



2026 State of New York/PEF Statewide Health & Safety Conference Program Agenda

Day 1 | Monday, May 11 | Union Only

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration | King Courtyard

12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Vendor Visiting | King Courtyard

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Plenary | King Street Ballroom

Welcome PEF Article 18 Co-Chairs:

Leisa Abraham, PEF, and Gabriela Franklyn, PEF

Resources: Website, Gathering Information

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

From the Workplace to the Capitol: Advancing Health and Safety Through Legislative and Political Action

Randi DiAntonio, PEF Vice President

Patrick Lyons, PEF Legislative Director

Rooted in Rights: Health and Safety Essentials for PEF Members

Joshua Kemp, Director, PEF Health and Safety

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Activity – Beyond the Reaction: Health and Safety Strategic Planning

Katie Vorwald, Esq., Statewide Director of Field Services

Scott Harms, Director of Organizing

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner | King Street Ballroom

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner Program | King Street Ballroom

- Kathy D' Arminio Award
- Judith Scanlon Award
- Peter Shiffman Award

Day 2 | Tuesday, May 12 | Union and Management

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration | King Courtyard

10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Vendor Visiting | King Courtyard

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet | King Street Ballroom

8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Workshop Captain Orientation | 9 Fort Orange
Annamarie Malik, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Plenary Session | King Street Ballroom

Welcome Management & Welcome Back

Article 18 Co-Chairs: Leisa Abraham PEF, Gabriela Franklyn, PEF
Ed Cottrell, OER, Assistant Director

Resources: Website, Gathering Information

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

September 11: 25 Year Anniversary

Geraldine Stella

Robert Grey, Esq., Grey & Grey PLLC

BEEHIVE Results:

PEF Health and Safety Staff

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

1) Fire Safety and Emergency Response Awareness | 26 High Street

Matthew Petrie, Director, Bureau of Safety & Health ‘Workshop Captain’

Michael Marquez, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Robert Davis, DHSES, Office of Fire Prevention & Control

2) Addressing Health and Safety Concerns in Leased Spaces | 24 High Street

Stephanie Robinson, Office of General Services ‘Workshop Captain’

Bob Rafferty, Project Coordinator, OGS – Division of Real Estate: Real Property and Facilities Management; Health, Safety and Security Management; Emergency Management and Planning

Roberto Besso, Office of General Services

Stephanie Robinson, OGS, Associate Commissioner

3) Navigating an Incident: Where to Start? | 9 Fort Orange

Ross Dorsey, OCFS/PEF Statewide Health & Safety Co-Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

AJ Sporleder, ITS, Director, Health and Safety

4) What do we See? Using Walkthroughs for Safety | 5 Fort Orange

Lindsay Bonanza, DOCCS/PEF Statewide Health & Safety Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

Annamarie Malik, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Cody Baker, DOT, Director, Office of Employee Safety & Facility Management

5) Building the Foundation: Health and Safety Committees | 7 Fort Orange

Anthony Apuzzi, OCFS, Assistant Director of Safety and Health ‘Workshop Captain’

Jazmine Nova, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Leisa Abraham, PEF Article 18 Co-Chair

Gabriela Franklyn, PEF Article 18 Co-Chair

6) Test the Strength of your Workplace Violence Prevention Programs | 28 High Street

Mark Stipano, CSEA Industrial Hygiene Specialist ‘Workshop Captain’

John Greening, OCFS Safety and Health Director

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch & Vendor Visiting

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Health and Safety Agency Committee Award

1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

7) Unknown Substance Exposures in DOCCS: Safety, Response, and Ongoing Questions

Jazmine Nova, PEF Health and Safety Specialist ‘Workshop Captain’

Christopher Stringham, Esq., MCV Law, Partner

Matthew Altman, Associate Industrial Hygienist

Charlie Lamora, DOCCS, Deputy Chief Investigator

John Cavalcante, DOCCS, Deputy Chief Investigator

Sally Flores, DOCCS, Deputy Chief Investigator

8) Office Ergonomics | 9 Fort Orange

Lisl Maloney, OCFS, PEF Executive Board & Local Health and Safety Co-Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Jonathan Dropkin, ScD, PT, CPE, Associate Professor, Faculty Ergonomist

Blanca Gonzalez-Parker, Program Associate for Safety and Health, NYS & CSEA Partnership

9) PESH: Our Partners in Health and Safety | 28 High Street

John Usher, Department of Labor, PESH, Program Manager 1 ‘Workshop Captain’

Joshua Kemp, Director, PEF Health and Safety

10) Navigating an Incident: Beyond Spreadsheets | 26 High Street

John Greening, OCFS, Director Safety and Health ‘Workshop Captain’

Michael Marquez, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Bryce Therrien, OMH, BER Associate Director

11) Adding Structural Elements: Health and Safety Committees | 5 Fort Orange

Annamarie Malik, PEF Health and Safety Specialist ‘Workshop Captain’

Leisa Abraham, Article 18 Co-Chair

Gabriela Franklyn, Article 18 Co-Chair

Ed Kucskar, DEC, Director, Health and Safety

12) Indoor Air Quality (IAQ): What is It and What Can I Do About It? | 24 High Street

Bob Rafferty, Project Coordinator, OGS – Division of Real Estate: Real Property and Facilities Management; Health, Safety and Security Management; Emergency Management and Planning ‘Workshop Captain’

Mark Stipano, CSEA Industrial Hygiene Specialist

Melissa Rodriguez, DOT, Industrial Hygienist

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

13) Deskercise: Stretches You Can Do at Work | 9 Fort Orange

Scott Dobe, PEF/OPWDD Health and Safety Co-Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

14) Workers’ Compensation | 7 Fort Orange

Edward Cottrell, OER, Assistant Director ‘Workshop Captain’

Geraldine Stella

Robert Grey, Esq., Grey & Grey, PLLC

Alex Dell, Esq., Law Firm of Alex Dell

15) Navigating Heat Exposures | 26 High Street

Lindsay Bonanza, DOCCS/PEF Statewide Health & Safety Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

Michael Marquez, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Karine Montanye, Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

16) Don’t Let the Bedbugs Bite: Response & Prevention for Bedbugs in the Workplace | 5 Fort Orange

Bruce Giddings, DEC, PEF Vice President ‘Workshop Captain’

Annamarie Malik, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Paul Milonovich, DOL, Property Director

17) Asbestos Awareness: Protecting Workers in Aging Buildings | 28 High Street

Myron Getman, DOH/PEF Statewide Health & Safety Co-Chair ‘Workshop Captain’

John Usher, NYS Department of Labor, PESH, Program Manager 1

Matthew Petrie, Director, Bureau of Safety & Health

18) Legionella Awareness: Building Safer Water Systems | 24 High Street

Bob Rafferty, Project Coordinator, OGS – Division of Real Estate: Real Property and Facilities

Management; Health, Safety and Security Management; Emergency Management and Planning

‘Workshop Captain’

Jazmine Nova, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Break

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Networking Reception and Vendor Visiting

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Dinner Program

Keynote Speaker: Renee Delgado, Vice Chair NYS Workers' Compensation Board

Day 3 | Wednesday, May 13 | Union Only

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Registration | King Courtyard

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary | King Street Ballroom

Welcome Back

Leisa Abraham, Article 18 Co-Chair

Gabriela Franklyn, Article 18 Co-Chair

Bernie Kahn Award

Ship Grants: How to Write One

Leisa Abraham, Article 18 Co-Chair

Gabriela Franklyn, Article 18 Co-Chair

Ed Cottrell, OER, Assistant Director

Brandon Kennedy, Deputy Director of Personnel Services

Resources: Website, Gathering Information

Paige Saakyan, PEF Health and Safety Specialist

Activity: Lessons Learned

Tamara Carney, PEF Training and Education

Wrap up, Evals and Q&A

11:00 a.m.

Box Lunch – Safe Travels!!