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February General Chapter Meeting Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Topic: The I-95 Bridge Collapse & Emergency Engineering Response
Speakers: Lou Belmonte, PE, District Executive for PennDOT District 6
Din Abazzi, PE, District Bridge Engineer

Around 6:20 a.m. on June 11, an incident occurred where a tanker truck transporting 87-octane gasoline overturned within the Cottman Avenue underpass beneath I-95 in Philadelphia. The accident resulted in a massive fireball that was so intense that it caused the steel framework of the bridge directly above to melt.

During this presentation, the PennDOT team will provide an overview of the incident and response which included reopening the section of I-95 in record time. This will encompass an examination from various angles including engineering and surveying perspectives, and coordination with multiple professional disciplines.

ONE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT WILL BE ISSUED

Time: 5:30 p.m. Tour of the new Traffic Management Center
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Business Meeting and Presentation

Place: **SPECIAL LOCATION!**
PennDOT District 6, new Traffic Management Center
7000 Geerdes Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA.

Menu: A selection of pizza will be provided, including soft drinks.
Cost: \$30.00

Reservations: **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, February 27**
Limited seating for both the tour and presentation, so please reserve your spot for one or both

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2024 CHAPTER CALENDAR

February 29	GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING (PennDOT KOP)
March 17-23	NATIONAL SURVEYOR'S WEEK
March 19	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 11	GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING (UNO Newtown Square)
May 1	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 16	GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING (Giuseppe's - Skippack)
August 22	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 19	JOINT CHAPTER MEETING (Location TBD)
October 23	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 7	GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING (UNO Oaks)