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# November 2019

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## 2019 General Meeting Dates

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No Meetings



# First Meeting of 2020

# January 9th

Refrigerant Tracking Speaker: TBA Place: TBA

More dates and topics in the December ACCWPA Newsletter!



## November 13th - Last General Meeting for 2019

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**Account Executive** 



# Join Us:

# Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

(1 day earlier due to the Steeler Night Game on the 14th)



4905 Grand Avenue (on Neville Island)
Pittsburgh, Pa 15225
412-458-1813
Upstairs meeting room.

3:00 pm − Board Meeting ◆ 5:30 − 6:00 pm − Social Hour (cash bar)

**Guest Speaker: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm** 

7:00 pm – Dinner Buffet Social Hour resumes (cash bar)

Dinner Buffet - \$40.00

RSVP: 724-687-7860 (phone, and or fox) – NO cancellations after November 11<sup>th</sup>, noon!

Registration Flyer on page 9-10

#### Active Shooter Preparedness – A Matter of Survival . . . by Federated Insurance

The sound of gunshots breaks through the hum of a busy workplace. Chaos ensues as people scramble for safety while an active shooter fires at an unsuspecting and unprepared group of workers.

It's easy to brush off the possibility of being involved in such a situation, thinking that it could never happen to you. But the unfortunate reality of the modern American workplace is that these terrifying scenarios are becoming more and more common. Active shooters act alone or in small groups, and fire indiscriminately, choosing their victims at random. Knowing how to respond is essential for every employee.

#### **Survival Strategies**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security<sup>1</sup> has developed a three-part response strategy, with the goal of surviving until law enforcement arrives to end the rampage, usually about 10 to 15 minutes after the event begins. Share the following strategies with your employees to help them increase their chances of making it through a deadly situation. Drills, held once or twice per year, will help keep the information fresh in employees' minds.

**Run** — This is the first and best option. Pick an escape route and follow it, keeping your hands visible to avoid being mistaken for the shooter. Avoid grouping together. If you can help others evacuate safely, do it. As soon as it is safe, call 911 and give them as much information about the situation and the shooter as you can.

Hide — If you are not able to evacuate, find a place to conceal yourself. Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view, offer options for movement or escape, and provide protection from gunfire. Lock or block the entrance if possible. Ensure mobile devices are silenced, remain quiet, and wait for the shooter to leave the area.

Fight — This should be the last resort, and only if you are in immediate danger. Fighting requires commitment to the course of action. Act with aggression and intent. Make as much noise as you can. Throw items or use objects as weapons to disable the attacker.

No matter what strategy you must use, always remain calm. Your survival depends on your ability to make rational decisions. When law enforcement arrives, follow officers' instructions immediately without making sudden movements, keeping your hands visible.

#### Plan and Train

An emergency action plan (EAP) can help prepare employees for an emergency, including an active shooter. Your EAP should include:

- A preferred method for reporting emergencies
- An evacuation policy and procedure
- Emergency escape procedures, including floor plans and safe areas
- Information for contacts
- Emergency service information, including hospital telephone numbers and locations

An emergency alert system to notify law enforcement and individuals at remote locations within your facility It's not enough to simply have a plan. Your employees should know how to implement it. Collaborate with local law enforcement for training on recognizing and reacting to an active-shooting event. Training should include recognizing the sound of gunshots, applying the Run, Hide, Fight strategy, reacting when law enforcement arrives, and adopting a survival mindset during a crisis.

#### **Prevention and Intervention**

The unpredictable nature of an active shooter means that there are no definitive ways to prevent a shooting. But experts have identified indications<sup>2</sup> that an employee might have violent tendencies, including sadness, depression, threats, menacing behavior, hypersensitivity, diminished work performance, and a host of others.

Teach employees to be on the lookout for warning signs and notify a supervisor or human resources representative as soon as they can. It could be a matter of life and death.

With the uncertainty of identifying a potential perpetrator and possible legal ramifications of taking pre-emptive action, prevention can be tricky. If you suspect an employee might be at risk of committing workplace violence, consult law enforcement immediately.

Federated offers resources to help you educate your employees on this vitally important topic. Seven Minute Safety Trainer® has the resources to conduct training sessions with your employees, J. J. Keller® Video on Demand offers videos on preparing for, surviving, and recovering from an active shooter threat. The Training Today® learning management system offers a course on reaction to and preparation for an active shooter. Log on to <a href="Federated's Shield Network®">Federated's Shield Network®</a> for access.

This article is intended to provide general information and recommendations reg arding risk prevention only and should not be considered legal advice. Following these guidelines does not guarantee reduced losses or elimination of any risks. This information may be subject to regulations and restrictions in your state. Qualified counsel should be sought regarding questions specific to your circumstances and applicable state or federal laws. © 2019 Federated Mutual Insurance Company. All rights reserved.

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Mark your Calendar for Wednesday, October 7th, 2020



# Turkey Trap Shoot

Join us for loads of FUN! North Side Sportsman's Association 325 Mt. Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086

Shoot, Prizes and Ghost Peppers Taco Bar Buffet

# **Upcoming** Meetings!

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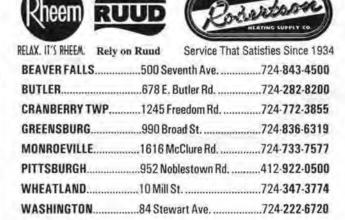






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## **2020 ACCWPA Election of Officers**

Election will take place at our November 13th General Meeting.

President: Rege Dumm

Vice-President: Rob Champe Secretary: Ron Doebler Treasurer: Chuck Rauch

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# TRAP SHOOT WINNERS!

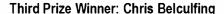
### **October 9th**

Thanks to North Shore Sportsman's Association for helping instruct, keep score for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trap Shoot. There was a lot of 1<sup>st</sup> time trap shooters that had a great time! Ghost Peppers Taco Buffet was awesome as usual. Mark your calendars for October 7, 2020 for our next Turkey Trap Shoot!!

First Prize Winner: Mike Marhefky



Second Prize Winner: Steve Boehmer







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