

**Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at Hunter College
Meeting with Founding Dean Dr. Kenneth Olden
Monday, October 19th, 2009**

INTRODUCTION

Dr. David Kotelchuck, CIH & Andrew Burgie, M.S. - Center Co-Directors

COEH – Past History (1990-2006)

Selected Occupational Health & Safety Programs before 2000:

NYC Fire Dept. Chief & Asst. Chief Incident Command Training
NYC Dept. Sanitation Env. Enforcement Unit - Initial & Annual HAZWOPER Tng.
Brooklyn Union Gas Personnel 40-Hour HAZWOPER Tng.
Hunter College Asbestos Awareness Tng. for Maintenance Personnel
Many open enrollment HAZWOPER Initial & Refresher trainings (for city, state, and federal employees and other professionals)

Occupational Health & Safety Programs (2000-2006):

Sheetmetal Worker Asbestos Screening National Database
Hazardous Materials & Emergency Response Training -- NJ/NY HWWT Consortium (NIEHS)
Minority Worker Training Programs

Environmental Health Programs:

Integrated Pest Management Program for Public Housing (NYCHA & HUD)
Environmental Technicians Training Program for Public Housing Residents
Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
Citiwide Community Asthma Management Program (CitiCAMP)
Community Health Worker Training Program
Asthma & Pest Control Project

COEH – Recent and Current Activities (2006-2009)

Occupational Health & Safety Training Programs:

Hazardous Materials & Emergency Response Training

- In 2004, training increased from 300 to 600 NYSDEC inspectors
- 129 training courses for 2,613 persons
- Two (2) 40-Hour Courses for 30 students

Since 2000, 87 students trained for 40-Hour HAZWOPER Course
In 2009, 29 courses for 628 persons total
In 2008-9, 40 question, 2-part exam created – (98% pass w/ 90+ score 1st time)

Minority Worker Training Programs:

Minority Worker Training Program (16-Hour Environmental Monitoring Class)
With NJ/NY HWWT Consortium (NYC Carpenters)
Since 2000; 18 classes for 395 participants

HWWT Grant Target Groups:

- 600 NYSDEC inspectors (8-Hour HAZWOPER Course)
- 40 Health & Safety Professionals (8-Hour HAZWOPER Course)
- 40 Students (40-Hour HAZWOPER Course)
- Minority Trainees (16-Hour Environmental Monitoring Course)

COEH –Outreach Activities by Andrew Burgie (2000-2009)**General:**

- 2001 – President, Metropolitan NY AIHA Local Section (Webmaster/Newsletter Editor)
- 2003 – Adjunct Professor, NYU Food Studies, Nutrition, & Public Health Masters Prog.
- 2004 – HDPT 3-day course “Issues in Emergency Preparedness: WMD and Beyond”
- 2005 – AIHA Future Leaders Institute 2-day Seminar Selected Inaugural Participant
- 2006 – AIHA Student & Early Career Professionals (K-12th Grade Team Leader)
- 2006 – High School of Environmental Studies (OSHA Alliance - MetroNY AIHA)
- 2006 – Asthma Free School Zone – Vehicle Idling Assessment Project
- 2008 – I.S. 204 – Career Days
- 2008 – AIHA SECP “Golden Seed” Award Recipient
- Various - IAQ & Lead Based Paint Presentations for Elementary & High Schools

People of Color:

- 2000 – 16-Hour Environmental Monitoring Program (NYC Council of Carpenters)
- 2001 – Medgar Evers College incorporated into Hunter’s 40-Hour HAZWOPER
- 2003 – Hunter College/High School Chemistry Regents Summer Grant (Lead / IAQ)
- 2006 – Council of Barbadian Organizations of New York (Hurricane Preparedness)
- 2007 – NYCDOHMH Asian Population Fish Consumption Study in NYC
- 2008 – National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (IAQ)

Other Current Activities by David Kotelchuck:

- Deputy Director NY/NJ ERC (NIOSH)
- Teach Section of ERC and Hunter Site Visits Course (Spring Semester)
- Board Member NYCOSH.
- Co-Chair PSC Union Health & Safety Committee

Current External Grants

- NIEHS HWWT Program (since 1987)
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation statewide training program

COEH – Future (Beyond 2009)

- Remain “Center” or become “Institute within another Center” (CCUH?)
- Need to involve other UPH Faculty
- Continue Center Affiliation with UPH Program
- Ramifications of Move Uptown