



## Forging Industry Association Safety Conference 2026

### Leading Safety in High-Consequence Manufacturing

September 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Tri-C Corporate College Conference Center | 4400 Richmond Rd., Warrensville Heights, OH 44128

**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### Preventing Catastrophic Risk: Leadership, Compliance & Innovation

*All times listed are Eastern Time*

| <u>Time</u>     | <u>Session</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |
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| 8:00a           | <b>Registration Opens/Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Room #206</b> |
| 8:30a           | <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Facilitator: Jay Zemmol, DAUCH - FIA Safety Committee Chair</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Room #205</b> |
| 8:45a - 9:45a   | <b>Opening Keynote   A Quality Guy Approaches Safety</b><br>Ted will share his story of learning the importance of industrial safety and applying quality principles to safety improvement. The nature and responsibilities of management in safety performance will be examined, along with the safety performance trend in the forging industry. Observations of improvement opportunities specific to forging operations will be shared as a challenge for further progress.<br><i>Speaker: Theodore Schorn, Enkei America</i>                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| 9:45a – 10:45a  | <b>Practical Safety &amp; Health Strategies &amp; Resources for High-Risk Industrial Environments</b><br>An overview of confidential consultation services, industrial hygiene support, and training resources Hazard prevention tools and practical safety strategies are available to manufacturers' operations in high-risk industrial environments.<br><i>Speaker: Patrick McDonnell, OSHA CSHO - Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) – OSHA On-site Division</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  |
| 10:45a - 11:15a | <b>Break &amp; Networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Room #206</b> |
| 11:15a - 12:00p | <b>Driving Better Workers' Compensation Outcomes</b><br>Discover how proactive claims management and employee-centered practices can reduce costs, improve outcomes, and strengthen workplace culture.<br><i>Speaker: Katie Hensley, AIC, Cottingham &amp; Butler</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |
| 12:00p - 12:45p | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Room #206</b> |
| 12:45p – 1:30p  | <b>Serious Injury &amp; Fatality (SIF) Prevention: Lessons learned from OSHA</b><br>Hear examples from inspections, investigations, leading indicators, and what employers should focus on to prevent catastrophic events.<br><i>Speaker: Todd Jensen, Director – OSHA</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |
| 1:30p - 2:30p   | <b>Inside OSHA: A Conversation with Ohio OSHA Leadership</b><br>Join Ohio OSHA leadership for an interactive discussion on today's most pressing workplace safety issues, including Serious Injury & Fatality (SIF) prevention, enforcement priorities, lessons learned from the field, inspection best practices, and audience questions.<br><i>Moderator: Jay Zemmol, DAUCH - FIA Safety Committee Chair</i><br><i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Todd Jensen, Director – OSHA</i></li><li>• <i>Ken Montgomery, Director – OSHA</i></li><li>• <i>Jeffrey Bobo, Director – OSHA</i></li><li>• <i>Brigitte Frank, Director – OSHA</i></li></ul> |                  |

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| 2:30p - 3:15p | <b>Safety Innovation Spotlights</b><br><i>Companies will share an educational presentation highlighting an innovative approach, technology, or best practice that improves workplace safety.</i><br><i><b>Presentations will be educational and will not include product sales or promotional content.</b></i>                                   |                  |
| 2:30p – 3:00p | <b>Using Predictive Analytics to Prevent Serious Injuries</b><br>Learn how companies are utilizing new technology to identify the leading indicators of fatigue and impairment so they can proactively engage their workforce, promote alertness, and prevent serious incidents and injuries.<br><b>Speaker: Kelsey Young, Predictive Safety</b> |                  |
| 3:00p – 3:30p | <b>The Top 5 OSHA Compliance Gaps We See in Manufacturing</b><br>Explore five common OSHA compliance gaps found in manufacturing facilities and learn practical steps to identify risks, strengthen workplace safety programs, and help prevent costly violations.<br><b>Speaker: Dawn Stadler, US Compliance</b>                                |                  |
| 3:30p         | <b>Closing Remarks/Day 1 Adjournment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  |
| 3:30p – 5:00p | <b>Networking Reception</b><br>An opportunity for attendees to continue conversations from the day’s sessions and connect with industry peers, safety professionals, and solution providers showcasing emerging technologies, services, and innovations that support safer manufacturing operations.                                             | <b>Room #206</b> |

**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Preparedness, Response & Workforce Resilience**  
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| <u>Time</u>     | <u>Session</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                  |
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| 7:30a           | <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Room #206</b> |
| 8:00a – 8:45a   | <b>When Personal Struggles Become Workplace Risk</b><br>How depression, stress, substance misuse, or personal crisis can affect concentration, judgment, and communication. How leaders can recognize warning signs before someone gets hurt, and build a culture where asking for help is viewed as a strength, not a weakness.<br><b>Speaker: Jason Hughes, OCPSA - OSPF</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Room #205</b> |
| 8:45a – 9:30a   | <b>The Ripple Effect</b><br>In this deeply personal session, Joe shares an experience that shaped his commitment to Environment, Health and Safety leadership and influenced the development of programs focused on preventing serious injuries and fatalities. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the human impact of workplace tragedies and learn how leaders can build EHS systems, decision-making processes, and organizational cultures that keep people at the center of safety.<br><b>Speaker: Joe Lyons, Scot Forge Co.</b>                                                                                      |                  |
| 9:30a – 10:15a  | <b>Lessons Learned from Industrial Emergencies: What We See and What We Wish Companies Did Differently</b><br>When a serious incident occurs, the effectiveness of the response often depends on the planning completed long before an emergency. Hear directly from local fire officials about what they need to know before arriving at a manufacturing facility, common challenges they encounter during industrial emergencies, and practical steps companies can take to improve emergency preparedness, coordination, and responder safety.<br><b>Speaker: Michael Petti, Fire Chief - Warrensville Heights Fire Department</b> |                  |
| 10:15a – 10:45a | <b>Break &amp; Networking</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Room #206</b> |

10:45a – 11:30a **When One Choice Changes Everything: How Individual Decisions Lead to Workplace Injuries**  
Workplace injuries rarely stem from a single poor choice. They emerge from a mix of human factors, judgment, attention, communication, fatigue, and situational awareness that shape how employees act in high-pressure environments. This session examines why good people make mistakes, how organizations can identify conditions that increase risk, and what leaders can do to create systems and cultures that support safe, consistent decision-making in high-consequence manufacturing environments.  
**Speaker: Sarah Olsen – Steps Consulting**

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11:30a – 12:15p **NFPA 86: 2027 Standard for Ovens and Furnaces – Safety Requirements for Forging Furnaces**  
This presentation will give an overview of combustion safety based on NFPA 86. It will provide insights into NFPA Safety Codes and Standards, with an emphasis on NFPA 86 requirements applicable to Class B furnaces.  
**Speaker: Ted Jablkowski – Fives North American Combustion, Inc.**

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12:15p **Closing Remarks**  
**Conference Adjourns/Boxed Lunches Available**

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12:30p **Depart for Fives North American Combustion, Inc.**  
**4455 E 71<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**Cleveland, OH 44105**  
***Transportation is NOT provided; everyone must drive on their own. Steel-toe shoes REQUIRED.***

1:00p **Tour of Fives North American Combustion, Inc.**

2:30p **Depart Fives North American Combustion, Inc.**