



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

June '24 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our June 21, 2024 meeting will be at **AGC** facility 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL. **Mr. Danny Smith** will be our presenter and his topic will be *It's Not Rocket Surgery, It's Brain Science: Understanding the Complexities of Safety*. The meeting will start at the usual 11:30 am time. If you want any information on this meeting email me at tteneyck@ua.edu or our *Secretary* Mr. Vincent Scott at vincent.scott@kratosdefense.com.

We will not have a July 2024 meeting at **AGC**. We will combine our meeting with the **Northeast Section** for their July meeting. **Mr. Charley Bishop** is the *NE Section Chairman*. We will help Charley with his first meeting by attending as a chapter. So please try to attend his first meeting which will be at the **Honda Facility** in Lincoln, AL. There will be a **Honda** tour after them meeting which should be interesting. More information on this July meeting will be forth coming.

The *2024 Governor's Safety and Health Conference* is fast approaching. Registration is open and many have already registered. The cutoff in the past was 400 attendees and last year registration closed on July 28, 2024. The

conference will be held at the *Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL* 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**. There will be two pre-conference classes. Friday August 23 the class is *OSHA 7005 Public Warehousing and Storage*, a full day class. Saturday August 24 will be a half day class, *OSHA 7845 Recordkeeping Rule Seminar*. For more information see the **University of Alabama Conference Registration** website at https://calendar.ua.edu/department/college_of_continuing_studies.

This fall **Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)**, **UA Safety State** and **Alabama Chapter ASSP** will have a half day seminar/PDC on *Silica*. We hope to cover the OSHA regulations, engineering controls with equipment demonstrations, health effects during this seminar. Continuing education credit will be issued for this event. The final location is TBD. Checkout our monthly newsletter for updates on this seminar/PDC as we finalize this event.

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

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
Chapter President

[From the Editor: There is also a Trenching and Excavation Webinar being hosted by OSHA Regions 1 and 2. Webinar is Wednesday of this week so see details below if you are interested.]

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members In May '24

- Bishop Parrish
- Brian Swinks

Long Service Members June '24

- JR Dove, 5 Years
- Qinn Hutchinson, 5 Years
- Jeff Mutchler, 5 Years
- Braxton McCaleb, 6 Years
- Vivian McSwain, 6 Years
- Brian Mattioli, 7 Years
- Danny Smith, 7 Years
- Sheryl Foucher, 8 Years
- Kirk Agosto, 9 Years
- Allyn Holladay Wyman, 9 Years
- Donald Burke, 11 Years
- Cortez Tolbert, 12 Years
- Kelly Rolen, 25 Years
- Tracy Rouse, 28 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

June '24 Meeting Announcement

Date and Time: *June 21 | 11:35 am - 1:00 pm*

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

Lunch is included!

We will also be offering the meeting via Zoom.

Title: *It's Not Rocket Surgery, It's Brain Science: Understanding the Complexities of Safety*

Speaker: *Mr. Danny Smith*

Mr. Danny Smith is a Senior Consultant with SafeStart. He has presented at various conferences as well as at multiple companies across the US. He will be presenting this summer at the Governor's S&H Conference at the Perdido Beach Resort. Join us for this interesting presentation.

Register Here For Attendance or Zoom!

OSHA Free Trench And Excavation Webinar

[In case you are not on distribution. This happens Wednesday! There are also some good informational videos on the registration site.]

Date and Time: *June 5th | 12:00 pm*

Occasion: OSHA Trench & Excavation Safety Stand Down Kick-off Webinar

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM (EST), join OSHA Northeast Regions 1 & 2 for an exciting, **FREE online webinar** promoting **Trench and Excavation Safety Awareness**. This event aims to inform, educate, and enhance awareness of working safely in and around trenches and excavations, preventing the all too often fatal caught-in and crushed-by trench collapse incidents. [Register now to secure your spot and be part of this informative event!](#)

[NOTE: Multipart registration. When you register for class, they will send a Webex invite and you may also get a link for tickets.]

This Webinar includes a review of OSHA's National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavations as well as the common hazards and most frequently cited standards in these industries. Also, will review a case study where an employer willfully ignored trench safety requirements which resulted in the unnecessary deaths of two workers, and the employer being prosecuted criminally. In addition, the webinar will cover compliance assistance resources and best practices for hosting a stand down event during the National Trench Safety Stand Down Week during June 17th – 21st, 2024.

▶▶▶ LIVE WEBINAR

TRENCH SAFETY



Wednesday, June 5 12 - 1:30p.m. ET

OSHA.gov



BISE Webinars

Blacks in Safety Excellence

***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](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

May Professional Development Conference



Scott helping us understand how to prevent heat illnesses

Thanks to **UA Safestate** and a *Susan Harwood Training Grant*, we were able to host a PDC on *Heat Illness*. **Scott Herndon** did a great job of sharing the hazards and prevention techniques as well as some of the reasons this can be a problem we don't expect at our work sites. If you have a group that needs this training, contact [UA Safestate](#) about setting up your own class.

There was no video for this training. Those who attended will get a certificate. [A copy of the presentation is here in case it would be helpful to you.](#)
[This handout summarizes the information.](#)



Occupational Asbestos Exposure

Occupational Asbestos Exposure: Risks and Treatment of Mesothelioma Cancer

[We were sent some information from Asbestos.com]

Occupational asbestos exposure is a significant health risk, especially in construction and manufacturing. Inhaling asbestos fibers can lead to [mesothelioma cancer](#), a rare and aggressive disease affecting the lining of the lungs, abdomen, or heart. Symptoms often take decades to appear, complicating early diagnosis.

Treatment options include surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy, with new advancements in immunotherapy and targeted therapy providing hope. Understanding [how to treat mesothelioma](#) effectively is crucial. Prevention through strict safety regulations and protective equipment is essential. Awareness and education about asbestos risks are vital to [safeguard workers' health](#) and reduce mesothelioma cases.

More Resources:

<https://www.asbestos.com/occupations/>

<https://www.asbestos.com/exposure/>

Other Helpful Information

[Asian American Achievements in Safety](#)

May was *Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month*! Whether by participating in occupational safety and health or influencing its effectiveness, these 10 Asian Americans have a significant place in history. [Read more](#)

[10 Things Safety Professionals Should Know About Fire Sprinkler Systems](#)

From “The Incredibles” to “Changing Lanes,” pop culture is full of myths about fire sprinkler systems. Expert Chris Butts helps set the record straight. [Learn more](#)

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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