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### October Meeting Highlights

Michael Graham, President, WAP and Bill Barr, President, HDWA, welcomed members to the joint meeting held at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio. Twenty-nine members were registered.

Preceding the meeting, the USCG Marine Safety Unit held the annual Marine Incident Summit. This meeting reviews river incidents and casualties of the previous 12 months for both the Pittsburgh and Huntington Districts. The attached reports detail incidents and causes. Those in attendance have an opportunity to discuss the reports in hopes of learning from the stated causes and potentially avoiding future incidents. Reports are attached.

### October Reports (*click to view*)

[Marine Incident Summit Huntington](#)  
[Marine Incident Summit Pittsburgh](#)  
[United States Army Corps of Engineers](#)  
[National Weather Service](#)

After the meeting, the guest speaker, **John P. Casey** gave a presentation titled: Are We Safe? Mr. Casey gave an interesting talk regarding civic and personal safety in relation to the unrest present in the U.S. today



### *This just in*

Want to learn more about Winter Storms? Sign up for one of these FREE training classes hosted by the National Weather Service:

SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING Winter Edition	SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING Winter Edition
Want to learn more about winter storms? Join us for a fun, free Storm Spotter Class!	Want to learn more about winter storms? Join us for a fun, free Storm Spotter Class!
Online Register: <a href="http://weather.gov/pittsburgh">weather.gov/pittsburgh</a>	Online Register: <a href="http://weather.gov/pittsburgh">weather.gov/pittsburgh</a>
Thursday (November 4th) from 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday (November 16th) from 10:00am - 11:00am

### Correction to September Newsletter:

It was incorrectly stated that Mary Ann Buccì of Port of Pittsburgh Commission was tasked with forming a committee for Low Use Rivers. US Army Corps of Engineers had been given that task, Ms. Buccì was a committee member.

### Annual Golf Outing

On September 17, WAP held its annual Golf Outing at Seven Oaks Country Club. This event focuses on both networking and raising money to support educational efforts sponsored by WAP. This year there were 32 participants and prizes were awarded for a variety of golf skills followed by a dinner. Look for next year's location with a new format and date to be published early in 2022.



### October Events

#### **Breakaway Barge Seminar**

On October 21, the WAP held its annual *Breakaway Barge Seminar*. This seminar is important training in preparation of highwater events that can be common

particularly in winter and spring months. Industry, USCG, USACE and National Weather Service all made presentations to better prepare waterfront workers. Knowledge and skills attained both in the classroom and at a waterfront location teach important techniques for highwater events.

Sixty-five participants were registered. This year's focus was the

*Waterfront Facilities (Operations) Guide*. Every waterfront employee should know it's location and content. This living document is meant to be revised and updated as times and regulations evolve.



[Click here Registration for November Membership Meeting](#)