



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

Aug-Sept 2021 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings To All:

I hope this letter finds you healthy, happy, and hopeful. We've had a busy summer and I don't know about you all, but I'm glad it's cooling off a bit and we're back into yet another year of college football. I know that's probably not received as good news for all, but I'm trusting it is for most – at least in our great state anyway. Let's all work to develop and demonstrate that same level of excitement in the coming months for our great association as well.

Since my last letter, we've met in August with the Tuscaloosa Section for an outstanding presentation by Frank Wampol and an Executive Committee meeting to begin our annual planning and program coordination. We certainly have a lot going on as well as to look forward to in the coming months.

On the 17th, we're excited to have Jeff Marksberry coming to speak to us in Birmingham. Please plan to attend in person if your schedule permits. Some of you may know Jeff already, he currently serves the TVTC as Executive Director. Please let me assure you that this will be a must-see presentation. Jeff's topic will teach us a lot about

incident/accident investigation and the preparation for litigation. I am confident we'll all leave with at least one new nugget of information.

For those of you who know me, you know I'm all about our safety "today". Tomorrow is gone and tomorrow will soon be the today that we need to focus upon. So TODAY is where we need to place our attention and intentional acts of safety. Please find someone to assist today – sharing is caring. Our safety is our responsibility and linking ourselves with a great network of professionals like the ASSP will help us all become better.

Have a great day, week, and remaining month. Let's be safe on purpose and make our efforts at home and work intentionally safe. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 17th. Until then – call, text, or email me if I can ever be of assistance.

Take care and please stay well. Thanks for reading. – Paul

UPCOMING EVENTS

September Chapter Meeting:

Friday, September 17th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

[You can still register at this link!](#)

October Chapter Meeting:

Friday, October 15th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Special Meeting:

October 24th. More details coming soon...

NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPTER

September is Emergency Preparedness Month!

Tina Arthur of Hager Companies reminds us of ***Emergency Preparedness Month***. The 2021 theme is “**Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.**” Throughout this month she is sending out information to assist you in preparing for disasters. There is a lot of information that may seem overwhelming, but it is very important and will assist you in protecting yourself, your family, and your property. It also

includes several forms to help you in the planning process. This information is meant to be thought provoking to better prepare you and your family. Read it, think about it, then do it!

Not if, but when: Every U.S. state and territory is at risk of disasters.

Disasters disrupt thousands of lives every year, leaving behind lasting effects on people and property. After a disaster, many others in our communities need help as well. Because of this, local first responders and other assistance may not be able to reach you right away. You and your family can take simple steps now to prepare for emergencies. By doing so, **you take back control** – even in the uncertainty of disaster.

How to Prepare for Disasters

To prepare yourself and your family for a disaster, you should:

1. **Know Your Risks;**
2. **Make a Plan; and**
3. **Take Action.**

Check out this video on being prepared:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGddWyoWkyg>

Tina has been sharing additional information on preparing for disasters and will be during the whole month. If you would like to receive her daily message, send a request to her at *tarthur@hagerco.com*. Let her know if you are in her section and she can keep you informed of other important information in the future. For all others, this will be a temporary program.

Thanks Tina.

[\(Follow this link to catch up with what you have missed.\)](#)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN PLACEY!

New Members in July (14)

- Jim Bell
- Kevin Kabalka
- Christopher Lemon

- Jeffery Mattox
- Christopher Milam
- Philip Moses
- Mashnur Rashid
- Dalton Raybon
- Tolulope Sanni
- Corbin Shaw
- Taylor Shields
- Sara Sligh
- Simon Walshe
- Ashley Wright

New Members in August (6)

- David Christman
- Kevin Crain
- Aaron Dixon
- Oludesola Ogunesan
- Jeff Philpot
- Michael Rasbury

Service Recognition through August

- Charley Bishop, 1 year
- Bregitte Braddock, 1 year
- Nicholas Dawson, 1 year
- Elizabeth De Kruif, 1 year
- Andrew Kauffman, 1 year
- Ken Martin, 1 year
- Jacob Pouncey, 1 year
- Matthew Roberts, 1 year
- Jamontrey Sawyers, 1 year
- Taylor Troutman, 1 year
- Eric Lafoy, 2 years
- Frank Lakotich, 2 years
- Hannah-Jane Rosenhack, 2 years
- Gerald Stiles, 2 years
- Natasha Horton, 3 years
- Gary Vernon, 5 years
- Melvin Capell, 6 years
- Chad McDougal, 6 years
- Thomas Robinson, 6 years

- Jonathan Willis, 6 years
- Nicholas Shelton, 7 years
- Melissa Bice, 10 years
- Aimee Sikes, 10 years
- Deborah Lechner, 14 years
- John Shelby, 14 years
- Karen Stammer, 14 years
- Brent Fisher, 15 years
- Michael Huckabaa, 15 years
- Raymond Hollub, 18 years
- Thomas Evans, 21 years
- Ronald Turner, 21 years
- John Placey, 47 years

Service Recognition through September

- Sybil Little, 1 year
- Laurinda Mackinnon, 1 year
- Mark McKinley, 1 year
- Jami Powers, 1 year
- Ricardo Shojgreen, 1 year
- John Brazzel, 2 years
- Patrick Laws, 2 years
- Bob Seseck, 2 years
- Steven Orr, 3 years
- Joseph Robinson, 5 years
- Tyler O'Brion, 6 years
- Jedidia White, 8 years
- Jeffrey Rasmussen, 11 years
- Stephen Tunnell, 11 years
- Kenneth Haynes, 15 years



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