

**NEW Manufacturing Alliance  
Safety Task Force Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2025 | 8:30 AM | at Martor - Hobart, WI**

**ATTENDEES:** Corey Behnke-Live X, Cullen Bernetzke-Hatco Corp., Nirusha Biju Kakshapati-AK Pizza Crust, Paul DeTennis-Martor, Ann Franz-NEWMA, Nicole Fritz-Marion Body Works, Joan Girard-Vollrath, Jody Graetz-Graetz Mfg., Stephanie Haines-Cherry Optical Lab, Mark Heindel-CMD Corp., Nick Heyrman-Winona Foods, Buckley Kain-Cruisers Boat, Alison Kostreva-Graetz Mfg., Gary Leick-EMT International, Monty Meister-Vollrath, Holly Neville-Hatco Corp., Peter Nickel-Keynecta, Michaelle Nourse-Wasmer, Mike Parins-Keynecta, Chris Steier-ProSolutions, Debbie Thompson-NEWMA

**SAFETY VIDEO UPDATE**

Participating companies are ErgoFactor, Fosber America, Graetz Mfg., Keynecta, Marion Body Works, and Martor. An additional company is needed to discuss forklifts. Presenters will mainly focus on the importance of their topic(s).

SAFETY VIDEO TOPICS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ergonomic Hazards</li><li>LOTO, Machine Guarding</li><li>Slips, Trips &amp; Falls, Accident Prevention Signage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HazCom (Chemical &amp; Electrical Hazards)</li><li>Safety Housekeeping, Emergency Procedures</li><li>PPE, Using the Right Tool for the Job, Hand Protection</li></ul>

Participants will meet in September to present their script to the video subcommittee. Filming will take place in November. The finalized video will debut at NEWMA's December quarterly full membership meeting.

**SAFETY KNIVES | Presented by Martor**

Headquartered in Germany, Martor's single U.S. location is in Hobart, WI. Personal protective equipment (PPE) includes safety knives. Below is a glimpse of their most popular German engineered knives.

- SECUPRO 625** is at the forefront of their ergonomic squeeze-grip knives. It has a fully automatic retractable blade for safety and an ergonomic trigger mechanism to engage the blade. The SECUPRO 625 has a durable aluminum body with soft touch rubber grip. This blade is a safer alternative to fixed blade utility knives for general cutting.
- SECUMAX 350** has a 2-in-1 blade head, with a concealed blade for safety. It is made of light polycarbonate plastic, has spare blade storage, and is ergonomically shaped. This knife works great in warehouses, shipping and receiving.
- SECUNORM 610 XDR** knives are extra dirt resistant, initially made for food manufacturing. They are easy to open, clean and change the blade.
- Specialty knives** are available for the paper, food, and construction industries. Their navy blue knives are made of metal detectable plastic (MDP).
- Ceramic knife blades and holster are available.

**HEARING PROTECTION | Presented by Corey Behnke, Live X**

Live X is a broadcasting company located in Green Bay and Brooklyn, NY. They offer hands free and wireless communications that allow workers to talk and listen in **real time** with no delays. When communications fail, safety and efficiency fail. Communication prevents accidents: hear alarms and teammates simultaneously. Safer workers equals reduced liability, with instant alerts across the floor. With bone induction headsets, users can maintain situational awareness.

Live X is proven, trusted, and local. Their safety expertise has been proven in their mission critical live events. They have the ability to tie into a current system, allowing for broadcast system integration, and have been a Clear-Com dealer for nearly a decade.

#### **DIGITAL REPORTING OF LOCKOUT REMOVAL | Presented by Nick Heyrman, [Winona Foods](#)**

Nick gave a demonstration on using MS Forms for reporting of lockout removal for approval process. By accessing MS 365, the creator can use MS Forms or Excel Lists to create the form and enter questions. Individualized QR codes, per form, are used to submit requests, with all information stored digitally. A link can be copied and pasted for people to use. Responses, group and individual, can be seen. A QR code can be made to send an email approval link to the requester and can be linked so only certain individuals receive the email. Nick shared there can be some confusion using a number of QR codes but not placing them by each other has helped.

Surveys can be created in MS Forms by setting conditions and telling the software what you want to accomplish. By integrating with Power BI, communication can happen.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

No open forum discussions were brought forth.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Safety Task Force meeting is on September 16, 2025, 8:30 a.m. via Teams. Contact Ann with any topics or if your organization would like to host the meeting.