



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

April 2020 Newsletter

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Message From the President

Dear Fellow Chapter Members and Friends,

About a week ahead of our scheduled March 20th Chapter meeting, the Executive Board decided it best that we cancel that event. Our feeling at **that time** was that the risk of sharing COVID-19 was probably not that significant. All the same, we cancelled that meeting out of “an abundance of caution”. Good move. Not much more than two weeks later, Jefferson County became one of the viral “hot spots” in Alabama. Now, a little more than three weeks later, we’re in shelter-in-place mode statewide. What’s next? That pretty much depends on how well we can discipline ourselves and educate others to take these current precautions a good deal more seriously.

Where do we go from here? Clearly, we need to continue to do those things within our control to eventually reduce the spread of COVID-19. We all know what those things are – the personal hygiene practices, the interpersonal precautions, and the need to keep a low profile around this pandemic. We’re in need of adopting some new habits, as if our lives depended on it. Or potentially the lives of others, for those who care about such things. As safety professionals, people will look to us for reliable guidance, so let’s make sure what we’re sharing with our workers, friends and contacts is just that – information gleaned from the most authoritative sources we can find.

This is our moment to shine, folks. Exercise great caution out there – an abundance of caution – and let's show the world the true value of building safety and health into our everyday lives. One of the painful lessons wrought by COVID-19 will forever redefine the rate of return on prevention. That ounce is no longer worth a mere pound of cure. It'll be more like tons and tons of cure by the time this pandemic is reigned in.

Obviously, our April 22 awards luncheon is cancelled. We'll see what the situation looks like in May.

Best wishes for continued good health to you and yours,

Matt Hollub

President, ASSP Alabama Chapter

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT "PICK-SIX"



Member: Greg Blake

1. **Where do you live?** The Dunning Valley area of Shelby County
2. **How did you get your start in safety (or safety & health)?** While I was working for Alabama Power as a Fleet Technician, I finished my BS in Occupational Safety & Health from Jacksonville State University. Shortly after obtaining my degree, I went to work as a Safety Specialist for Miller Steam Plant.
3. **What do you do currently?** I am a Safety & Health Manager for Southern Power Company. We are the wholesale generation arm of Southern Company.

4. **Tell us something we may not know about you.** In 2009 I received my private pilot's license - rotorcraft in a Bell Jet Ranger.
5. **Tell us something on your bucket list.** Travel to Ireland, German, and the UK.
6. **What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?**
Offshore fishing boat!! Oh, and somewhere to keep it!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Current Chapter Membership 428

New Members

- Jerry Gann
- Scotty Smith
- Lindsey Stephenson
- Emmanuel Winful
- Stephen Day
- Stephen Nance

April Long Service Recognition of Chapter Members

- Jim Dodds - 36 years
- Paul Ray - 28 years
- Bob Fitzgerald - 27 years
- Robert Duncan - 26 years
- James Tweedy - 26 years
- Thad Brooks - 19 years
- Jason Timmons - 19 years
- Tim Rogers - 17 years
- John Tindall - 17 years
- Jimmy Coleman - 14 years
- Pat Donalson - 12 years
- Victor Gipson - 12 years
- Richard Marlow - 11 years
- Wayne Jackson - 10 years

[Click Here for All April Service Anniversaries](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions our April and May 2020 Chapter meetings and events have been CANCELED or Postponed.

Please look for Email updates for re-scheduled events and meeting topics or visit our website for the latest updates.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. For example: Fleet Safety Manager, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Manager, etc.

We will post the jobs to our website at alabama.assp.org.

Please e-mail the job information to updates@assp.alabama.org

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