

SEI UPDATE



Safety Equipment Institute

The premier certification organization for safety, health and protective equipment.

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Jim Tomaseski of the IBEW Elected to SEI Board

SEI is pleased to announce its Board of Directors has unanimously elected **James R. Tomaseski** to the SEI Board of Directors.

An eleven year veteran of the IBEW, Jim is currently the Director – Safety and Health Department of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

- In his current position, Jim’s primary responsibilities include: safety and health issues related to all branches of membership in the IBEW for broadcasting, construction, manufacturing, railroad, telephone and utility.
- He represents the IBEW on National Consensus standards committees including ANSI, ASTM, IEEE, NESC, and NFPA.

- Jim also serves as the IBEW liaison with OSHA regarding regulation development, compliance and enforcement.

Previous to his employment with the IBEW, Jim was employed for fifteen years as a lineman with Virginia Electric Power Company performing overhead and underground distribution system construction and maintenance work on voltages up to 34.5kV. For five years he performed all aspects of transmissions systems and trouble shooting/service restoration procedures.

Jim serves as the 2nd Vice Chairman of the ASTM F 18 Main Committee as well as serving in leadership positions on various subcommittees, and ANSI Committees.

<p>Steven T. Edwards, Chairman Director, University of Maryland Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute</p>	<p>Kevin Berg Principal Vice President Bechtel Corporation</p> <p>George P. Kappler, Jr. CEO Kappler Inc.</p>	<p>Jim Lapping Vice President Safety, Health & Environment Power Maintenance and Constructors, LLC</p> <p>Bobby J. Sasser Senior Loss Control Representative Landin, Inc.</p>	<p>Jim Tomaseski Director - Safety & Health Department International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)</p> <p>Lawrence M. Zippin Consultant</p>
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SEI Certification Program Activities

Emergency Eyewash and Shower Equipment – On April 12, 2004, SEI announced the use of the newly revised and Board approved ANSI Z 358.1 – 2004 standard. Transition testing was completed at Midwest Testing Laboratories and SEI has now issued certifications to the new edition of the standard for all of the participants in this program.

Eye & Face Protection - Integrated Sourcing and Supply, Inc. (ISSI) is the newest participant in SEI's certification program for Eye & Face Protection Products and the first certifications for safety eyewear for Northern Safety have recently been issued. SEI contract laboratory, COLTS Laboratories of Clearwater, FL, has remained on schedule for its testing despite having to contend with the multiple hurricanes. All SEI participants have completed the transition of eye and face protection products to the new editions of the ANSI Z 87.1 – 2003 and CSA Z94.3-02.

Fall Protection – Midwest Testing Laboratories is working diligently to initiate testing for SEI's first submission for a family of self-retracting lanyard (SRL) models for certification to ANSI Z359.1 -1992 (R1999).

Gas Detector Tubes – Gas detector tube unit certification program participants are undergoing certification testing to the following four substances for their 2004 round of certifications: Acetic Acid, Carbon Monoxide, Nitric Oxide and Vinyl Chloride. SEI and Clayton Group Services have established the testing schedule for these substances as well as their corresponding sampling pumps.

Limited Use and Disposable Coveralls – SEI is pleased to announce Northern Safety has received certification for its disposable coverall models. Testing was conducted in accordance with ANSI/ISEA 101-1996. Intertek conducted the certification testing for SEI.

Equestrian Helmets and Vests - The ASTM F08 Helmet Committee will be meeting in Washington, DC in November to review potential changes to the ASTM F 1163 standard. Among other issues, the equestrian helmet subcommittee will be reviewing clarification wording regarding retention system testing and a possible new test to address the integrity of a helmet's outer shell and inner liner.

The ASTM F1937-98 standard for equestrian body protectors is undergoing review and several revisions to the standard are being considered. The revisions, submitted by SEI's contract test laboratory, SIRC, are seeking clarification of the required spherical impactor and the addition of wording which defines the impact test surface to be used.

Fire Service Powered Rescue Tools – The most recent certifications to NFPA 1936 have been issued to Amkus for their basic line of rescue tools/power units which consist of a spreader, a cutter, a combination unit and two power units.

Structural Fire Fighting Footwear – SEI's newest participant in the NFPA structural fire fighter footwear program, Hunter Rubber, has received certification of their structural fire fighter boots to NFPA 1971-2000.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus – The most recent NFPA Technical Committee was held in June 2004 to develop proposals for the next revision of the NFPA 1981-2002 standard. The meeting included a tour of the NIOSH National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) in Bruceton, PA.

SEI Certification Program Activities (cont.)

Protective Ensembles for Chemical/Biological Terrorism Incidents -

SEI has certified three ensembles to NFPA 1994. DuPont Personal Protection has a Class 1 ensemble and a Class 3 ensemble certified, while Geomet Technologies has a Class 2 ensemble certified. Intertek is currently conducting testing on six additional ensembles where certification is expected to be issued before the end of the year.

The NFPA 1994 standard is in a revision cycle where the technical committee just voted on its Report on Proposals which will be posted on the NFPA web site for public comments.

SEI Logo Advertisement Appears In Compliance Magazine

Logo Advertisements for 2004

Through SEI's strategic partnership with *Compliance Magazine*, SEI's first advertisement appeared in the May 2004 issue of *Compliance Magazine*. All SEI participants are invited to participate in the next advertisement that SEI is placing in the December 2004 issue.

The ad will, once again, feature the logos of SEI participants and there is no cost to your company, as we are promoting your participation in the SEI certification program.

All logo artwork is due by October 31, 2004.

We value your participation in the SEI programs, and want to share this opportunity to publicize your commitment to quality.

Please contact SEI headquarters if you have any questions. Logo artwork should be sent via e-mail to pgleason@seinet.org

Promoting the Certification of Your Safety Products

Congratulations! You have worked hard to achieve certification of your products, and now you want to promote your accomplishment to your customers. Your company's commitment to quality is something that you can be proud of. Certification adds an important dimension to your products in the eyes of those who sell your product or ultimately use your product.

While you are promoting your product, SEI is doing the same by maintaining a current list of certified products on the SEI web site with links to your company, attending trade shows, providing signs for your use at trade shows, publishing articles in trade magazines, placing advertisements and providing supporting materials to be used by SEI staff and your staff.

What would be useful to you in your marketing efforts? Let us know. E-mail Pat Gleason at pgleason@seinet.org.

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International Conference on Safety & Protective Fabrics

The 4th International Conference on Safety & Protective Fabrics, an event to identify, promote and seek solutions for the safety and protective textile products marketplace, will take place Oct. 26-27, 2004 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh. SEI is a cooperating organization for this important event.

Participants from all aspects of the safety and protective products industry – textile and fiber producers, product designers, engineers, manufacturers of end products, users of protective fabrics and textiles, government agencies, testing laboratories and academics – will gain a new awareness of the manufacturing and use of textiles and products.

The 4th International Conference on Safety & Protective Fabrics will be a prime networking opportunity for safety and protective industry professionals. Participants will receive a collection of peer-reviewed technical presentations, learn about new research and testing procedures, identify applications for design and engineering, and investigate methods and applications for constructing quality end products.

This event, organized by the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) and the Safety and Protective Products Division of IFAI, will be held in conjunction with the Medical Textiles 2004 conference, Oct. 26-27, and IFAI Expo 2004, Oct. 27-29, which will include exhibits, education, dynamic speakers, recognition opportunities, certification testing, networking, etc. The Safety and Protective Products Division represents the interests and concerns of the safety and protective products industry. For more information, visit www.safetyfabrics.com or contact Beth Hungiville, at 800/209-1810; e-mail blhungiville@ifai.com. Also, visit www.ifaexpo.info.

Equestrian Helmet Program

“Here’s a Heads-Up on Equestrian Safety Helmets” is a promotional brochure used to explain to consumers the benefits of wearing an equestrian helmet that has been certified by SEI to the ASTM F-1163 standard.

With numerous inquiries received on a daily basis, SEI has distributed this brochure to individual riders, safety committees and equestrian organizations to assist in promoting the use of SEI certified equestrian helmets.

Copies of this brochure, along with the List of SEI Certified Products, were made available to attendees at the Stanley KOP Exposition this summer. Copies of the brochure are available at no charge by contacting SEI headquarters.



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