



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

February '24 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our February Chapter meeting will be held on the campus of Jacksonville State University with the Student Section of ASSP. This meeting will be on Friday February 16, 2024. We will meet at the Merrill Hall, 700 Pelham Road, North Jacksonville, AL 36265. Parking will be at the hall and across the street near the traffic light. Meeting starts at 11:30 am with a presentation by Dr. Chris Schemel, University of Alabama Safe State Director. He will present on Fire Safety including some investigations he has done on the fires and explosions around the country.

Our March 15, 2024, the Chapter meeting will feature Mr. Joel Batiz, Birmingham OSHA Area Director. This meeting will be held at our usual location, the AGC facility at 5000 Grantswood Road in Irondale, AL. Mr. Batiz has worked for the Fort Worth, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia offices prior to becoming the Birmingham, AL Area Director. He will discuss what they will be doing over the coming year as well as issues he has investigated during his career with OSHA. He will be available to answer your questions so please bring them to the meeting.

The 2024 Central Alabama Construction Conference will be at the Hyundai Training Center in Montgomery, Alabama on March 14, 2024 from 7:30 to 3:00 pm. This **event is free** with registration through Deep South Center for Occupational Safety and Health at UAB. Registration is now open at their website, uab.edu. The registration is under the Continuing Education listing, scroll down to the Alabama Construction Conference to register. This is a free conference with a great opportunity to get around 0.7 CEU's. Although it says construction conference it has plenty of general industry breakout sessions.

The April 19, 2024 meeting will be our recognition luncheon. All Sections are invited to this meeting as one of their annual meetings so try to attend this event. We will thank our long-standing members at this luncheon and well as recognize the Alabama Chapter Safety Professional of the Year. This will be our first recognition dinner in a while so plan on attending this great event.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Vincent Scott, Secretary for the Alabama Chapter, as the 2023-2024 Safety Professional of the Year recipient. Join me in thanking Vincent for all his hard work he does for the Alabama Chapter.

The 2024 ASSP Region IV conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel Lake Buena Vista, Florida on May 1 and 2. Registration for this event is open but limited to 200 attendees due to the size of the Hotel Conference area. For details visit www.RegionFourPdc.com. There is an early bird registration with a reduced conference registration fee. This conference offers CEUs for attending.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels and work activities.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In January '24

- Duha Ali
- Adam Cleveland
- Edward Cortez

- Kristi Fortner
- Murray Gibson
- Chad Jones
- Alfred Knighton
- Julian Lopez
- Ozavin Magruder
- Tammy McDaniel
- Ivan Nail Ulloa
- Bob Sesek
- Tarina Vannatta
- Brandon Wilson

Long Service Members February '24

- Tim Beguin, 5 Years
- Michael Reaves, 5 Years
- Rory Wysong, 5 Years
- Troy Busby, 6 Years
- Ronnie Daniels, 6 Years
- Randy Littleton, 6 Years
- Lee Travis, 6 Years
- Ryan Ross, 10 Years
- Bradley Harris, 13 Years
- Harold Holloman, 13 Years
- Robert Batson, 14 Years
- Randy Easterling, 16 Years
- Kenny Cribb, 17 Years
- Frank Wampol, 17 Years
- William Yarbrough, 24 Years
- Richard Bryan, 26 Years
- James Brown, 55 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

February '24 Meeting Announcement

Date and Time: *February 16 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm*

Location: Jacksonville State University, Merrill Hall, 700 Pelham Road, North Jacksonville, AL 36265 (Parking at the hall and across the street near traffic light.)

Lunch is included!

Title: *Fire Safety and Process Safety Management*

The Jacksonville State University Student Section is hosting us for the meeting. *Dr. Chris Schemel Safe State Director* will talk to us about **Fire Safety and Process Safety Management**. A presentation that is guaranteed to be EXPLOSIVE!!!

Register Now

Tuscaloosa/West AL Section Meeting

Date and Time: February 23rd | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: This meeting will be at **University Hall** on the UA campus, a little change-up from our usual Gateway Center location. The street address is **275 Kilgore Lane, Tuscaloosa, 35401**. Parking passes will be sent via email to all who register for the in-person meeting.

We will also be offering the meeting via Zoom.

Speaker: Jordan Casey, CSP, CHST

RSVP: Please RSVP to Christy.Holland@nucor.com by Wednesday, Feb. 21st so we can plan lunch for in person attendees.

When responding with the RSVP, please indicate if you will be attending in person or virtual zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent to all that choose this option.

Jordan is the Safety Director for Brasfield and Gorrie Equipment services and he will be presenting on **Raising the Bar – Crane Operations**. Folks, this is an excellent session focusing on real world crane incidents and causation analysis. Jordan also delves into practical and innovative interventions to prevent recurrence. Honestly, anyone involved in construction operations needs to be in on Jordan's session and we're delighted that he's sharing his expertise with our ASSP Section.

Thank you, we look forward to your participation on February 23rd.

BISE Webinars

[Using Artificial intelligence to Improve Safety Performance](#)

Complimentary Education | Tuesday, Feb. 20 | 11 a.m. CT

Innovations in technology influence how we learn, collect and analyze data, and apply OSH information to reduce risk and improve decision-making. We'll define artificial intelligence (AI), examine current applications and discuss real-world examples and implications of how AI is applied in OSH. [Register today](#)

[More Questions Than Answers: Navigating Safety Disparities for Black Workers](#)

Complimentary Education | Monday, Feb. 26 | 11 a.m. CT

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 734 Black workers died on the job in 2022, the highest number in more than two decades. Discuss questions that shareholders, leaders, employers, workers (especially Black workers), clients, customers and contractors should be asking to address persistent inequities. [Register today](#)

Engineering Practice Specialty Activity

[Charging Safety at Work: Are We Prepared?](#)

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, March 6 | Noon CT

More than 1 million electric vehicles were sold in the first 11 months of 2023 in the U.S. We must understand the work-related risks of using and charging these vehicles. Gain expert insight on what you need to know and how to mitigate challenges you may encounter. [Register today](#)

WISE Networking and Goalsetting

Spring Forward With WISE - Networking and Goalsetting Event

Networking | Thursday, March 14 | 6 p.m. CT

Get ready for spring with WISE! Network with fellow members, learn more about WISE, and set some personal and professional goals to work towards this year!

Thursday, March 14 at 6 pm CST

Whistle Stop Bottle and Brew – 830 N Railroad Ave, Opelika, AL 36801

March Chapter Meeting With OSHA

March 15, 2024

Speaker will be Mr. Joel Batiz, Birmingham OSHA Area Director.

Save the date!

Recognition Luncheon in April!

The April 19, 2024 meeting will be our recognition luncheon. We will come together for the purpose of recognizing the safety professionals in the area.

RECENT ACTIVITY

January Meeting



Randy both trained and led us through a lively discussion on workplace noise

Randy Easterling from Safe State Consultation went through the noise standard and its requirements. For instance, do you know that the standard requires that we keep our average exposure below 50% dose; not the 90 decibels we often talk about? If you are wondering about that statement, you can watch the video or contact Randy.

[You can follow this link to watch the Youtube video.](#)

[A copy of the presentation is here.](#)

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. No charge but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

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

[Visit the Alabama ASSP Chapter Jobs Page](#)



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