



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Upcoming Events: Drone/Cyber Workshop and Commissioners' Supper

AEA is holding a workshop about drones and cyber security on Friday, April 5 at Middlesex County Utilities Authority. The full-day event will devote the morning to drones-how to get started taking advantage of drone tech, how two authorities use drones, and how drones can be a security threat.

After lunch, attendees will hear about current cyber threats, addressing cyber risks and how to respond to a cyber attack. This is timely and important information. Light breakfast and lunch will be included. Continuing ed credit requests are pending. Register at www.aeanj.org.

On Monday, April 8, commissioners and executive directors are invited to attend a supper at the offices of Maraziti Falcon at 6 p.m. in Short Hills. This will be a great event for new commissioners. We will discuss the responsibilities of commissioners and there will be an update on efforts in New Jersey to dissolve authorities or privatize public systems. Register at www.aeanj.org.

March Safety Tip First of Many

Thank you to Janette Kessler, safety and risk manager at Atlantic County Utilities Authority, for proposing that AEA establish a safety committee. The aim of the committee would be to help educate its own members and the rest of the association about important safety matters. Anyone interested in the committee should contact Karen, putting "safety" in the subject line.

Check out [the new Safety Committee page](#) for the AEA website. The inaugural tip is about indoor air quality. Find it by going to www.aeanj.org. Select "About AEA," then the "AEA Board and Committees" and look for the Safety Committee page. We also have Janette to thank for this.

Energy Committee Identifies its Top Goals

The AEA Energy Committee has re-emerged just in time - when LOTS of developments are happening on the energy front. These include the BPU community solar pilot program and an updated state energy master plan. The committee, chaired by Katie Vesey of ACUA, has developed a mission statement and is sponsoring a survey that we will be distributing at the AEA conference, with an online version to be made available subsequently.

Interested in the energy committee? Email Karen with the word "energy" in the subject line.

See You in Atlantic City?

Energizing your Forces and Facilities is the theme of the **AEA Spring Utility Management Conference** at Caesar's in Atlantic City on **March 12 and 13**.

There will be great exhibits and informative presentations, plus the annual Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon will celebrate this year's just-announced Wave Award honorees and the 2018-19 cohort that has completed the Environmental Professional Development Academy.

On March 12, the program includes a session devoted to the EPDA experience. Presentations will include these topics: leadership, privatization, energy, green/gray infrastructure, and risk management. **Register at www.aeanj.org**. Walk-ins are welcome too.



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