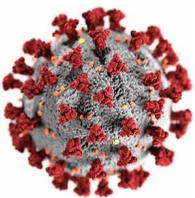


## GLOBAL OSHA CEO UPDATE:

Dealing with Adversity

### *A Message from Jim Barnes, CEO*



The first quarter of 2020 has proven to be a challenging time for all of us as our global community and its economies deal with the wide-ranging impact of COVID-19. The pandemic has posed an unprecedented public health threat and caused interruption to business and layoffs or furloughs for employees. It has resulted in the postponement or cancellations of most in-person training classes, meetings, and conferences. This includes the Saudi Arabia Ministry of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference in Riyadh, where I had been invited to deliver a keynote address in April. Global OSHA remains cautiously optimistic about the global response and eventual recovery. In the meantime, we've focused on maintaining continuity of operations. Our online and webinar courses continue to be available for enrollment. Our staff is safely working remotely and being responsive to our customers. In our efforts to maintain regular business communication during this time, we elected to publish our Q1 newsletter as planned. Let's look at some of the positive developments during the first quarter of 2020.

## ARAMCO CONTRACTOR SAFETY CAMPAIGN

### At Hawiyah Contractor Park

In January, I was invited by my friends at Saja Energy Co. to attend the Saudi Aramco Contractor Safety Campaign event at Hawiyah Contractor Park. There were presentations by Saudi Aramco officials and an exhibit area to showcase safety products and services. I had the opportunity to demonstrate the Global OSHA course completion wallet cards with embedded digital badges. This allows workers' Global OSHA training history to be verified on the work site. The response from the attendees was very favorable. I also had the opportunity to meet and talk with Abdillahi Moha, CSP, Loss Prevention Specialist at Saudi Aramco. He earned his MS degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, one of the premier occupational safety and health programs in the United States.



*Jim Barnes with Abdillahi Moha*



*Jim Barnes with Saja Energy team Abdillahi Moha*

# Global OSHA Authorized Trainer Map

Global OSHA has added a dedicated webpage to list our Global OSHA Authorized Trainers. The page includes a global map and flag pinpoints to reflect the various countries where we now have representatives. We currently have Global OSHA Authorized Trainers in eight countries. We look forward to updating the map with more trainers and more country flags on a regular basis.



## GLOBAL OSHA TO EXHIBIT AT THE WORLD SAFETY CONGRESS

Global OSHA has secured a booth at the World Safety Congress in Toronto, Canada October 4-7, 2020. The World Congress is held only once every three years. This is a unique opportunity to interact with safety and health professionals from around the world. I last attended the World Safety Congress in Singapore in 2017. It was a great experience as you can see from the pictures below.



*Jim Barnes with David Clarke*



*Jim Barnes with David Michaels*



*Moha Lee Young Soon, Korea OSHA and Lisa Fowlie, Safety, Health and Environmental Manager at Coleg Llandrillo, and Jim Barnes*

# Global OSHA Launches New Online Safe Driving Course

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving. Texting is the most dangerous distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. According to the NHTSA, distracted driving claimed 2,841 lives in 2018 alone. Among those killed were 1,730 drivers, 605 passengers, 400 pedestrians and 77 bicyclists. While the National Safety Council postponed its plan to observe Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April, Global OSHA has proceeded with launching its new online short course focused on safe driving. This course is appropriate for anyone who operates a motor vehicle. This is the first short course (two hours) we've made available. See the course description below.

## Global OSHA Course #610 *Safe Driving*

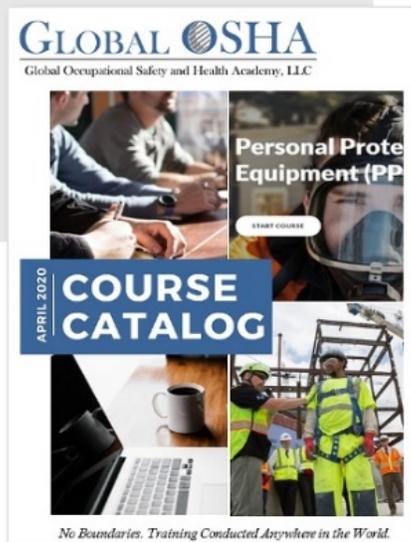


This course provides basic instruction on safe driving and covers safe driving basics, defensive driving, and distracted driving. Topics include general safe driving principles, the fundamentals of driving defensively, how to drive safely at night, how to drive safely in adverse weather conditions, how to address road rage, how to safely handle a tire blowout, hazards of multi-tasking and distraction when driving, and tips for handling an emergency when driving. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be issued a course completion certificate, a digital badge for each topic and be eligible to separately purchase a wallet-size course completion card. Contact hours: 2.0 To register, visit [www.globalosha.online/learn/610-safe-driving](http://www.globalosha.online/learn/610-safe-driving)

# GLOBAL OSHA 2020 COURSE CATALOG

The Global OSHA 2020 course catalog is now available on our website. The catalog includes several new courses, including the following:

- #610 *Safe Driving*
- #108 *Introductory Manufacturing Worker Safety*
- #106 *Introductory Office Worker Safety*
- #380 *Safety Supervision*
- #450 *ISO 45001-2018 Lead Auditor*



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# GLOBAL OSHA AUTHORIZED TRAINER

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## Announcing a Global OSHA Authorized Trainer in Jordan

I'm pleased to announce that Global OSHA now has a Global OSHA Authorized Trainer in Jordan. Eng. Ibrahim Abu-Tabnjah is based in Irbid, Jordan where he recently conducted his first Global OSHA course #201 *Intermediate General Worker Safety Training*.

Ibrahim holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree and also earned the Supervisor of Safety and Health Professional (270 hours) accreditation from the Jordanian Ministry of Labor and Center of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (CAQA). To contact Ibrahim directly, you can connect with him via LinkedIn.

*Eng. Ibrahim Abu-Tabnjah*



## TRAINER COURSE WEBINARS

Global OSHA continues to conduct trainer courses via webinar in 2020. These webinars are conducted in English language on a Mon-Fri schedule for five hours each day. This allows safety professionals worldwide to become Global OSHA Authorized Trainers without having to incur travel costs. The next two trainer course webinars are scheduled for April and June.

### **#501 *General Safety Trainer Course Webinar***

**Date:** Mon-Fri April 20-24, 2020

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM US Central Time

Experience Prerequisite:

Three years of general safety experience

Training Prerequisite:

Course #550 *Fundamentals of Adult Training*  
(Available online only)

### **#500 *Construction Safety Trainer Course Webinar***

**Date:** Mon-Fri June 15-19, 2020

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM US Central Time

Experience Prerequisite:

Three years of construction safety experience

Training Prerequisite:

Course #550 *Fundamentals of Adult Training*  
(Available online only)

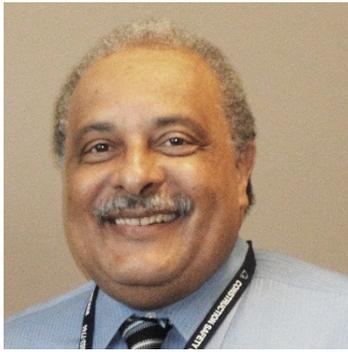
To see our full schedule of trainer course webinars and register for courses, please visit our webpage for online training. [www.globalosha.org/online-training](http://www.globalosha.org/online-training)

## USDOL OSHA TRAINER EQUIVALENCY AUTHORIZATION

Global OSHA offers equivalency credit for USDOL OSHA Outreach trainers based on their previous experience and training. Trainers authorized through the USDOL OSHA Outreach Training Program may qualify for immediate status as Global OSHA Authorized Trainers by completing only the eight-hour prerequisite course:

Global OSHA #550 *Fundamentals of Adult Training*.

For complete details, please visit our webpage for Trainer Equivalency Authorization.



## Ernest Thompson Joins the Global OSHA Team

Ernest Thompson formerly worked for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in various capacities during his 42-year career with the agency. These positions included enforcement, curriculum development, administration, and training programs. He implemented the OTI Education Center program in 1992 and managed the program for a decade. As Chief for the Office of Training and Educational Programs, he also oversaw the Outreach Training Program, the Susan Harwood Training Grant program, and Resource Center Loan Program.

In his role as Deputy Director, Directorate of Training and Education from 2006-2015, he oversaw the design and development of all OSHA training programs, including online training and webinars. Ernest earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University. You can connect with him via LinkedIn. It occurred to me that the Global OSHA management team now has a combined 130 years of OSHA experience!



## BE RESPONSIBLE. BE DILIGENT.

In light of the pandemic, this year's World Health Day 2020 on April 7 will take on special significance. Nurses and other health workers are at the forefront of COVID-19 response - providing high quality, respectful treatment and care, leading community dialogue to address fears and questions and, in some instances, collecting data for clinical studies. Global OSHA reminds everyone to continue to be diligent in our efforts to observe safe and healthful practices at work and at home. I encourage everyone to take this threat seriously and respond in a responsible manner. There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated with COVID-19 as the outbreak investigation continues. I caution people to reference only credible information provided by reputable public health sources.

The World Health Organization is providing up-to-date information on outbreak. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration offers detailed information and additional resources, including a guidance document for employers and workers. The Center for Disease Control provides tips on what the general public should do during the ongoing outbreak. I believe this situation has served to increase public awareness of health and hygiene factors in our daily routines and has promoted recommended good practices. I'm hopeful that many will continue to utilize these practices long after the current threat has abated.

Stay Safe,

*Jim*