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Cordially invite you to be our guest at the 41st Annual ABC Graduation & Banquet

1002 ABC Avenue Freeport, TX 77541



Texas Gulf Coast Chapter Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Ceremony: 7:00 p.m.

Attire: Business Casual

Reservations are binding.

Charges will be incurred for no-shows and also for cancellations.

# Congratulations Graduates!



## Complimentary Webinars - Another ABC Membership Benefit

### A Guide to the 2017 STEP Application

Thursday, June 8, 2017

9 a.m. (CT) 60 minutes

Speaker: Cheyenne Wheeler, Workforce Development & HSE Coordinator, ABC National

#### WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

ABC Chapter staff and members will receive a thorough walk-through of the 2017 online STEP application. Find out what information a member needs to compile to complete the application and learn the answers to frequently asked questions.

### Innovation: The World of Construction 2.0

Thursday, June 22, 2017

12:00 p.m. (CT) 60 minutes

Speaker: Danny Small, Analyst, FMI

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#### WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

Join this special webinar presented by FMI's Danny Small, where we'll explore innovation in construction.



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## Wednesday, June 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. PT 11:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. MT 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ET

#### What's In Your Handbook?

Employee handbooks are getting a lot of attention these days. Unfortunately, it's not the kind of attention that is welcomed by employers. Rather, the attention is coming by way of lawsuits and government investigations based on personnel policies that are routinely included in employee handbooks. This webinar will not only identify those common employee handbook provisions that are now under attack but it will offer proposed alternatives to eliminate or minimize the risk of legal action based on arguably unlawful policies.

The webinar will be held on June 14 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Mark Jodon, a shareholder with Littler Mendelson, will present the webinar. Mark is board-certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in labor & employment law. Mark has represented companies in all aspects of labor disputes for more than 30 years, including discrimination claims in federal and state courts, charges before the EEOC, wage and hour audits by the U.S. Department of Labor, unfair labor practice charges before the NLRB and citations issued by OSHA. A packet of materials will be made available to webinar participants following the presentation.

#### This webinar is complimentary.

Login information will be provided to participants the day before the webinar. SPHR/PHR and SHRM certifications are pending approval.

To RSVP or for questions, please contact Bethany Kempfe at bkempfe@littler.com or 214.880.8131.

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# 2017 ABC STEP AWARD APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 27! STEP: Safety Training Evaluation Process

Submit online using the new and improved online step application. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are completing a paper application, this MUST include the \$35.00 application processing fee and be **submitted to the local ABC office by June 27, 2017.** Application fee is waived for STEP Diamond <\$435> & Platinum <\$235> submissions as part of the application fee.

### STEP: Merit Based Safety Recognition for the Merit Shop

Established in 1989 by the ABC National Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) Committee, the STEP program was developed and written by contractors for contractors. Your responses are strictly confidential.

### Appreciation is extended to members who have already submitted!

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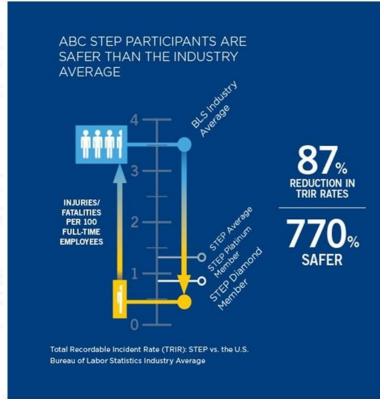
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#### STEP Pays

Getting started with **STEP** is free, and it can help you lower your workers compensation insurance RATES. Just one injury could cost your company \$38,000! Plus, a safe project is a productive project.

If you need assistance email: <a href="mailto:step@abc.org">step@abc.org</a> or call the ABC National Safety Department at (202) 595-1848. You may also email Ruby at: <a href="mailto:ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org">ruby@abctxgulfcoast.org</a> or call the local ABC office at (979) 233-0279.

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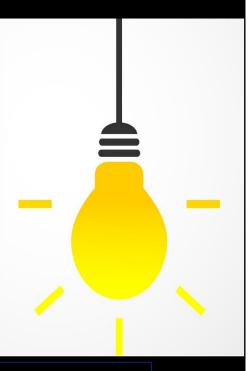




Thursday
June 15, 2017
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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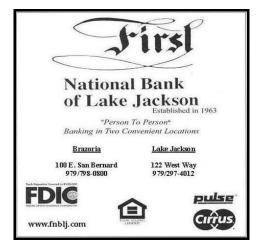
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ABC Suppliers' Council Mixer & Crawfish Boil - May 18, 2017

A BIG THANKS goes to all of the exhibitors for providing great food, beverages and door prizes. We also want to mention our gratitude to our additional sponsors Performance Party Rents and LISCO.

THANK YOU to Jerry Wagner and Eric Pina of United Rentals Trench Safety for their time and support with the Excavation Training session held on the same day.

Appreciation is extended to ABC staff and the Suppliers' Council Committee for their support in organizing and helping to recruit participation for this event.



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## Suppliers' Council Mixer Prize Winners





















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This 90 minute course is designed for contractors and general employees in all working environments (office workers, clerical staff and others under the OSHA law 29CFR1910.157). It is not intended for those who serve on Fire Brigades, Industrial Fire Departments, or other fire service professionals.

Cost: \$40.00 for Members / \$65.00 for Non-members

Expiration: 1 year

#### How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

Remember the PASS method



ull the pin



Alm at base of fir



queeze top handle



Sweep from side to side



**Available Classes:** 

WEDNESDAYS at 8:00 A.M.

May 31, 2017

June 7, 2017

\*Must pre-register to ensure availability

- Designed for contractors and general employees in all working environments.
- Provides employees with a clear understanding of fire, the different classes of fire, types of fire extinguishers, and how to use them.
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- Operator Certification Wallet Card
- Certificate of Completion
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- Operator Reference Manual



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# Course Presented by Certified Instructors



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# **Aerial Lifts Operator Certification Training**



# Training Complete in 1 Day Classes have begun!

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Cost: \$235.00 per person - Limit 15 per class

### Required:

Basic Operating Experience
Standard PPE
(hard hat, safety glasses, steel toe shoes & ear plugs)
Harness
(if available)

### Course Includes:



Classroom Instruction by an *IVES Certified Aerial Lifts Trainer* 



Hands on Practice Written Theory Test



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# **CALENDAR**





### ABC, BSC, MSTI

13	6:00 p.m.	ABC/MSTI 41st Annual Craft Training Graduation, Brazos A
<b>14</b>	12:00 p.m.	ABC Human Resources Webinar "What's in Your Handbook?"
<b>15</b>	9:30 a.m.	MSTI Construction Careers Youth Committee, ABC Boardroom
27	3:00 p.m.	ABC Board Meeting, ABC Boardroom

### 28 3:00 p.m. Golf Committee Meeting, ABC Conference Room

June	8:00 a.m.	Basic Plus, 8:00 a.m. Mon - Fri CR#4
June	12:00 p.m.	Work Permit Acceptor Training, Thursdays, CR#1
June	7:30 a.m.	Fork Lift Operator Certificate Training, Mon, CR #5
June	8:00 a.m.	Aerial Lifts Operator Certificate Training, Tues - Thurs, CR #5
June	5:00 p.m.	CMA Project Management Class, Mon/Wed, CR #5,
June	6:00 p.m.	CSST Classes - Tues/Thurs, CR #4
6 - 7	8:00 a.m.	Enhanced Foreman Training, CR #1
7	7:00 a.m.	Fire Extinguisher Training, CR #5
8	9:00 a.m.	ABC Webinars: "A Guide to the 2017 STEP Application" & More
<b>15</b>	5:00 p.m.	Electrical Cont. Ed. License Renewal Class, CR #2

MSTI & BSC Classes & Training Opportunities

## **Ingredients:**

# Healthy Fajita Cassenole

Yield: 6 Servings

- 2 cups cooked brown rice (from about 3/4 cup uncooked)
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken tenders
- 1 each: red/yellow bell pepper & onion, sliced
- 1 (14.5 oz.) can fire roasted diced tomatoes, well drained
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- shredded lettuce, salsa, sour cream or Greek yogurt, avocado slices, or any of your favorite fajita toppings!
- Preheat oven to 400. Spray a 9x13 or 2-quart casserole dish with cooking spray and set aside.
- Combine all ingredients, except for the cheese, in a large bowl and stir well to combine.
- Transfer mixture to casserole dish and bake, uncovered for 20 minutes.
- Sprinkle the top with cheese and bake another 10 minutes, until cheese is melted and chicken is cooked through.

#### **Recipe Notes**

The rice for this recipe needs to be already cooked.

I use all cheddar cheese here but you could substitute some Monterey or Pepper Jack cheeses as well.

You can spice it up with some jalapeño peppers or a pinch of cayenne pepper. And of course, serve with hot sauce!

It helps to let the casserole sit for 5-10 minutes after it bakes to absorb some of the juices. (If yours has lots of juices, which can happen depending on how much moisture the veggies release, just use a slotted spoon to serve this).



Recipe and photo adapted from familyfoodonthetable.com