

PRIORITIZING SAFETY FOR YOU



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DID YOU HEAR THAT SOUND? Listen carefully. It's the sound of NO ONE IN YOUR PARK! Take a break, put your feet up and relax a little bit, that is unless you operate a year-round facility. If that's the case, then get back to work!

Speaking of getting back to work, the Safety Committee will be kicking off another year in just a few short months as we continue to monitor safety related issues that affect the waterpark industry and members of WWA. It's no small task to keep our pulse on the industry and we rely on WWA members to make up our committee and provide their insight, feedback and expertise on a variety of issues, including the Model Aquatic Health Code, ASTM and other items that pop up throughout the year.

One of our primary tasks this year has been to select and develop several topics for the WWA Show that speak to various safety issues affecting waterpark operators. This year, we are pleased to offer a pre-conference session that is geared toward executive and senior officials that helps show attendees understand strategic and executive-level issues related to all-hazard disaster preparedness. This is a first of its kind offering at the WWA show and our committee is looking forward to hearing feedback from attendees.

Another new session this year that will be led by Chris Norman from Cowabunga Bay is "The Hitchhiker's Guide To After the Ambulance Leaves: Preparing For What Guard Class Didn't Teach You." This session will detail how facilities and their team members should respond in the minutes, hours and days after an emergency at your facility. While we hope you never need the information from this session, it's a critical offering that ensures operators are prepared in the event something does happen at their park.

And, while we typically think of safety that is specific to water safety and lifeguard operations, a new session this year will address what happens if a foodborne illness occurs at your facility. Since the majority of operators offer food and beverage at their park, this session will offer an insightful approach with practical ways to handle this type of situation.

We hope that you will plan to attend each of



Members of the WWA Safety Committee will be available to speak with in the WWA Booth #1113 on October 25, 2018.

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these sessions in person; and if you cannot be at the show in October, then consider purchasing a show recording later in the year. Members can purchase a recording for as little as \$15 and you can share it with others on your team. Visit Waterparks.org and click on "Session Recordings" under the Education tab to learn more.

We also hope that you all have had a safe and prosperous 2018 summer season and we'd love to hear feedback from you on any safety-related issues that you are currently facing. Feel free to reach me by email at georgedeines@chh2o.com, or stop by the WWA booth #1113 on the Trade Show floor from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and meet a real-life Safety Committee member! •