

AGENDA FOR 2024 FALL OKVMA CONFERENCE
Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center

ISA TESTING - October 1, 2024 - Tuesday

12:00 pm	ISA Arborist – EXAM (Alanna Cooper, Test Proctor)
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GENERAL SESSION – October 2, 2024 – Wednesday

TIME	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
7:00 – 8:00	REGISTRATION - OSU Conference Services	
8:00 – 8:15	PRESIDENT’S WELCOME & Nominations of New Board Members	
8:15 – 9:15	<u>Megan Parker</u> Pesticide Certification & Training Administrator	<u>Laws & Rules Update</u> Provide updates on proposed laws and rule changes in Oklahoma and discuss EPA’s proposed Certification and Training rules.
9:15 – 9:30	Business Meeting, Election of New Board Member Positions, & Scholarship Awards.	
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	<u>Phil Swart</u> Clearway Industries, LLC. Director of Business Development & Marketing	<u>Professional Development Resources for Utility Arborists</u> The field of utility arboriculture offers many opportunities for advancement, both professionally and personally. This presentation will explore the landscape of professional development, with a focus on the resources available to utility arborists.
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH PROVIDED	
12:30 – 1:30	<u>Gueth Braddock</u> ENVU	<u>Chainsaw Safety</u> This presentation will focus on the safe operation and handling of a chainsaw.
1:30 – 2:30	<u>Paul Hurysz</u> Manager Davey Resource Group Human Performance Safety Consulting Services Team	<u>Doing Safety Differently</u> Paul will challenge the audience with a reflection on past safety philosophies, while exploring the future with a new philosophical approach to safety. Why is that needed, you ask? Because we have been doing (for decades now) the same things over and over again expecting different results as it relates to safety. Paul will challenge the audience to think differently in a psychologically safe way so change and positive outcomes with safety performance can become a reality. Paul will help you visualize and predict your safety culture's growth and maturity path whether your programs are externally, internally, or a combination of both.
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK with Exhibitors	
3:00 – 4:00	<u>Paul Hurysz</u> Manager Davey Resource Group Human Performance Safety Consulting Services Team	<u>The Value of Identifying Hazards with the Energy Wheel</u> Most safety professionals and operations managers in the arboricultural industry can agree on the following: 1) Hazard recognition is vital or critical to the safety of any crew activity. Hazards certainly cannot be prioritized or mitigated if they cannot 1st be identified. 2) After decades of trying to improve work practices within our industry, we have not made any headway as it relates to reducing serious injuries and fatalities. Paul will introduce the Energy Wheel as a tool that has been scientifically proven to improve hazard recognition by up to 30% and how this improvement can and will save lives.

BREAKOUT SESSION - October 3, 2024 – Thursday

Time	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
8:00	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors & Housekeeping.	
8:00 – 10:00	<u>Hector Hernandez</u>	<u>Preparing Yourself for Dog Encounters and Attacks</u> Hector Hernandez is a speaker, dog trainer, and author. His dog training and dog bite prevention methods, which have been practiced internationally, were developed and tested by him-in some incidents without wearing protective gear-using dogs labeled "aggressive." Hector uses his experience of over 30 years in training all types of dogs, including police dogs. He is regular speaker for private and public entities, utility companies, the United States Postal Service, and police departments, Hector demonstrates how "reading the dog's body language" can teach his audience the difference between a harmless encounter and a potentially dangerous one, as well as how to react in both. His speaking style is entertaining, including humor to keep his audience engaged, yet serious and informative in teaching his techniques. Hector's main objective is for his audience to think seriously about dog behavior and body language, as well as know how to stay safe in all potential encounters.
10:00 – 10:30	Break with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	<u>Mark Butler</u> PSO Safety	<u>Electrical Hazards in the Tree Care Industry</u> Electricity is a serious hazard for arborists, causing about 15% of all fatalities in the tree care industry. This presentation will cover how Arborists are often exposed to electrical hazards and how to avoid disaster.