

SAFETY SUMMIT – DAY 1

Section 1: Sunday March 26, morning sessions (8:00am – Noon)

Risk Mitigation Strategies: *Industry professionals will be discussing how you can evaluate your Zoo and Aquarium programs to make them as safe as possible. Get tips and success stories from facilities who have done this, and what AZA has to offer.*

Exhibit Design for safety: *It seems like every year, Zoos are building new buildings and animal habitats. What considerations need to be built into these spaces to ensure the safest possible environment?*

Safety around PDAs: *We will be discussing the latest in safety and security when working with potentially deadly animals.*

Safety Townhall: *To conclude the morning, we will be having a panel-led discussion in regards to the mornings topics. This will be an interactive session where questions will be answered and topics discussed on a deeper level.*

Section 2: Sunday March 26, afternoon sessions (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Working in and Around Aquatic Exhibits: *Dive safety is an ever-evolving industry with many considerations including: regulatory requirements, hazard control strategies for guests/contractors/ VIPs, OSHA regulations, AZA accreditation standards, other consensus standards, rescue equipment, Emergency Action Plans, risk assessments, permits to work around water. Learn the current hot topics around water safety.*

Safety Culture: *We all desire to have our entire staff on board to ensure a culture of safety. During this session, we will discuss how a few Zoos have successfully accomplished this.*

Hot Topics in safety for Veterinary workers and workplaces: *In this session members of the AZA Animal Health Committee will discuss animal care related hazards and mitigation strategies from the veterinary perspective.*

Fortifying Zoo Safety and Security using Grants: *Zoo and Aquarium safety and security is an ever-evolving challenge. Learn how think differently about what constitutes security/safety infrastructure that can be funded via grants.*

Intra-Zoo transports...Planning them safely: *Real-life examples of how we set-up an Incident Command System (ICS) for managing potentially dangerous animal transfers outside their primary enclosures: trips to the vet hospital, loading for departure and accepting new arrivals.*

Break out session: *One of the most important parts of attending a conference is networking. We will be breaking up into groups based on Zoo size and geographic location where we will be discussing emergency response and preparedness topics for those genres.*

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Section 3: Monday, March 27, morning sessions (8:00am – Noon)

Lessons Learned from Mother Nature: *The 2022 Hurricane season affected many facilities in different ways. Hear about how facilities banded together to help each other through it as well as other lessons learned from Mother Nature.*

Lessons Learned from Near Misses and Incidents: *Sometimes you see it on the news, sometimes social media, sometimes through the grapevine. In this session, hear from colleagues that were there. What they learned, and what you can do to be ready, or prevent things from going wrong.*

Close Encounters: *We try to prevent our staff from encountering potentially deadly animals face to face but what do we do when it happens anyway? In this session we will discuss examples of how you can train your staff on the best ways to respond to a terrifying close encounter.*

Panel: *To conclude the morning, we will be having a panel-led discussion on how to adapt and improve on these important topics. This will be an interactive session welcoming questions and allowing us to discuss topics on a deeper level.*

Section 4: Monday, March 27, afternoon sessions (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Drills: *Every accredited Zoo and Aquarium is required to perform drills but too many misstep at this standard. In this session, we will be talking about how to implement successful drills*

Active Shooter: *Unfortunately, active assailant attacks are on the rise and our public spaces can be vulnerable. Fostering a relationship with local emergency personnel is imperative. Learn what some Zoos are doing to help their staff prepare for the worst.*

Firearms: *The Safety Committee has executed very successful Firearms webinars in 2022. We will be building onto the webinars by discussing more about Firearms teams, accreditation standards, drills and more at this informative session.*

Break Out Session: *One of the most important parts of attending a conference is networking. We will be breaking up into groups based on zoo size and geographic location where we will be discussing emergency response and preparedness topics specific for those regions.*

Wrap-Up: *The Safety Summit will close with a recap of what we learned and some updates on what's next for the safety committee.*