



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

February '25 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Vincent,

Elections for the **2025-2027 Executive Committee** are open. If anyone is interested in serving on the **Alabama Chapter Executive Committee** please contact **Mr. Randy Easterling** (reasterling@ua.edu). The **Opelika/Auburn/Montgomery** and **Tuscaloosa/West Alabama Sections** will also hold their elections this spring for their *Chairman* and *Secretary* positions. If anyone is interested in serving at these Sections please contact **Ms. Tina Arthur-Peterworth** (tarthur-peterworth@atn.org) or **Mr. Matt Hollub** (mhollub@ua.edu).

Our February 21, 2025 meeting will be a combined meeting with **Jacksonville State University (JSU) Student Section** and **Alabama Chapter**. It will be held on the campus of **JSU** at the *Hugh Merrell Building Room 300*. Our presenter will be **Dr. Chris Schemel, Safe State Director**. His presentation will be ***Fire & Explosion Dynamics in Action: Critical Behavior Every Safety Professional Must Know***. Join us for this interesting presentation on the campus of JSU.

The **Alabama Chapter ASSP** has these presentations or events scheduled so far for 2025:

- March 28, 2025 **Dr. Georgia Rhodes** custom active & passive hearing protection
- ***Recordkeeping Update*** including requirements for Construction Industry presented by **OSHA** April 11, 2025 at **ABC in Homewood, AL**.
- ***Member Recognition Luncheon*** May 16, 2025.
- June 20, 2025 New **Executive Committee** handover meeting with presentation TBD

AGC in Irondale will be holding several training events in February. This will include:

- February 17 or 18 ***Fall Protection***, through a Harwood Grant, Free to Register!
- February 26 a day-long event dedicated to enhancing risk management strategies for construction professionals, Free to Register!

For information on registration see our website or the flyer attached in our newsletter. Both are Free to Register and attend through **AGC**. **CEUs** will be provided for those who have certifications.

The ***Central Alabama Construction Conference*** will be held Thursday March 20, 2025. This is a free conference at the **Hyundai Training Facility** in *Montgomery, AL*. It usually starts around 8 am and lasts to about 3 pm. There are 5 tracks as well as a Spanish Track with both General Industry and Construction breakout sessions. One of the tracks is an OSHA track. There will be around 20-25 vendors at the event and it is FREE with **CEU** credit for attending through **University of Alabama Deep South Center for Occupation Safety and Health**. Registration will also be through their website. Registration should be opening sometime this month and the **Chapter** will provide additional information on this conference as it becomes available.

The ***Region IV Professional Development Conference*** will be held in *Baton Rouge, LA* April 16-17, 2025. It will be at the *Hilton Capital Center Downtown 201 Lafayette St, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*. Registration is now open for this event and is on the **ASSP Region IV 2025 PDC** website.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members December '24

- John Ballew
- Matthew Barkley
- Michael Brown
- J. Michael Drewry
- Tim Driskell
- Ashton Gullledge
- Matthew Kaufman
- Luisa Mignot Rocha
- Willie Moore
- Ryan Pollard
- Demond Robinson
- Corbin Shaw
- Robert Trimble

Long Service Members February '25

- Tim Beguin, 6 Years
- Michael Reaves, 6 Years
- Rory Wyson, 6 Years
- Troy Busby, 7 Years
- Ronnie Daniels, 7 Years
- Randy Littleton, 7 Years
- Lee Travis, 7 Years
- Ryan Ross, 11 Years
- Bradley Harris, 14 Years
- Harold Holloman, 14 Years
- Robert Batson, 15 Years
- Randy Easterling, 17 Years
- Frank Wampol, 18 Years
- Ronald Mattrella, 29 Years
- James Brown, 56 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting Announcement

Date and Time: February 21 | 11:30 am

Location: Jacksonville State University, Hugh Merrell Hall Room 300, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Title: *Fire & Explosion Dynamics In Action: Critical Behaviour Every Safety Professional Must Know*

Speaker: *Dr. Chris Schemel*

Dr. Schemel is the **Director of the Safe State Program**. He has been involved in the evaluation and assessment of fire disasters throughout the US and as well as other countries. He has worked on the devastating fires in *Hawaii* and *California*. He has also evaluated explosions at facilities across the US.

Please join the **JSU Student Section and Alabama Chapter** for this interesting presentation on Fire Safety and Serious outcomes when it goes wrong. Register using the button below.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Thanks in advance for everyone's continued support of the Alabama Chapter.

Register Here To Attend!

Zoom is available.
Free Lunch In-Room.
Attendees receive CEUs!

If you have questions, contact Thomas Ten Eyck @ 205-348-8563 or Vincent Scott @ 205-581-2812

Practice Specialty Communities

Women in Safety Excellence

[WISE Ignite: A Virtual Women's Personal Development Retreat](#)

Networking | Thursday, Feb. 13 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. CT

Join us for a transformative virtual retreat designed to empower women on their personal development journeys. This event provides a supportive environment to connect, learn and grow while exploring themes of self-discovery, resilience and empowerment. [Register today](#)

[Safety & Health Sustainability](#)

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 | 11 a.m. CT

Kathy Seabrook will demonstrate how leveraging sustainability can elevate safety and health in your company. [Register today](#)

Engineering Practice Specialty

[Advanced Technology for Inspections & Reporting](#)

Complimentary Education | Friday, Feb. 21 | 11 a.m. CT

Discuss developments in flash inspector technology, the role it will initially play in fire department inspections, investigations and damage assessments, and its subsequent availability to safety professionals globally. [Register today](#)

Blacks in Safety Excellence

[Empowering Minds: Creating Safe & Supportive Workplaces for All](#)

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, Feb. 26 | 1 p.m. CT

Explore the intersection of neurodiversity and psychological safety, including innovative strategies to create inclusive work environments. By embracing inclusivity through universal design and tailored accommodations, your organization can unlock the full potential of all employees. [Register today](#)

Auburn/Montgomery Section Meeting

Date and Time: February 20 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: AIDT George Howard Training Center, 15 Technology Court, Montgomery

Speaker: Michael Rasbury CHMM, CPISM

***Is your chemical inventory up to date and accurate?
How Non-Compliance with HazCom Causes EHS
Chaos & Recent Updates to the HazCom Standard***

The presentation includes an introduction to the HazCom standard and recent updates to the standard, common areas of non-compliance in safety and health programs, the importance of accurate chemical inventories for environmental reporting, and an overview of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, Tier II Reporting and Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Form-R Reporting.

Lunch will be provided. Networking at 11:00 am; lunch served at 11:30 am.

RSVP: tarthur-peterworth@atn.org by February 18th.

AGC RiskCon2025

February 26 - 9 AM-4:30 PM at Alabama AGC

[RiskCon2025](#) is a day-long event dedicated to enhancing risk management strategies for construction professionals. Sponsored by CompTrustAGC and Alabama AGC. Will be at AGC Building 5000 Granswood Road, Irondale, AL 35210.

[For more information, see flyer here.](#)

[This is the agenda for the day.](#)

Contact **Pat** at patilh@alagc.org with further questions or to register.



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State of the Science March 3 and 4, 2025

SouthON, March 5, 2025

SERRS, March 6 and 7, 2025

Register here: <https://events.uab.edu/6g1Y8if7/5a2ePZ1ogpt>

[Original Flyer!](#)



[PDC Website](#)

[Register Online](#)

[Check the Events Page regularly!](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

January Chapter Meeting



Paula says that the proper guarding does not create new hazards, saves time and money, and protects our employees



Tom presenting the cup

A big thanks to **Paula Byrd** for the education and insight on the state of machine guarding in our facilities. It is easy to become complacent when there have been no injuries for a while. Machine guarding may not be the most cited problem but it is in the top ten. Paula did a great job of breaking down the goals for machine guarding and describing how risk assessment can be used to methodically reduce the hazards. This was either a great refresher or a needed introduction to machine guarding and risk management.

[If you missed it, follow this link.](#)

[You can also get a PDF of the presentation here.](#)

Other News

ASSP Is Leaving X, Formerly Known as Twitter

After careful consideration and a close review of where members spend their time, we will focus our social media efforts on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) starting in early January. Please follow us there for the latest ASSP updates and workplace safety resources.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunity

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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