



**WILMINGTON
SAFETY SCHOOL**

Ride the Tide Together

July 16 - 17, 2026



Wilmington Safety School Conference Sponsors

Thursday, July 16, 2026 Auditorium - 1st Floor Union Station			
8:00 - 8:15 AM	Welcome - Mayor Bill Saffo Opening Remarks - Kim Skaggs, President		
8:15 - 8:30 AM	Damian Langley, Vice-President Introduction of Wilmington Safety School Committee Members		
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Bill Sims, Jr. - Keynote Speaker - DiVal Safety - What Makes a Great Leader Great Bill Sims, Jr. is President of The Bill Sims Company, Inc. For more than 30 years, Bill has created positive reinforcement systems that have helped large and small firms to inspire better performance from employees and increase bottom line profits. He is a world renowned keynote speaker and recently was selected as one of the top ten speakers by the National Safety Council.		
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B Meet our Exhibitors and Sponsors! If you have a problem, they have the knowledge, expertise, and solutions!		
	ROOM 526	ROOM 512	ROOM 527
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Crane Tech Fall Protection Beyond Compliance: Leading Safety at Height	David Sawyer Port City Training Overwhelmed to OSHA Ready!	Christian Santiago ESR Safety Power of Stories in Safety
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B Meet our Exhibitors and Sponsors! If you have a problem, they have the knowledge, expertise, and solutions!		
11:00 - 11:45 AM	Coy Democq Vortex EHS Using Human Error Indicators to Reduce the Likelihood of Safety Incidents	Joey Tamburo Benchmark Stretch and Flex, Early Intervention and Recordable Injuries	Julie Waller Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Slips, Trips, and Fall Protection Aligning Compliance, Safety, and Culture
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Daniels Hall - Side A - General Session Lunch - Meet our Exhibitors and Sponsors		
	ROOM 526	ROOM 512	ROOM 527
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Coy Democq Vortex EHS Multi-Generational Workforce Updates: New Methods to Build more Cohesive Teams	Jen Aks The Power of Gesture Your Body's Hidden Intelligence: From Mindset to Bodysat	Julie Waller Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Developing and Maintaining Effective Safety Committees
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Luis Suarez RAMTECH Modernizing Site Safety: Educating EHS Professionals on Wireless Technology	Jen Aks The Power of Gesture Your Body's Hidden Intelligence: From Mindset to Bodysat	Fully Loaded Defense De-escalation: Bridging the Gap between Confusion and Clarity
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B		
3:00 - 3:45 PM	Michael Butts HUX Safety VOC's and the Hidden Dangers	Dr. Sarah Mouser Occupational Sound Solutions Huh, Did you say Hearing Conservation?	Fully Loaded Defense Understanding the First 60 Seconds: Fight, Flight, or Freeze
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Daniels Hall - Side A - General Session Closing Remarks		
5:00 PM	Thursday Evening Social - Proudly Sponsored By: Cloud 9 Rooftop Bar, 9 Estell Lee Place, Wilmington, NC 28401		
			
Friday, July 17, 2026 Auditorium - 1st Floor Union Station			
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Dr. Athena Schroeder From Reactive to Predictive: The AI Revolution in Safety Explore innovation in HSE and Risk Management that enhances safety practices using cutting-edge AI solutions.		
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B		
9:30 - 10:00 AM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B		
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Forest "Jr." Wooten 4F Trap	Julia Kunlo ESR Safety Mental Health and Safety	Amanda Hughes Culture Meets Crisis
10:45 - 11:00 AM	Break - Sponsor/Exhibitor Showcase - Daniels Hall - Side B		
	Daniels Hall - Side A - General Session		
11:00 - 11:45 AM	Luke Farley - Commissioner of Labor - NC Department of Labor		
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Mega Prize Drawing Kim Skaggs, President - Closing Remarks		