, and John Freymuller. The Chapters geographical area was specified as being East Pennsylvania westward to a North/South line running through State College, Pa.

The first general meeting was held April 29, 1994 at the Days Inn, in Allentown, PA. Dues were only \$15 for the year. Membership quickly grew with 50 members signed up after the first meeting, then jumping to 117 members by the end of 1994. In 1995, The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter was granted the ISEE Charter at the annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee in February. Soon after the Chapter volunteered to help organize the Pennsylvania Drilling and Blasting Conference along with the Mid Atlantic Chapter and the Pennsylvania DEP.









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New Ways to Quickly Call 911 on your Phone Along with the Best Safety Apps

Written by Kim Komando, as published in Cyber Speaker

In these troubled times, when we're dealing with a pandemic and protests compounded with the usual risks of accidents and crime, your smartphone can be your emergency notifier. Sure, you know about AAA for your car. I'm talking about something more important, that is, your life. Share this critical post with your loved ones. Its probably the most important think you have read online in a very long time.

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How to call 911 on an iPhone

If you're using an iPhone, the Emergency SOS feature will call emergency services and notify your emergency contacts when you can't. In the U.S., your iPhone will dial 911 and connect you to an operator. After that call concludes, it will send a text message to your emergency contacts (unless you choose to cancel).

Your phone will send your current location to your contacts and update them if your location changes. Even if you keep your iPhone's location services turned off, the phone will automatically turn it on during Emergency SOS.

First, think about who should be in your emergency contact list. Then, open the Health app, tap your Profile Photo, and select Medical ID settings. Chose Edit under emergency contacts, and you can add your contacts, whether it is a spouse, a family member, or a trusted friend.

Under Emergency Access, toggle the option to Show When Locked. Select Done to save your changes. We used to teach kids to call 911 on a landline. Consider these next skills essential for all ages today. If you're using an iPhone 7 and earlier, you start SOS mode by pressing the side button five times and dragging the bright red slider over to start the call to 911. For Apple's latest phones, you need to press and hold the side button along with one of the volume buttons until you see the Emergency SOS slider appear on the screen. Now, you have two options. You can manually move the slider to start the call, or you can continue to hold down the buttons. If you chose this second route, the iPhone will start a countdown and then automatically call emergency services. This is

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handy if you're in a situation where you can't afford to look down at your phone or if you need to dial 911 discreetly.

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How to call 911 on Android

With Android, setting and features vary based on smartphone manufacturer or version of the operating system. However, these steps to contact 911 during an emergency work on many modern Android handsets.

First, hold down the power button until you see an option for Emergency Mode. Tap it and that will bring up five options: Flashlight, Emergency, Share My Location, Phone and Internet. Below those options, there will be a button for Emergency Call. Tap the button and it will verify if you want to call 911. Confirm and your phone will go into power-saving mode to conserve battery. Google Pixel smartphones and a few other Android devices allow you to send vital information to dispatchers using Google's automated voice service. During an emergency call, you can tap Medical, Fire or Police if you're unable to speak.

Google just rolled out a new Personal Safety and Safety Check apps for its Pixel 3 and 4 phones. For details go to komando.com/lifestyle.ways-your-phone-can-keep-you-safe-in-an-emergency/741184.

Best Safety Apps to the Rescue

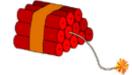
As you might expect, there are also personal safety apps. Here are the three I like.

bSafe:

One thing you're going to love about bSafe is its simplicity. You can activate an SOS alarm with the simple press of a button. Your contacts will receive a sound alarm with your location, and they will be able to see and hear everything in real time. With a premium subscription, everything is automatically recorded by audio and video

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and sent to your contacts phones. If your phone is in your pocket, purse or jacket you don't need to press the SOS button. Simply say the phrase that you have preselected to activate the alarm and your contacts will get the SOS notification. The app is available for both Android and iOS.

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Kitestring:

Kitestring is an SMS service that will check on you. For example, let Kitestring know when you're heading out for a late-night walk or meeting with a stranger for a date. Kitestring will send you a text message at the time you indicate beforehand. If you do not respond, your emergency contacts will receive a personalized alert message. You get three trips per month and can name one emergency contact with the free plan. If you think you'll need the service more than three times monthly, the Kitestring Plus paid plan comes with unlimited trips, unlimited emergency contacts and perennial mode where Kitestring will check on you every few minutes or hours.

Noonlight:

If you're in a frightening situation but aren't sure if it warrants a 911 call, the Noonlight app is a great solution. Any time you feel unsafe, open the Noonlight app and press the "hold until safe" button. Once you're safe, release the button and enter your four-digit PIN. But, if you release the button and do not enter your PIN, Noonlight will notify the police with your exact location. Even if you are unable to talk, you can communicate via text with Noonlight dispatchers 24 hours a day. It includes integration with the Tinder app, which is a significant step forward for digital dating safety. The app is available for Android and iOS.





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- 2. Personal (Employee) Responsibilities
- 3. Social Distancing
- 4. Jobsite/Office Best Practices
- 5. Managing Sick Employees
- 6. Material Deliveries and Anyone Entering the Jobsite
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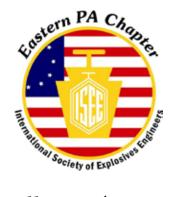
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