Distracted Driving: The Real Cost of Multi-Tasking

DID YOU KNOW:
• Drivers spend more than half their time focused on things other than driving.
• Distraction contributes to more than 5,000 traffic fatalities each year.
• Texting and phone calls aren’t the only distractions: passengers, eating, and in-car technologies can also cause distractions.

AA Foundation for Traffic Safety Culture says that distracted driving consistently ranks as one of the traffic safety issues at forefront of many drivers’ thinking. Each year, more than 80% of drivers in the annual “Culture Index” cite distraction as a serious problem and a behavior that makes them feel less safe on the road. Nearly half of all people who say they feel less safe than they did five years ago say distracted driving by other drivers fuels their concerns.

Teens are among the drivers most impaired by distraction. A recent study showed that young drivers were distracted almost a quarter of the time they were behind the wheel. Electronic devices, such as texting, emails, and downloading music, were among the biggest distractions.

Captain Cary Langehennig serves with the New Mexico Motor Transportation Police. In his service to the motoring public, he has become an expert witness to the serious risks that distracted drivers present to themselves, and to those around them. Today’s business environment pressures us all to multi-task as we go about our day, but what is the REAL cost of inattention, especially when driving?

Join the Facility Managers Association of New Mexico at 7 am at Garduno’s Uptown Restaurant on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, to hear this important information which affects us all. Cost is $30.00 for members and $35.00 for non-members. FIRST TIME FACILITY MANAGERS ARE ALWAYS FREE, but must RSVP by January 19th to carolee@fmanm.com to be included.

2015 Programs Announced

Take out your calendar and record these dates! Thank you for your continued support of the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico and our associates in the Healthcare Engineering Committee as we venture into this New Year.

On the 2015 agenda:

January 21 — Distracted Driving: The REAL Cost of Multi-Tasking
February 18 — Albuquerque Economic Development Update
March 18 — NFPA 70-E: Is YOUR Facility in Compliance?
April 15 — Solar or Not? Which Applications Benefit Your Facility?
May 20 — San Juan Chama Water Project Update
June — Isotopes Baseball
July — Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament
August 19 — Healthcare Insurance Updates/Affordable Care Act
September 16 — The Film Industry and Your Facility
October — FAB O&M Show
November 18 — Facility Energy Efficiency Audits
December — Holiday Social
Executive Director
Carolee Griffin

Well, another year is in the books. The Facility Manager Association of New Mexico experienced tremendous growth and change for the better in 2014, despite a still difficult economic environment. FMANM had the best turn-out at this year’s golf tournament in the organization’s history. The Isotopes baseball game was sold out for the 9th year in a row. The venue for the FAB O & M Show at Sandia Resort and Casino brought more than 55 suppliers to showcase their goods and services and 200 facility personnel to the aisles. FMANM now counts the additional members from the New Mexico Society for Healthcare Engineering among our ranks. New faces have joined the Board of Directors and new officers are in position to lead the group into the future.

What does all this mean? It means that this organization is well positioned to be stronger than ever, thanks to your continued support, dedication, and feedback. The upcoming year’s meeting agendas and events will be no exception. FMANM’s growing strength has brought it favorable attention in the business community, allowing us to book some very exciting speakers in 2015.

All this being said, it is vital that we continue in this direction. The Executive Director, the Board of Directors, and our volunteers play a part in this effort, but also a HUGE responsibility lies with the membership-at-large to promote, advertise, invite, include, and welcome new and current facility managers and members. Make FMANM a frequent part of your business interactions. Invite guests to accompany you to the monthly breakfast meetings. Remember, first time facility managers attend for free! Organizational growth, in large measure, is more important than any other FMANM endeavor. See YOU in January, and a Happy and Successful New Year to us all.

FMANM Vision Statement: Establish and implement an organization to promote education, information, solutions and opportunities associated with the operations, maintenance, and sustainability of facilities.

Upcoming Events Calendar 2015

Wednesday, January 21st
7:00 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Distracted Driving: The REAL Cost of Multi-Tasking

Wednesday, February 18th
7:00 am, Garduno’s Uptown
Albuquerque Economic Development Update

Wednesday, March 18th
7:00 am, Garduno’s Uptown
NFPA 70-E: Is YOUR Facility in Compliance?
Holiday Party Nets Big Bucks for Joy Junction and Fun for All

Happy folks in the holiday spirit enjoyed an early afternoon of camaraderie while contributing to the coffers of a local community homeless shelter at the December gathering of the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico. Commandeering the golf course club house, the frosty mountain view provided the backdrop for the classy soiree with a philanthropic twist.

FMANM’s Joseph Rodriguez collected checks for Joy Junction and personally delivered the funds on the group’s behalf on the next day. About 40 facility managers and their guests and service providers enjoyed delicious food and beverages as the sun set over the West Mesa. Guests included visitors all the way from Denver and Phoenix, all cheerfully supporting the organization in its efforts to help those less fortunate.

FMANM completed 2014 on a high note with the most successful golf tournament in the organization’s history which was held in July, followed by the sold-out and heavily attended Facility and Building Operations and Maintenance Show held last October.
Distracted Driving

Wednesday, January 21st

Make reservations now to join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico to hear important information on what the real cost of distracted driving is to you and others. You must rsvp by 5 pm on Monday, January 19th, to be included.

Please rsvp to carolee@fmanm.com (preferred) or by calling 505-975-6753.

When: Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.
(Arrive early for coffee and connections)

Where: Garduno’s Uptown
2100 Louisiana Boulevard NE
Albuquerque, NM (505) 880-0055

Cost: $30 to Members
$35 to Non-Members

Join us for a Southwestern style breakfast buffet!

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