



Forging Industry Association Safety Conference 2026

Leading Safety in High-Consequence Manufacturing

September 15th – 16th, 2026

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

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

Preventing Catastrophic Risk: Leadership, Compliance & Innovation

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	
8:00a	Registration Opens/Breakfast	Room #206
8:30a	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Facilitator: Jay Zemmol, DAUCH - FIA Safety Committee Chair</i>	Room #205
8:45a - 9:45a	Opening Keynote A Quality Guy Approaches Safety 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. <i>Speaker: Theodore Schorn, Enkei America</i>	
9:45a – 10:45a	Practical Safety & Health Strategies & Resources for High-Risk Industrial Environments 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. <i>Speaker: Patrick McDonnell, OSHA CSHO - Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) – OSHA On-site Division</i>	
10:45a - 11:15a	Break & Networking	Room #206
11:15a - 12:00p	Driving Better Workers' Compensation Outcomes Discover how proactive claims management and employee-centered practices can reduce costs, improve outcomes, and strengthen workplace culture. <i>Speaker: Katie Hensley, AIC, Cottingham & Butler</i>	
12:00p - 12:45p	Lunch	Room #206
12:45p – 1:30p	Serious Injury & Fatality (SIF) Prevention: Lessons learned from OSHA Hear examples from inspections, investigations, leading indicators, and what employers should focus on to prevent catastrophic events. <i>Speaker: Todd Jensen, Director – OSHA</i>	
1:30p - 2:30p	Inside OSHA: A Conversation with Ohio OSHA Leadership 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. <i>Moderator: Jay Zemmol, DAUCH - FIA Safety Committee Chair</i> <i>Panelists:</i> • <i>Todd Jensen, Director – OSHA</i> • <i>Ken Montgomery, Director – OSHA</i> • <i>Jeffrey Bobo, Director – OSHA</i> • <i>Brigitte Frank, Director – OSHA</i>	

Safety Innovation Spotlights

Companies will share an educational presentation highlighting an innovative approach, technology, or best practice that improves workplace safety.

Presentations will be educational and will not include product sales or promotional content.

2:30p – 3:00p	Using Predictive Analytics to Prevent Serious Injuries 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. Speaker: Kelsey Young, Predictive Safety	
3:00p – 3:30p	The Top 5 OSHA Compliance Gaps We See in Manufacturing 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. Speaker: Dawn Stadler, US Compliance	
3:30p	Closing Remarks/Day 1 Adjournment	
3:30p – 5:00p	Networking Reception 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.	Room #206

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

Preparedness, Response & Workforce Resilience

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	
7:30a	Breakfast	Room #206
8:00a – 8:45a	When Personal Struggles Become Workplace Risk 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. Speaker: Jason Hughes, OCPSA - OSPF	Room #205
8:45a – 9:30a	The Ripple Effect 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. Speaker: Joe Lyons, Scot Forge Co.	
9:30a – 10:15a	Lessons Learned from Industrial Emergencies: What We See and What We Wish Companies Did Differently 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. Speaker: Mark McCary, Fire Lieutenant - Warrensville Heights Fire Department	
10:15a – 10:45a	Break & Networking	Room #206

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
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 Jablowski – Fives North American Combustion, Inc.
12:15p	Closing Remarks Conference Adjourns/Boxed Lunches Available
12:30p	Depart for Fives North American Combustion, Inc. 4455 E 71st Street Cleveland, OH 44105 <i>Transportation is NOT provided; everyone must drive on their own. Steel-toe shoes REQUIRED.</i>
1:00p	Tour of Fives North American Combustion, Inc.
2:30p	Depart Fives North American Combustion, Inc.