

The University of Minnesota Joint Safety Team: A Model for Peer-Led Safety

Thur, May 11
3:45 pm
Room 310

Donuts will be provided

Chemistry Seminar

Over the past decade, the researcher-led Joint Safety Team (JST), has focused on improving safety culture across chemical laboratories at the University of Minnesota. Conceived in 2012 by the Departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering/Materials Science and the Dow Chemical Company as a model student-led safety organization, the JST aims to improve academic lab safety through four core areas: compliance, awareness, resources, and education. Since its inception, the JST has taken great strides to develop a culture of peer-led safety at the University of Minnesota. We describe the evolution of the structure of the organization over the last 11 years, and the innovative methodologies employed by the JST to educate and evaluate safety in academic laboratories. The continuous efforts of the student members of the JST have enabled the organization to be recognized as a leader in peer-to-peer safety. The Minnesota model is now being adopted at other academic institutions to develop student-led safety organizations known as Lab Safety Teams, and we hope highlighting our path to success and



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