

Alaska VPP Newsletter

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VPP Safety Coordinators,

It's been a while, and we've had some changes here at AKOSH, but we're getting stable and have new leadership.

Welcome to the second edition of what will be a monthly communication between us here at AKOSH and all of you participants in Alaska VPP. I want to let you all know that I'm back as VPP Coordinator for AKOSH, and I'm here for you, when it comes to supporting your businesses in being nationally-recognized for promoting the most effective safety programs in our state.

The intention of this email is to help inspire whatever conversation is useful for all of you to maintain your status, and continue to be trendsetters.

NEWS:

We have a new Assistant Chief of AKOSH Consultation and Training: Elaine Banda. Elaine has been a State of Alaska employee for over 22 years and has worked for AKOSH since 2012 as the Training Coordinator. Krista-Lyrae Childers accepted a promotion within the state, and is now the Oil and Gas Liaison.



This year, I would like to do several things with VPP:

- Establish peer-to-peer association in this group, so that we can all become stronger by benefitting from the lessons learned at other sites. I want to set up quarterly off-site get togethers for our group where we can meet face-to-face and get to know one another better. This would be a social event and I feel it would encourage us to begin using each other as a resource.
- Establish a VPP Mentoring program where new applicants to VPP might have contacts they could use to ask questions, get advice, and possibly conduct tours of facilities to see what an established VPP site looks like.
- Promote VPP in the community. I believe that we can collectively strengthen the Star program by focusing on building VPP out (reaching into the community) rather than up (trying to achieve lower DART numbers when your averages already trend so low).
- Increase our communication between AKOSH and sites in our program. I've been with AKOSH for just over a year and I strongly support everything VPP stands for. I want to see that VPP makes a recognizable difference in the safety of all Alaskans.

If I missed anyone on this list, please let me know and I'll add them.

VPP: Ensuring everyone goes home to the ones they love.

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