



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

May '24 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Warm weather is also fast approaching which means that heat stress illnesses could become an issue. OSHA has made it a priory to make heat stress part of their warm weather inspections. If you would like to participate in Heat Stress Trainer then the Alabama Chapter of ASSP along with the University of Alabama and Safe State will be conducting a half day Professional Development Conference for a Heat Stress Trainer Class through a Harwood Grant. **This will be a free PDC event** and will occur at the AGC facility 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL. The class will start at 8 AM and end by noon on May 17, 2024. Breakfast will be provided. This class will take the place of our normal monthly meeting and will be limited to the first 40 who sign up. Signup information will be provided in announcements shortly. If you want any information on this PDC event email me at tteneyck@ua.edu or our Secretary Mr. Vincent Scott at secretary@alabama.assp.org.

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 was still

open and the early bird registration fee was still available. For registration details visit www.RegionFourPdc.com. This conference offers CEUs for attending. The website also has the hotel registration information for this event.

The Region IV ROC meeting will be the day before this conference. I will be attending and will share any valuable information I get from this meeting. Other Chapter Presidents will be in attendance so a chance to discuss issues or ideas that can be brought back to our Chapter.

The 2024 Governor's Safety and Health Conference is fast approaching. Registration is now open and many have already registered. The cutoff in the past was 400 attendees and last year registration closed on July 28, 2024. When they say 400 attendees, they mean it and I think the close date when 400 is reached this year will be earlier and may be as early as late June. If you are thinking of attending this event do not wait until the last minute. The conference will be held from Monday August 26 through Wednesday August 28, 2024. One of the guest speakers will be Mr. James Spann, the Weather Authority, for Birmingham's television station ABC 33/40. He does a really great presentation on weather including some tornadic events he has covered over the years. Bruce S. Wilkinson is the other key note speaker. Mr. Wilkinson is a leadership, communication and culture implementation strategist as well as a professional motivational keynote speaker and trainer. He is the chief executive officer and chief culture officer of Workplace Consultants, Inc. and Wilkinson Seminars and Presentations. For more information see the University of Alabama Conference Registration website at https://calendar.ua.edu/department/college_of_continuing_studies.

BCSP is now requiring Ethics credits when you recertify your CSP. ASP holders may also have an Ethics requirement. If the Alabama Chapter conducts a half day fall PDC on Ethics is there interest from our CSP and ASP holders in attending this PDC? Send an email that you are interested to either MR. Vincent Scott at vincent.scott@kratosdefence.com or myself at tteneyck@ua.edu and we will see what we can setup for an Ethics PDC. There may be a cost associated with this training but we will try to keep it at a minimum cost.

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

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In February '24

- Cameron Boozer
- Ezra Donner
- Gary Miles
- Amanda Nairmore
- Vijayen Ramachandra
- Terry Smith
- Gary Steeple

Long Service Members May '24

- Tyler Johnston, 5 Years
- Zachary Purington, 5 Years
- Ashley Garner, 6 Years
- Faith Givan, 6 Years
- Matthew Harris, 6 Years
- Rayna Meadows, 7 Years
- Brandan Belser, 8 Years
- David Taylor, 8 Years
- Matthew Bellew, 10 Years
- Beth Overstreet, 10 Years
- Billy Laney, 14 Years
- Peter Van Derlyke, 24 Years
- Stephen Jenkins, 30 Years
- Joseph Smith, 31 Years
- Ward Wilson, 31 Years
- R Steven Willis, 46 Years
- Larry Gibbs, 51 Years
- Frederic Graham, 51 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

May '24 PDC Announcement

Date and Time: *May 17 | 8:00 am - 11:00 am*

Location: *Alabama AGC, 5000 Grantswood Rd #100, Irondale, AL 35210*

Title: *Heat Stress Trainer Class*

Presented by: *Alabama Chapter ASSP and University of Alabama Safe State*

Please join us for this training class. This class topics will cover heat stress symptoms, actions taken to prevent heat stress, preventative methods, and OSHA guidelines. This will be a three hour class with registration at the class for your trainer certificate and CEU's for attending this Alabama Chapter PDC event. The class will be limited to the first 40 registered attendees. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am along with check-in.

[Register Here To Attend!](#)

No Zoom for this meeting.
Attendees receive a certificate!

HEAT STRESS PREVENTION RESOURCES ON HOW YOU CAN PREVENT HEAT ILLNESS AT WORK

TRAINING TOPICS

- Information on Heat Stress.
 - OSHA Guidelines as they apply to illness.
 - Who is affected by heat illness?
 - Symptoms of heat illness.
 - Immediate actions to take when someone is suffering from heat illness.
 - Preventative methods to combat the risk of heat exposure.
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Engineering Practice Specialty Activity

[Thought you might like to hear about this one!]

[Artificial Intelligence for Safety Professionals](#)

Complimentary Education | Thursday, May 9 | Noon CT

Artificial intelligence (AI) is changing our workplaces. Explore AI basics, current applications and potential benefits, such as operational efficiencies and data analytics. [Register today](#).

Risk Management Practice Specialty Activity

[Moving the Risk Radar: Assessment Strategies for Risk & Hazards](#)

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, June 5 | 11 a.m. CT

The OSH and risk management professional requires many tools to identify, analyze and mitigate or reduce risk in the workplace. Learn assessment methods and gain an understanding of how a robust risk management process can reduce uncertainty. [Register today](#)

Student Member Needs Your Help

Dear ASSP Family,

My name is Victoria Ballard, I know many of you know me, but for those who don't I am a doctoral candidate at Auburn University's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, working under the supervision of Dr. Richard Sesek. I am also a student member of the ASSP Student Chapter and Dr. Sesek is our faculty advisor.

I am requesting your help today in support of my graduate research project at Auburn University. We are conducting a study entitled "Determination of prevalence and relationship between psychosocial stress and anxiety related to health factors of workers".

Our study aims to examine the impact of workplace-related stress and anxiety, particularly within manufacturing environments. Your company's participation would provide invaluable insights into these psychosocial factors across all levels of your organization. I would greatly appreciate your support of my research by **taking the survey yourself** and **disseminating my survey flyer** and link to your company's personnel.

This could be done through direct company email, posting in breakrooms, posting on monitors, or even posting in worker Facebook Groups. Any of these methods is acceptable for spreading the word. Any adult, regardless of working status, is eligible to participate.

This IRB-approved online survey takes approximately **10 minutes to complete** and covers various aspects of work-related stress and anxiety, including a few questions on health-related factors. Participation is voluntary, and all responses will be **anonymous** to protect your and your employees' privacy. No identifiable information is collected except for a completely separate survey collecting names and emails for registering for the raffle.

We are also offering participants the chance to enter a **raffle for a \$50 Amazon.com gift card** as a token of our appreciation. Please read the information below. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions at VBallard@auburn.edu. I appreciate your help with my research! War Eagle!

Please let me know if you or anyone you know could help me distribute this survey to manufacturing workers. We seek additional contacts at manufacturing facilities to expand the survey's reach. Thank you.

[HTTP://aub.ie/research_surveyASSP](http://aub.ie/research_surveyASSP)

Best Regards,

Victoria Ballard

PARTICIPATE IN A WORKPLACE PSYCHOSOCIAL RESEARCH STUDY

INVESTIGATING WORKPLACE STRESS AND ANXIETY RELATED HEALTH FACTORS



**COMPLETE AN ANONYMOUS SURVEY ONLINE
IN ABOUT 10 MIN
\$50AMAZON GIFT CARD RAFFLE!**
MUST BE AGE 18 AND OVER TO PARTICIPATE

No Direct Benefits to Participants, Voluntary Participation.

Please take a few minutes today to help provide necessary data
for PhD Research at Auburn University.

To participate go to: aub.ie/research_surveyASSP



RECENT ACTIVITY

April Recognition Luncheon



Tom giving Fred and Larry their 50 Year Certificates

OK, I am the SPY, Safety Professional of the Year for our chapter, and I am still getting congratulations at work. A big **Thank You** to all of you for the honor. Congratulations to Tom on how well the event turned out. Lots of food and big chunks of cheesecake... Whew!

We had a nice time at the Alabama AGC for our Member Recognition. There was meeting and greeting and story sharing and pats on the back. Those who were recognized are listed below. We took lots of pictures. [Follow this link to see them.](#) If you have any you would like to share, please send to me via secretary@alabama.assp.org and I will add them to our archives. I am already looking forward to the next one.

Thanks again Tom and congratulations to everyone!

Recognition Awards

- 10 Years
 - Donald Burke PhD
 - Christopher Casey CSP, CHST
 - Ryan Ross CHSM, SEM, EMT
 - Jedidiah White
- 15 Years
 - Victor Gipson
- 20 Years

- Paula Byrd CSP, CIT, CHMM
- Joe Davis
- Charles Gironda
- Matt Hollub CSP, CIH
- Jay Kennedy
- John Tindall
- 25 Years
 - Ross Boeker CSP
 - Donnie Glover
- 30 Years
 - Earle Durboraw
 - Bob Fitzgerald CSP, CHST
 - Joseph Smith
 - James Tillery CSP
 - Ward Wilson CSP, ARM, AOEE
- 35 Years
 - Hal Morrow PSC
 - Vincent Scott CSP
- 45 Years
 - Steven Willis CSP (Retired)
- 50 Years
 - Larry Gibbs CSP (Retired)
 - Frederick Graham CSP (Retired)
- 55 Years
 - James Brown
- Chapter Safety Professional of Year 2024
 - Vincent Scott CSP

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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