

REGION 1 VPPPA NEW ENGLAND
Safety & Health Excellence Conference and Exhibition
Schedule Of Events

May 6-8, 2025

Wellsworth Hotel

14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

AGENDA (as of 4/10/2025 – subject to change)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 - Day 1

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
12:00 PM	PM 5:00	Attendee Registration	Ballroom
12:00 PM	PM 5:00	Exhibitor Registration and set-up	Ballroom
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Session A (1 Session)	Ballroom
		<i>Best Practice Bonanza - Jeff Stolz</i>	
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Break	Ballroom
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Region 1 New England VPPPA Chapter Annual Business Meeting	Meeting Room 1
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Social Reception & Exhibit Hall Opening	Ballroom
6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Networking Dinner	Ballroom

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 - Day 2

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Ballroom
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Attendee Registration	Foyer
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Ballroom
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Opening & Welcome & Board Introductions	Ballroom
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Opening Keynote Speaker	Ballroom
		<i>Human Organization Performance Learning - Matt Twerdy</i>	
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Exhibitor Booth Visits & Break	Ballroom
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Session B (3 Sessions)	Meeting Rooms
		<i>Intro to Developing Psychological Safety (Shannon Prescott)</i>	1
		<i>Usability and Operations Procedures (Mike Hanna)</i>	2
		<i>How Does Maintenance Excellence = Safety Excellence? (John Perrotti III)</i>	3
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Exhibitor Booth Visits & Break	Ballroom
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Session C (1 Session)	Ballroom
		<i>Worker Fatalities (Rena Harrington)</i>	
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	VPPPA and OSHA Region 1 Luncheon	Ballroom
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Session D (3 Sessions)	Meeting Rooms
		<i>Moving from Risk Management to Hazard Elimination (Stephen Gauthier)</i>	1
		<i>Crash and Burn – How Usability Brought Down the 737 MAX (Mike Hanna)</i>	2
		<i>Just Calling 911 is NOT an Emergency Plan Ensuring Safety for First Responders (Rich Sarnie)</i>	3
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Wrap Up & Agenda Overview	Ballroom
3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Exhibitor Booth & Wellness Break	Recreation Areas
5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Networking Dinner & Ice-cream social on patio	Visions Restaurant

Thursday, May 8, 2025 - Day 3

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast	Ballroom
8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Attendee Registration	Foyer
8:00 AM	11:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Open	Ballroom
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Opening & Announcements	Ballroom
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	Session E (3 Sessions)	Meeting Rooms
		<i>Coming of Age: AI Safety Assistants and Agents (Brady Keene)</i>	1
		<i>Leadership in Safety (Miriam Owens)</i>	2
		<i>Ensuring "Makeshift" is not present in VPP STAR Sites and World Class Manufacturing (Jack Popp)</i>	3
9:15 AM	9:45 AM	Exhibitor Booth Visits & Break	Ballroom
9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Session F (2 Sessions)	Meeting Rooms
		<i>Transformational Safety (Myron Harper)</i>	1
		<i>Programmatic health and safety audits at remediation sites using Lean principles (Jennifer Kingston)</i>	2
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Closing Keynote Speaker	Ballroom
		<i>VPP Success: Cultural alignment and personal leadership - Stephen Jenkins</i>	
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Wrap Up & Closing	Ballroom