



Volunteer Group Mission Statement

To provide a forum in support of worker safety that addresses the impact of the opioid crisis in the workplace and among emergency responders.

Goals and Objectives

- Develop, share, evaluate, and disseminate materials to professional industrial hygienists, occupational and environmental health professionals, workplace and community leaders, and responder groups. In the responder community this includes but is not limited to law enforcement, fire, healthcare professionals, forensic laboratory personnel, and EMS. This information is directly related to enhancement of safety efforts among opioid responders. Additional materials will focus on assisting workplace leaders in preventing and responding to opioid use and misuse in their industries.
- Maintain relationships and collaborate with academia, government, private industry, local health departments, law enforcement and employers on opioid education needs and resources

Annual Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 23
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (MT)
Estrella Room
Phoenix Sheraton

Monthly Meeting (Virtual)

2nd Wednesday
of the Month
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. (ET)

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Opioids Working Group

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Current Projects

AIHA Opioid Working Group Fentanyl Exposure Limit Guidance Recommendation - goal is to establish scientifically defensible air and surface limit guidance for workers with potential for fentanyl exposure based on an 8-hr workday/40 work week. Working populations would include but not be limited to emergency responders, law enforcement, remediation workers, and forensic scientists.

JIIHEEC Ethics Vignettes - Collaboration to develop a script that discusses IH related ethical issues around cannabis and other products with similar issues

Subgroups

1. Outreach and Training – OWG members are very active providing opioid related training, presentations, webinars and conducting other types of outreach with local fire departments, first responders, public health department, private industry, universities, conferences, and so on.
2. Opioids in the Workplace – This is newest subgroup. It is focused on the connection of opioid use/addiction with accidents, injuries, workers compensation, ergonomics and safety. We are also looking at the connections to Total Worker Health and Recovery Friendly Workplaces.
3. Technical Issues, Concerns and Methods – This group stays up to date on the latest technical research on opioid detection, decontamination and sampling. Their current project is working on opioid exposure limits.
4. Legislative Efforts – Legislation for opioids continues to be a challenge at both the federal and state levels, with CA successfully passing State requirements a few years ago. This group works to leverage the success in CA in other States and nationally.
5. AIHA Related Actions – This group focuses aiding the members and other subgroup on collaborating with other AIHA Volunteer groups, interacting with AIHA and staying up to date with AIHA initiatives and conference activities.

Products by the group

- Presentation: “The Assessment and Cleanup of an Opioid Contamination Site” at the CA IH Council Conference and ACGIH Webinar Series.

Achievements/Honors/Awards

- Recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer Group 2021, 2022
- Outstanding Project Team Award 2021

Collaboration Efforts

- “I am IH” guest lecture and presentation to undergraduate occupational health and safety students at Oakland University (1/13/22 & 9/8/22).
- “Opioid in the Workplace and Community” virtual seminar sponsored by the ASSP Mid-Michigan Chapter (11/30/22).

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