

## Working on the Safety Part of Environmental Safety and Health

Because of our leadership in the environmental and restoration industries, many clients and associates forget that Wonder Makers offers a robust package of safety related services. For example, our organization recently completed the annual safety training for an operation that has control over more than 50 buildings throughout mid-Michigan. The Wonder Makers team developed customized training on core topics and presented a high energy day of training for nearly 80 maintenance and custodial employees. Utilizing the organization's own internal insurance statistics, presentations were made on ladders and general fall protection, chemical management, radon, site surveys, and proper cleaning techniques to minimize the spread of disease during an outbreak of flu, MRSA, or norovirus. The importance of identifying chemical, as well as physical hazards around occupants and employees was stressed. In a unique twist, site-specific asbestos information was integrated throughout the eight hour program so that participants can also receive certificates of completion for their OSHA required two hour Asbestos Awareness class.

This blending of multiple topics into a comprehensible whole reflects not just the 40 years of experience of Wonder Makers CEO, but his years of study and education which has allowed him to earn the prestigious titles of both Certified Safety Professional and Safety Management Specialist. That combination of internationally recognized titles has been earned by fewer than 200 people throughout the world. Being better qualified to identify and mitigate different types of risk meant that the participants are now able to protect the organization's team members, building occupants, budgets, and reputation. Many participants expressed their appreciation at the efforts to help them understand how to balance the many different priorities related to safety and health that impact their everyday activities. They also appreciated the fact that the training was made into a very fun experience because Wonder Makers organized giveaways and special prizes to consistently raise the excitement level throughout the program. One attendee was even the recipient of the raffle grand prize of an Apple watch! The photos provide proof that no one was sleeping during this high energy day and that the grand prize actually made it to one of the attendees. A special thank you to the contributions of our three sponsors of this training class – Sunbelt Rentals, Contec and Bad Axe Restoration Products.

