



Southwest Chapter ASSE
October 17, 2016

Southwest Chapter General Membership Meeting Minutes

Boy Scouts of America Headquarters, Irving, Texas

Donnie Chambless started the meeting at 11:30 AM. He welcomed new members and noted that there were five first time attendees, one of which was transferring from another ASSE Chapter.

Donnie presented the 2014-15 Gold Membership Chapter award to Mark Cline, past President for that year.

Donnie announced the need for ASSE Chapter volunteers and indicated that specific slots would be communicated by email soon.

Jack Rector, Area Director, OSHA Fort Worth Office, reviewed recent injury statistics and provided an overview of OSHA activity.

- There are 21 compliance officers between the Dallas and Fort Worth offices. Between them, they cover 68 Texas counties.
- Complaints drive most inspections. Formal complaints involve an employee exposed to a hazard. Non-formal include an allegation by a former employee, etc., and do not involve an inspection by OSHA. There are also referrals by safety professionals.
- The Area Director spoke about Temporary Workers and indicated that the Temp agency is responsible to identify hazards to which their workers will be exposed. Both the Temp agency and the host employer need to decide who will provide the training, PPE, etc. In the event of an injury, it is likely that both will be cited and/or fined.
- Mr. Rector also provided a brief overview of increases in OSHA fines and directed the audience to various OSHA tools that could be found on the OSHA.gov website.

Donnie provided the speaker with a token of appreciation.

The meeting closed at 12:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Dylan Romo, Secretary

