

A-OSH, Securex Expos provide excellent networking opportunities

Specialised Exhibitions Montgomery's Securex, A-OSH Expo and Facilities Management Expo were held from 14 to 16 May 2019 at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand and offered visitors more than 300 exhibitors under one roof, as well as a number of focused seminar topics. A-OSH Expo 2019 is the continent's leading occupational safety and health expo while Securex South Africa 2019 celebrated 26 years as Africa's leading security and fire protection focused trade exhibition and was co-located for the first time with the Facilities Management Expo 2019.

There were a number of free-to-attend seminar theatres, including the A-OSH Expo Prefabricated Access Suppliers' and Manufacturers' Association (PASMA) Working at Height Theatre and the South African Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (SAIOSH) seminar theatre powered by SAIOSH and the Southern African Protective Equipment Marketing Association (SAPEMA); the Securex seminar theatre with dedicated cybersecurity content running within the 4Sight Cybersecurity Pavilion and a focused facilities management stream within the Facilities Management Expo section.

The Fire Protection Association of Southern Africa (FPASA) held its annual InFIREs Seminar 2019 on 15 May 2019 at the same venue. This year's event focussed on rational design analysis and included presentations on 'Understanding fire safety engineering principles according to SANS 10400 Part T and BS 7974 in the rational design phase and plan appraisal process in South Africa'; a practical session on 'A sample design for basic development for a rational design of a fire room compartment'; 'The role of the building control officer in South Africa'; 'Occupancy Classification that require automatic sprinkler systems, concentrating on A, D and J Occupancy' and an interactive sprinkler practical session.

The PASMA Working at Height Theatre showcased various demos and lectures about working at height and how to use the relevant equipment, as well as the opportunity to gain Continued Professional Development (CPD) points with SAIOSH.

The dates for the 2020 event are 2 to 4 June 2020 at the same venue.



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Higher standards

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As an officer in your department, you are expected to live a higher standard than the people you're responsible for during a shift. John D Rockefeller Jr said, "I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

As a leader, you lose rights. You would think the opposite and say since "I'm the boss", you would have more rights. As a leader, you just lost the ability to rant and complain to your subordinates. Someone once said, "If you're going to throw up, throw up" meaning if you're going to spew negativity from your mouth, do it up the chain of command, so something can be done about it and not on the troops. By "throwing up" negative words or complaints on your guys, that cancels you as a leader.

As a leader, you must take responsibility for your actions and the ones following you. If no one is following you, guess

what, you're not a leader. If you're in the back on the crowd waving your hands saying "wait up, wait up, I'm your leader", you're not a leader. Leaders lead from the front and are the last ones in line for dinner.

As a leader, you would expect a new fire fighter or EMS guy not to complete an assignment given to them for various reasons. As an officer, there should never be a time that your boss must keep asking you, "Has the project or assignment been completed"? The ultimate leader says to his boss, "it's already been done" before he or she ask. 🔥

