What does a Health Physicist/Laser Safety Officer do?

Health Physicist is just a fancy way of saying radiation safety. Health physicists will verify that scientists follow regulations and use their radioactive materials safely. They organize and oversee radioactive waste programs, respond to radioactive spills, help review research plans, and work with researchers to keep radiation exposure to their staff as low as possible.

How long have you worked at EH&S?
Nearly 12 years

Any embarrassing experiences come to mind?
I was helping a PI test his new eyewash. We could not get it to shut off. It quickly filled the bucket and then the next bucket. It took us about 5 minutes and a couple phone calls to figure out how to shut it off.

In your opinion, what is the biggest challenge to achieving greater safety awareness and performance in an academic setting?
The biggest challenge is getting personnel on campus to understand that we are on the same team. When EH&S comes into the lab we are not trying to put up roadblocks, we are trying to make sure you go home safely to your family at the end of the day.