

# **Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council**

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## **PCAC Tours Houston Area Safety Council**

Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (DPCAC) learned recently about the workplace training and occupational health services offered by the Houston Area Safety Council (HASC). Christine Sandel, Vice President of Operations – Training, provided an overview of HASC's programs and role in the community. Attendees learned about HASC's computer-based training, hands-on training, and health services including substance abuse testing, respirator and hearing protection fit testing, physical exams and 24/7 injury care for workplace accidents.

The tour of HASC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings included classroom spaces, computer labs, the auditorium, skills areas like the virtual reality welding classroom, and hands-on training spaces for rigging, welding, scaffolding, crane and forklift operations.

The facility is open to the public, and sees approximately 1,800-2,000 trainees daily, and about 300-400 patients. Currently, HASC offers about 1,700 courses, and delivers about one million units of training annually. Some units are as short as an hour and others as long as 40 hours.

A 10-minute video about HASC is available to view online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bL7m--0Tw8#action=share>. For further details on the services that they offer, visit [www.hasc.com](http://www.hasc.com).

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