

Welcome by Mr. Beehler
2007 DoD Safety and Health Forum – Chicago, IL

- Welcome to attendees of the 3rd Annual DoD Safety and Health Forum
- It is valuable for our DoD safety and health professionals to attend the National Safety Council 2007 Congress & Expo to continue to learn and grow professionally
- Purpose for this DoD forum is to invest your time at the Congress & Expo in discussing DoD unique concerns and direction for the future
 - Success is measured by how well you take home ideas for your work to continue improving safety and health programs in your organization
- Our theme is: “Beyond Compliance: A Focus on Culture”
 - This theme acknowledges that as our safety and health programs mature – not just get older – that we can no longer rely on strict checklist compliance. We must address the basic operating culture of our organizations – the underlying beliefs, attitudes and day-to-day behaviors of the members of our organization.
 - Later this afternoon, we will provide you with very technical presentations for risk management and influencing human behavior, as well as improving the safety and health of operations ranging from contractors on installations to deployed military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - First we will start with that part of your job which sets the tone for your organization’s culture: your commander’s personal expectations for safety & health success. We will address how you personally provide your commander with technical expertise, and just as important, coach all of the members of the organization, so that the organization meets the commander’s expectations
- I would like to start by asking Alan McMillan, President and CEO for the National Safety Council, to provide his vision for safety leadership
 - Through Alan’s vision, the National Safety Council has instituted an annual recognition of “CEOs Who Get It”
 - This program provides examples to all of us of those corporate leaders who are leading their organizations into cultural change by setting expectations – and getting results
 - Alan, we appreciate the insight NSC provides each year by highlighting these corporate leaders to us
 - (to audience) I would like all of you to welcome Alan McMillan, a friend of DoD