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The North Florida Chapter of ASSE did not have a regular technical meeting for its April 2018 meeting. On April 27, 2018 at 10:00 am The Chapter participated as a co-sponsor and members attended the Worker's Memorial Day event at the Northeast Florida Safety Council located at 1725 Art Museum Drive.

The Worker's Memorial Day

April 28 is Workers' Memorial Day, a time we remember and honor the men and women who have lost their lives on the job. April 28 is also the day that OSHA first opened its doors in 1971; this was after Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

American workplaces have become much safer in the decades since the inception of the OSH Act; however one life lost is one too many. To drive home that fact, on Friday the 27th of April, the Northeast Florida Safety Council celebrated Workers' Memorial Day. The ceremony honored 14 people from the community who lost their lives at a workplace last year. The ceremony featured a military honor guard with a bell being rung as the names of the workers who lost their lives were read. There was also a superb bagpipe tribute. Purple ribbons decorated 14 empty chairs representing the lost workers.

Mrs. Rochelle Hamm, widow of Frank Hamm who is one of the 33 crew members that perished aboard the tragic El Faro sinking, attended and shared a powerful statement. "The message was always clear. Let's not let this happen again. If we can educate everyone on the importance of safe work practices, then she feels she's making a difference," said Shana Harvey, with Northeast Florida Safety Council.

While we can't bring them back, by sharing their stories, the hope moving forward is to save lives.

Respectfully submitted,


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