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**SAVE THE DATES:**

**ALL DAY SEMINAR & TRADE SHOW:**

DELTA HOTELS  
ISELIN, NJ

JUNE 16, 2022

**ASHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

BOSTON  
CONVENTION  
CENTER  
BOSTON, MA

JULY 17-20, 2022

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:**

FOX HOLLOW  
COUNTRY CLUB  
BRANDBURG, NJ

OCTOBER 6, 2022

**HOLIDAY PARTY:**

THE MANOR  
WEST ORANGE, NJ

DECEMBER 2, 2022



WELCOME BACK  
IN PERSON MEETINGS!

# Calendar of Events

## Jan 2022

Date: Thursday, Jan 20, 2022

Topic: Accreditation & Regulatory Update- What you Need to Know

Speaker: Joseph Glaski, Brand Services

Patricia Cook, Courtemanche & Associates

Sponsors: Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance, Chuck Zagorskie  
Carpet et Cetera, Inc., Frank P. Keller, MA

## Feb 2022

Date: Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

Topic: "L.I.V.E Active Shooter Presentation – Run, Hide, Fight Model"

Speaker: Joseph Knarich, RN, CPP

Sponsors: Johnson Controls, Inc., Dawn Johnson

## Mar 2022

Date: Thursday, Mar 17, 2022

Topic: "Diesel Fuel Testing, Deficiencies, and Treatments"

Speakers: Michele Hilger, Chief Connector, Mongoose Power Solutions

Sponsors: First Onsite Property Restoration, Leo DiFonzo

Allegion, PLC, Nolan Thrope

## Apr 2022

Date: Thursday, Apr 21, 2022

Topic: "Arc Flash, NFPA 70E, Electrical Safety in the Workplace, PPE"

Speakers: Matthew Mokracek, Applications Engineer, SDM Metro

Sponsors: Diversified New Jersey, Kenneth M. Noll, Principal

GC Eng & Associates, PC, Gene C. Eng, PE

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF YOUR 2021-2022 CEU'S?

If so, please contact your Secretary  
Lyndsay Schnell-Lusardi: [secretary@HFMSNJ.org](mailto:secretary@HFMSNJ.org)

I have all the certificates. Once attendance is confirmed, I will be happy to send you your CEU documents.

Any other questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

[www.HFMSNJ.org](http://www.HFMSNJ.org)

## DID YOU KNOW?

As an ASHE member, you can earn continuing education credits (CECs) by reading Health Facilities Management magazine and taking an online quiz.

The digital edition of the January/February 2022 Health Facilities Management magazine is available. To access the online quiz to earn your CECs, please click on the button below.

HFM Magazine – Continuing Education Credits

<https://ashe.digitellinc.com/ashe/sessions/4170/view>

### January/February 2022 HFM Magazine

Jan 1, 2022 8:00am - Feb 28, 2022 8:00am

Credits (Post Test and/or Evaluation Required)

0.10 - Continuing Education Unit

1.00 - Contact Hour



<https://ashe.digitellinc.com/ashe/sessions/4175/view>

### March 2022 HFM Magazine

Mar 1, 2022 8:00am - Mar 31, 2022 7:00am

Credits (Post Test and/or Evaluation Required)

0.10 - Continuing Education Unit

1.00 - Contact Hour





## Publications

Start your new year off right with ASHE  
Essentials for improving your career: Now available on Amazon

Happy New Year!

ASHE's two newest books are available on Amazon, including a Kindle version of **Developing Code-Compliant Integrated Fire Protection and Life Safety Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Programs**.

In order to help build out your 2022 career and facility plans, consider these resources from ASHE.

### Introduction to Health Care Facilities Management

This book provides an orientation to the dynamic field of health care facilities management. Along the way, we provide tips and anecdotes from seasoned health care professionals that will be valuable to newcomers, engaging to experienced HFMs and thought-provoking to other health care professionals. This is the first in a new series ASHE is developing to provide a consistent, authoritative resource on health care facilities management and to ensure that all health care facilities managers can easily obtain the same, essential baseline information they need to do their jobs effectively. (Available in print and digital editions).

### **Developing Code-Compliant Integrated Fire Protection and Life Safety Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Programs**

This book taps into the deep knowledge base of the field's most qualified experts to help facilities managers at any level of experience better assess, configure and streamline crucial integrated life safety ITM programs and to guide them through the process of developing successful and effective programs. With step-by-step instructions, in-depth discussions, and examples, readers will be able to understand the components of various life safety systems, coordinate with vendors and technicians, and ensure their systems are code compliant. (Available in print and digital editions).



Attn Members and Associate Members!

## ARE YOU AN ASHE CERTIFIED HEALTH CARE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WORKER?

Many health care organizations require ASHE certification in bid specifications. For contractors and subcontractors, earning the certification can help you land jobs because you will show employers you are ready to work in health care facilities. ASHE recommends that each general contractor/project lead hold a Certified Healthcare Construction (CHC) certification, and that at least one CHC should be part of every health care construction project. ASHE recommends that everyone else on a job site should be a Certified Health Care Physical Environment Worker. ASHE's certified worker program is unique because it is focused on patient safety and is the only certification of its kind backed by the American Hospital Association. Getting ASHE certified shows that you truly understand the complex health care physical environment.

ASHE is providing members of its affiliated chapters access to take the Certified Health Care Physical Environment Worker Exam, for the ASHE member rate of \$40 (non-member rate is \$50).

The Certified Health Care Physical Environment Worker Certification is a new way for workers to show that they are qualified to work in the complex health care physical environment. We all can agree that health care facilities are different from other job sites. They are highly regulated, operate around-the-clock, and house vulnerable patients. Everyone who works on a health care site -- from those doing a day of construction work to those with full-time positions in a hospital -- should understand the complex health care environment.

Upon successful completion of the exam, the participant will earn a temporary badge that can be printed to show they passed the exam. A permanent badge featuring their name and photo will be mailed to them. For those individuals who pass the exam, certification is valid for 3 years from the day they passed.

ASHE's certified worker certification is unique because it focuses on patient safety and is the only certification of its kind backed by the American Hospital Association. Getting ASHE certified shows an individual truly understands the complex health care physical environment. Chapter members who are interested will need to follow the below steps.

To learn more: <https://www.ashe.org/education/certified-worker>

## **ASHE Update** **Advocacy Announcement**

***What hospitals should know about the 3G phaseout***

### **ADVOCACY ALERT**

***ASHE members received an alert last week regarding the phaseout of 3G networks by AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon. For facilities that use these service provider cellular communicators, this phaseout may result in certain systems no longer communicating properly. Read the ASHE alert for more information.***

***Thank you,***

***Tricia L. Romano, P.E., Vice President  
Lockatong Engineering  
Advocacy Chair, HFMSNJ***



## **ASHE ENERGY TO CARE: Sign up today to gain access to the Dashboard**

ASHE's Energy to Care Dashboard Tool offers an at-a-glance view of health care facilities energy use. Designed to reduce user burden, the Energy to Care dashboard is easy to use.

There's a misconception that sustainability programs and energy management are time consuming, but they don't have to be. Sometimes the biggest impact to energy savings are made with simple changes. With the Energy to Care Dashboard's benchmarks and monitoring, it only takes 15 minutes a day to impact around half of your facility's budget.

The dashboard includes a number of features that will provide added benefits to Energy to Care participants, including:

### **Clean and Simple Interface**

#### **Customized Information for AHA/ASHE Member**

- Energy to Care Award progress for each site
- Energy to Care Chapter Challenge reporting

#### **ENERGY STAR® Data Options**

- Existing ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager data can be imported
- ENERGY STAR® logins are no longer required
- Energy and facility data can be directly uploaded with Microsoft Excel templates
- Data can be exported to ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager
- New ENERGY STAR® score widget for convenient monitoring and updates

#### **Energy and Cost Data Widgets**

- Monthly utility bill consumption and cost database
- Energy Cost Index (ECI) monitoring
- Energy cost savings
- Energy Usage Index (EUI) monitoring
- Annual and monthly energy performance measurement and verification
- Weather data (HDD/CDD) overlays

#### **Utility bill fault detection:**

- Gaps in data due to potentially missing utility bills
- Duplicative utility bills
- Significant increases in monthly energy consumption and cost

**[CLICK HERE TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT NOW!](#)**

If you have any further questions, you can reach out to our "Energy to Care" Chair, Jim Toner, CHFM, CEM:

E: [james.toner@hmhn.org](mailto:james.toner@hmhn.org)  
Ph: (732) 670-6535



**You're Invited!**

**PSE&G Business Customer Solutions and Gas Regulatory, Policy, and Procedures Presents... Large Customer Gas Safety Preparedness**

**Members, colleagues & friends,**

**Join representatives from PSE&G's Business Customer Solutions and Gas Regulatory, Policy and Procedures departments for a discussion on the gas distribution system, including:**

- 1.) Steps PSE&G takes before, during and after a gas emergency**
- 2.) The Call Before You Dig process**
- 3.) Other safety considerations and the Gas System Modernization Program (GSMP)**

**The event will also provide you with actions large customers should take to protect equipment and what to do during an emergency. Event will close with Q&A.**

**Two event dates are available:**

**March 15, 2022 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTER HERE!**

**March 24, 2022 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM REGISTER HERE!**

**Participants who register by March 13th will receive a package of informational literature and PSE&G swag. Please include your mailing address during registration to receive it!**

**Best Regards,**

**Dennis Santos  
Key Customer Advisor  
dennis.santos@pseg.com**



# Welcome to our 2022 Members

## Get Involved: Join A Committee:

Newsletter Committee: Contact Dawn Johnson at [dawn.johnson@jci.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@jci.com)

All Day Education: Cindi Vasta at [cvasta@pearlstreetled.com](mailto:cvasta@pearlstreetled.com)

Committee Golf Committee: Leo DiFonzo at [ldifonzo@irs-restoration.com](mailto:ldifonzo@irs-restoration.com)

## Welcome to our New Members:

February 2022

Jessie Gandhi, New Bridge Medical Center

Scott Kolvek, Director - Environmental Health & Safety, Bergen New Bridge Medical Center

Ryan Galdi, Electrician, RWJBH Rahway

Richard Cintron, Sales Representative, Johnson Controls

March 2022

Nelson Gomez, Hospital Operations Services Coordinator, Pascack Valley Medical Center

Dana Reynolds, Business Development Manager, The Holder Group

David Roth, Senior Project Manager, Praseum Healthcare

**Membership Chair:**

**Diana Barsoum**

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Ad Journal Chair

Donna Terzano

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## 2022 Membership Directory Web and Ad Journal

Did you get your Annual 2022 Membership Directory?

*Thank You to Donna for another  
Amazing Membership and Ad Journal!*

Donna Terzano, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP  
RWJBarnabas Health  
862.210.5294

# Social Justice Committee, Volunteer and Donate! Together we make a Big Difference!

## Clothing Donations are Always Needed

Donations are always welcome!

Frank is collecting warm weather clothes, boots, accessories (hats, gloves, scarves) suitcases, blankets, sleeping bags, and other winter items for our homeless friends. PLEASE bring your donations to our monthly meetings OR drop these much-needed items off outside in the bin conveniently located outside Frank Keller's offices as well: 8 E Frederick Pl # 101A, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927

Please contact our chair, Frank Keller for more information:

[frank\\_keller@carpetetcetera.com](mailto:frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com)

*The Social Justice Committee is always looking for new projects and opportunities to help others. If anyone knows of a need and/ or has an idea, please feel free to reach out to Frank directly at 973-519-2159 or email Frank at [frank\\_keller@carpetetcetera.com](mailto:frank_keller@carpetetcetera.com)*



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## Quarterly Newsletter

Please submit your photos, articles, white papers, case studies, best practices, testimonials and any updates to [dawn.johnson@jci.com](mailto:dawn.johnson@jci.com) to be featured in the HFMSNJ Quarterly Newsletter!

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