What do safety practitioners and professionals do when faced with Hurricane Florence, a Category 1 storm on the Saffir-Simpson scale (see page 11), bearing down on the Eastern Seaboard and threatening to interrupt the WSO’s annual Symposium?

Naturally, they “do the safe thing.” For some, that meant delaying their arrival. For others, that meant finding alternate routes. For others still, that meant staying home and staying safe.

For the WSO Executive Action Committee and World Management Center Staff, “doing the safe thing” meant keeping eyes and ears on the forecasts. It meant answering phone calls right up until the moment of departure. It meant staying in as much contact as possible through email while in transit and after arrival at the venue.

In the end, “doing the safe thing” meant that those of us who were able gathered in Charleston, West Virginia, USA for one of the best Symposia to date!
The 2018 WSO Symposium is now history, and we are looking forward to the 2019 Symposium which will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. We all had a good, informative time in Charleston, West Virginia, and we hope to see everyone next year in Las Vegas. Plans are already well underway, and we expect to see an equally good program. More information will be shared soon through email, social media, WSO Newsletter, and on the WSO website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leigh and Stephanie, our World Management Center staff, for all their hard work in putting the 2018 Symposium together. Their hard work certainly showed in a very successful conference. If you attended and enjoyed the event, please send them a short note telling them how much you appreciated their efforts.

Please also take a few minutes to complete the online Symposium Survey. If you did not receive the follow-up email and survey link, please request by calling the office at 1-660-747-3132 or emailing Leigh at symposium@worldsafety.org.

We have had a good year so far, but we are still pushing forward with our drive to increase membership. Many of you received the 50% referral discount, and Engr. Zaldy Aliño (Philippines/Qatar) won the iPad Pro. We look forward to more of you taking advantage of the referral discount and bringing your associates and colleagues into WSO membership.

Looking over to the right, you will see that details regarding the “Perry Ballard Membership Challenge,” geared toward existing WSO members, will be coming soon. With your help and continued support, we want to finish 2018 on a strong note while looking forward to even greater growth in 2019.

I want to remind everyone about our ICAC Accreditation. This allows WSO to be ranked in the upper tiers of safety membership and certification organizations. As you recruit new members, please let them know of this important addition to WSO member benefits.

Thank you all once again for your help and support. [CHB]
Guest speaker Dr. Ron Stollings, West Virginia State Senator, spoke about “ATV Safety in Hatfield-McCoy Country.”

Guest speaker the Honorable John Perdue, West Virginia State Treasurer, gave an overview on the programs of his office.

Guest speaker Eugene White, Deputy Director, West Virginia Office of Miners Health, Safety & Training, gave an overview of his office’s programs.

Guest speaker Jeff Eldridge, West Virginia House of Delegates, spoke about “West Virginia Safe Schools,” an anti-bullying program.

Guest speaker Richard Jeffrey, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist, covered being prepared for an OSHA inspection and the Top 10 OSHA citations.

Keynote speaker Dr. Janine McCartney spoke on “The Need for Quality Safety Professionals around the World: History Repeats Itself.”

We started a new format this year by eliminating Monday afternoon’s breakout sessions, which left the afternoon open for an extended Global Safety Roundtable. The feedback we received on-site was very favorable, so expect to encounter the same format next year in Las Vegas!
Awards were presented by Edward Hogue (WSO President-Director General), Alfredo De La Rosa (WSO Vice President-Deputy Director General), and Lon McDaniel (WSO Chief Executive Officer). Dr. Z graciously served as emcee for the evening.

WSO SAFETY PERSON of the YEAR
Perry L. Ballard
West Virginia USA

WSO GLENN E. HUDSON AWARD
Edward E. Hogue
Wyoming USA

WSO JAMES K. WILLIAMS AWARD
Charles H. Baker
Missouri USA

WSO CONCERNED PROFESSIONAL
Scotty Dunlap
Kentucky USA

WSO EDUCATIONAL AWARD
Politeknik Perkapalan Negeri
Surabaya Shipbuilding Institute of Polytechnic Surabaya (SHIPS)
(accepted by Antoni Lubis)
Jakarta, Indonesia

WSO EDUCATIONAL AWARD
Jayandran Mohan
Tamil Nadu, India

WSO CONCERNED ORGANIZATION
Frametown Volunteer Fire Dept.
(accepted by Chief Angie Short)
West Virginia USA

WSO EDUCATIONAL AWARD
Zachry Construction Corporation
(accepted by David Roberson)
Texas USA

WSO CONCERNED PROFESSIONAL
Anthony A. “Tony” Gilmore
California USA

WSO CONCERNED COMPANY/CORPORATION
PT Pertamina Exploration and Production (PEP)
(accepted by Heri Budiarso)
Jakarta, Indonesia

WSO CONCERNED COMPANY/CORPORATION
PT Pertamina (Persero) Refinery Unit III Plaju
(accepted by Antoni Lubis)
Sumatera Selatan, Indonesia

WSO CONCERNED CITIZEN
Mike Rezac
Pennsylvania USA

WSO CONCERNED ORGANIZATION
Boone County Sheriff’s Department
West Virginia USA

WSO DONALD E. RHODES CERTIFICATE
Alfred A. Ajao
Kwara State, Nigeria

WSO DONALD E. RHODES CERTIFICATE
Desmond George Chukwuemeka
Rivers State, Nigeria

WSO AWARD for SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
Prof. Dr. Elias M. Choueiri
Hazmieh, Lebanon

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Odiboh Kingsley Osamudiamen
Edo State, Nigeria

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Zdena “Dr. Z” Hudson, Dr. Charles Baker

Dr. Janine McCartney

Ying Feng Liao

Karen Baldwin, Rafiu Zakaria, Norman Baldwin

Bo Mitchell

Douglas Perryman

Stephanie Jewell

Heri Budiarsa

Engr. James Porter Jr.

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WSO National Office for G.C.C. and WSO Jeddah Chapter Updates

Garry A. Villamil, Director, WSO National Office for Gulf Cooperation Council (G.C.C.); HSE Corporate Operation Auditor, Tamimi Global Company, Ltd, Al Hasa, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Rocky Binuya, President, WSO Jeddah (KSA) Chapter; Safety Supervisor, Arabian Food Supplies, Jeddah, KSA.

The WSO National Office for GCC (WSO GCC) and the WSO Jeddah Chapter (KSA) are closely collaborating to promote the mission of the World Safety Organization in the provinces of Saudi Arabia. One of their top priorities is to enforce the membership drive to recruit more members and to assist them in their professional development. During August, September, and October, WSO GCC and WSO Jeddah Chapter initiated a joint effort membership drive through their Members Development Program sessions in the Western Province of the Kingdom. Thanks to Rocky Binuya (President, WSO Jeddah Chapter), Julio Gregorio (Vice President, WSO Jeddah Chapter), and their dedicated officers/volunteers, the advance training courses and the outreach training programs were successfully delivered within the three-month period.

The National Office is currently focusing on the development of value added services that attract more potential members. Some of the fully implemented value added services are: “Fire Safety and First Aid/BLS/AED,” a free online course by Safety Skills, USA; “Verifiable Certificates” through the internet; and the “HSE Passport” (pictured left) that holds the training history of the members.

The HSE Passport System was a joint project of WSO GCC and Pixiu Safety Support International, the Canada-based developer of the system.

Currently, the National Office is collaborating with the TUV NORD Saudi Arabia to conduct the ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems) Awareness and Internal Auditor Course to WSO GCC members and potential members at the Eastern and Western region of Saudi Arabia. Both the National Office and Jeddah Chapter will plan and organize this event to ensure that all members and target participants will attend this advance training course.

Fourth Quarter 2018 Goals/Milestones of WSO GCC
1) To be recognized by Saudi Aramco as an International Organization that provides Safety Courses and Professional Certification for their Contractors.
2) To be recognized by TUV NORD Saudi Arabia as one of the Safety Advocate partner to promulgate their international safety standards towards our members. (in progress)
3) Development of WSO GCC member’s training verification system (complete)
4) To recruit 100+ members before the end of 2018. (in progress)
5) To conduct two more outreach training programs to any community that requires the specialties of WSO.

“Introduction to Workplace Safety and Inspection” Training

On August 5-6, the WSO GCC initiated a free safety training course to Tamimi Global Company key personnel and staff. The course illustrated the positive impact of workers’ participation in a Safety and Health Program. The event was held at Saudi Aramco Hawiyah Residential & Industrial Park, Al Hasa, Saudi Arabia, and was attended by 32 participants from the company. During the training WSO GCC also introduced its mission, objectives, membership benefits, and the certification program of the World Safety Organization.
News from around the World

WSO Jeddah Chapter Development Program (OSHA-Based Courses)

LEFT: On August 21-23, the WSO Jeddah Chapter initiated a membership drive through the Members Development Program (OSHA Based Course Training Session for members and non-members alike). The event was held at Quwafi, Tahliya, Jeddah, KSA, and was attended by 15 participants from different companies.

RIGHT: On September 14, 21, and 28, the WSO Jeddah Chapter conducted the second batch of OSHA-Based Courses, which was attended by 15 participants from different companies. The event was held at the Prestige Suit Function Hall, Quwafi, Jeddah, KSA.

WSO Jeddah Chapter Development Program (Fire Safety Awareness)

On October 5, the WSO Jeddah Chapter conducted the second Outreach Training Program, sponsored by the Blue Auras Co., Quwafi Restaurant, and Sky-Freight Kama H. Al Wassia Co. Ltd. The course was delivered at the Philippine Consulate General, Jeddah, and was attended by 130 overseas Filipino workers from different companies.

Pictured with Rocky Binuya (President, WSO Jeddah Chapter) and Julio Gregario (Vice President, WSO Jeddah Chapter), clockwise from top left: Ligaya A. De Jesus, Secretary, Philippine Consulate General Office, Consul Mary Jennifer D. Dingal, representative of the Philippines Overseas Labor Office; Consul Mary Jennifer D. Dingal; Mark Oliver Sabaria, Marketing Supervisor, Sky-Freight Jeddah; Jose Quirante, Project Manager, Quwafi Restaurant; Freddie Bongabong, Business Development Manager, Blue Auras Co.; WSO Jeddah Chapter officers, members, and Reynaldo Bayeta (guest speaker); and Mazen Al Shareef, CEO, Blue Auras Co.
The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1 to 5 rating based on a hurricane’s sustained wind speed. This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage. Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and require preventative measures. In the western North Pacific, the term “super typhoon” is used for tropical cyclones with sustained winds exceeding 150 mph.

**Category 1**

*Sustained winds: 74-95 mph; 119-153 km/h*

Very dangerous winds will produce some damage: Well-constructed frame homes could have damage to roof, shingles, vinyl siding and gutters. Large branches of trees will snap and shallowly rooted trees may be toppled. Extensive damage to power lines and poles likely will result in power outages that could last a few to several days.

**Category 2**

*Sustained winds: 96-110 mph; 154-177 km/h*

Extremely dangerous winds will cause extensive damage: Well-constructed frame homes could sustain major roof and siding damage. Many shallowly rooted trees will be snapped or uprooted and block numerous roads. Near-total power loss is expected with outages that could last from several days to weeks.

**Category 3**

*Sustained winds: 111-129 mph; 178-208 km/h*

Devastating damage will occur: Well-built framed homes may incur major damage or removal of roof decking and gable ends. Many trees will be snapped or uprooted, blocking numerous roads. Electricity and water will be unavailable for several days to weeks after the storm passes.

**Category 4**

*Sustained winds: 130-156 mps; 209-251 km/h*

Catastrophic damage will occur: Well-built framed homes can sustain severe damage with loss of most of the roof structure and/or some exterior walls. Most trees will be snapped or uprooted and power poles downed. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

**Category 5**

*Sustained winds: 157 mph or higher; 252 km/h or higher*

Catastrophic damage will occur: A high percentage of framed homes will be destroyed, with total roof failure and wall collapse. Fallen trees and power poles will isolate residential areas. Power outages will last for weeks to possibly months. Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks or months.

SOURCE: National Hurricane Center
https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutsshws.php