



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

October Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello and Happy October:

As always, I hope this letter finds you healthy and happy. We have an awesome month in front of us with our normally scheduled meeting next Friday (10/15/21) and then our first PDC of this administration. For those of you that don't know, Our PDC is scheduled for October 22nd at the AGC building (just like our meetings). The attendance is limited to 20 attendees so please get signed up at your first convenience. The PDC will be both a certification course as well as a refresher. You won't need to test and certify unless you choose that course. [The link, with all the associated details to this course is here.](#) I hope to see you there.

We sure hated to lose the Alabama Governor's Conference this year, but the weather just couldn't be trusted, and the decision was made for safety's sake and we certainly can't argue with that. I don't know about y'all, but I'm looking forward to next year's conference already.

On the 15th, we have Justin Shephard coming to speak to us on the topic of, [**“Post Offer Physical Abilities Testing: Clearing up the Confusion”**](#). Justin is the VP of Operations for ErgoScience and is a licensed physical therapist. He was scheduled to present this topic at the Governor’s Conference so it should still be hot off the presses. I’ve asked Justin to leave plenty of time for questions, because I’m sure we’ve all had or heard about that “one person or situation” that he might be able to assist us with. Remember, we’re all looking for those bits of information we can use to make us better professionals.

As for my two cents this month, you know me... Let’s find someone in need and share ourselves with them. Our knowledge, assistance, patience, or perhaps even time. We’re given so much to share, and it would be nearly criminal to hoard it.

Have a great day, week, and remaining month. Let’s make safety intentional and help others understand the “WHY”. Until our next – call, text, or email me if I can ever be of assistance.

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

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In September (8)

- Lenora Burroughs
- Jason Flores
- Dionne Kelley
- Wayne Powell
- Melanie Ruppert
- Nachite Sager
- Antwan Smith

- David Wilbur

Long Service Recognition of Members Through October

- Philip Rasmussen, 1 Year
- Mikka Johnson, 2 Years
- Isaac Moon, 2 Years
- Ivan Nail Ulloa, 2 Years
- Jen Platt, 2 Years
- Michael Stoddard, 2 Years
- Stephen Browne, 3 Years
- John Carroll, 3 Years
- Anthony Clark, 3 Years
- Patrick Clark, 3 Years
- Samuel Ewing, 3 Years
- Bengie Harper, 3 Years
- Mitzi Houk, 3 Years
- Fadel Megahed, 3 Years
- Nathan Pool, 3 Years
- Ravinder Thaper, 3 Years
- Jonny Bradford, 4 Years
- Peter Fleming, 4 Years
- William Gentry, 4 Years
- Wesley Gibson, 4 Years
- Haley Guin, 4 Years
- Kevin Harris, 4 Years
- Damian Hatcher, 4 Years
- Monika Wilford, 4 Years
- Jim Bell, 5 Years
- Bennie Davis, 5 Years
- Robert Davis, 5 Years
- Michael Key, 5 Years
- Patrick Moore, 5 Years
- Travis Strength, 5 Years
- Logan Watters, 5 Years
- Kathryn Cawood, 6 Years
- Laura Miller, 6 Years
- Hunter Hudson, 7 Years
- Andrew Perkins, 9 Years
- Stephanie O'Melia, 11 Years
- Steven Sikora, 12 Years

- Brenda Tolson-Markas, 13 Years
- John Rasband, 18 Years
- Gerard Davis, 19 Years
- Glenn Smith, 30 Years
- Kurt Friend, 31 Years
- Al Niles, 36 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Chapter Meeting

Friday, October 15th from 11:30 AM

Justin Shephard, the VP of Operations for ErgoScience will be speaking to us on the topic, ***“Post Offer Physical Abilities Testing: Clearing up the Confusion”***. [Register here for the Meeting.](#)

Higher Logic Super Forum

Tuesday - Thursday, October 19th through 21

Your Secretary will be going through training virtually on the tools that create these Emails and Newsletters. ***If you are interested in helping with our web communications and social media or even better know how to do it and want to lend a hand, please contact me at secretary@alabama.assp.org.***

ASSP PDC: Respirator Fit Testing PDC

Friday, October 22 | 8:30 am

The Alabama Chapter of ASSP along with [Martin Supply](#) and the [Deep South Center for OH & S](#) at the UAB School of Public Health is offering respirator and fit testing training for anyone who needs Continuing Education Units or a Fit Testing Certification. The training on this date has two options, 1/2 day for training and CEUs OR a full day which will include the Certification. You will make your selection during registration.

Seating is limited to 20 participants and lunch is included.

- \$60 for Respirator Training
- \$80 for Respirator Training and Fit Test Certification

Schedule

8:30a - 9:30	Types of Respirators & OSHA Regulations
9:45a - 11:00	OSHA Regulations: Respiratory Protection Program & Fit Testing Procedures
11:15a - 12:30	Fit Testing Procedures & Qualitative Fit Testing (hands-on)
12:30p - 1:30	Lunch Break
1:30p - 3:30	Quantitative Fit Testing (hands-on)
3:30p	Depart

Alabama AGC

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[Register here for PDC.](#)

RECENT ACTIVITIES

September Chapter Meeting



After a rocky start with the Zoom meeting by the chapter Secretary [yours truly], Jeff Marksberry, Executive Director of Tennessee Valley Training Centers gave us a great presentation on ***Incident Investigations: Be Prepared for Future Litigation***. [You can get his presentation here if you missed it or want a copy.](#)

Executive Committee Meeting

After the September Meeting, the Chapter Executive Committee met for a short time. We had representatives from our Sections there as required. We

planned for the upcoming PDC. We heard updates on ASSP activities.

September Was Emergency Preparedness Month

Calling out Tina Arthur of Hager Companies for her series on ***Emergency Preparedness***. Her links, tools, and descriptions delivered each week day in September covered many if not all of the types of hazards that we are exposed to from the weather, earthquakes, and even domestic violence. The series helped me to understand my exposure to these dangers as well as the terms used to describe them. The tools and instruction also can help us prepare for when these things happen. [If you missed it or parts of it, use this link to catch up.](#)

If you have news, upcoming events, or job openings you would like to share with your fellow society members and our friends, please send it to secretary@alabama.assp.org.



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