



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

September '25 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Vincent,

We were officially notified by National **ASSP** in August that our Chapter reached the ***Platinum Chapter level!*** It has been several years since we were a Platinum Chapter. Thanks to the executive committee and leadership of the Chapter and Sections for making this happen.

The **2025 Alabama Governor's Safety and Health Conference** has passed. Hope all that had the opportunity to attend enjoyed themselves. The weather cooperated this year with no rain during the conference, only on the weekend. Next year's conference will be at the Perdido Resort August 24-26, 2026. It sold out this year and if they keep the attendance at the current level of 400 it should sell out again by July. Plan accordingly.

The September 19, 2025 meeting will feature Mr. Danny Smith, SafeStart Senior Safety Consultant, presenting on ***Blame vs Accountability***. Mr. Smith has presented for ASSP both locally and Nationally, as well as being an annual presenter at the Governor's S&H Conference including this year. The meeting will be at our usual location AGC facility in Irondale, AL.

The **Alabama Chapter ASSP** has these upcoming presentations scheduled in the coming months:

- October 10 ASSP AL/MS event, *Litigation Consequences of a Catastrophic Incident*: Speaker; Bruce Henderson, JD
- November 2026 Dr. Peter Vanderlyke, Presentation TBD
- December 2025 trying to setup a meeting with the new OSHA Birmingham Leadership
- January 2026 Mr. Ronnie Daniels, *Worker Compensation: What are the Costs of an Injury*
- February 2026 Combined JSU and Alabama Chapter Meeting, Mr. Steven Sawyer with Brasfield and Gori will present at this meeting.

The October meeting on the 10th is open to all Chapters and Sections in Alabama and Mississippi. This should be an interesting topic that affects Employers, Human Resource Managers, Safety Professionals, and others. There will be some seating at the University of Alabama but will mainly be a zoom meeting with CEU's for attending. **Registration is open and please make sure that if you attend by zoom you click on the light blue color web link.** We have had several sign up for in-room attendance but meant to attend by zoom.

We will be requesting that you provide an address when attending the Chapter and Section meetings in person or virtually in the coming months. The address is needed for **CEU's**. We are using September 2025 as a test to submit our information directly to ASSP. Supposedly this will allow the CEU's to be transferred directly to BCSP so that you will not have to put that information in yourself when re-certifying for your certifications. That should save time for our certified members. If you don't need CEUs we do not need your address.

We are setting up our first **Professional Development** event for early February 2026. It will be on **Electrical Safety**. Dr. David Carpenter will present. Additional information on this event will be coming. The cost to attend will be \$50 and includes lunch. The event will provide CEUs.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members August '25

- Tynisha Abner
- Don Evans
- AJ Hester
- Joshua Mobley
- Nathaniel Perry
- Sabrina Stout
- Eric White

Long Service Members September '25

- Jami Powers, 5 Years
- Patrick Laws, 6 Years
- Alicia Yarbrough, 6 Years
- Steven Orr, 7 Years
- Jedidiah White, 12 Years
- Jeffrey Rasmussen, 15 Years
- Stephen Tunnell, 15 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alabama Chapter Meeting

Date and Time: *September 19 | 11:30 am*

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

Title: *Blame vs Accountability*

Speaker: *Mr. Danny Smith*

Danny is a SafeStart Senior Safety Consultant. He has presented for ASSP both locally and Nationally. He is a regular presenter at the Governor's S&H Conference.

Register through our newsletter or visit our website Alabama.ASSP.Org.
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.

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

Please Share Your EHS Experience

[Note: The Executive Team has spoken to Mr. Murray and the National Chapter is also advertising for members to participate. We encourage you to help with his study.]

Advance the Future of Safety Leadership – Share Your Experience!

The Alabama Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is proud to participate in a nationwide research study in collaboration with the student sections at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Jacksonville State University. Together, we are exploring how safety professionals grow and evolve throughout their careers, and **your insights are vital** to this effort.

We are seeking input from ASSP members and safety professionals at **all stages of their careers**, from students to senior safety leaders, aged 18 to 90.

Why Participate?

- Your feedback will help shape future learning models, professional development programs, and emerging leadership theories in the safety profession.
- The survey is entirely anonymous and does not collect any personal identifying information.

- You will answer basic demographic and career-related questions, followed by 24 multiple-choice items assessing locus of control.
- The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Whether you're just starting out or are a seasoned leader, **your voice matters** in shaping the future of safety practice.

Make your experience part of the solution.

[Safety Professional Survey Link](#)

Thank you for supporting the next generation of safety leaders — and for contributing to the continued growth and excellence of our profession!

Sincerely,

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Women in Safety Excellence

[**OSHA/MSHA Silica Standards: What's Required in 2025 & Beyond**](#)

Complimentary Education | Tuesday, Sept. 9 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Join Adele Abrams as she provides information on current and future silica-related regulatory and enforcement issues and suggests best practices for ensuring compliance and protecting workers.

October Chapter PDC

Title: *Litigation Consequences of a Catastrophic Incident*

Speaker: Bruce Henderson, JD

Date: October 10, 2025

Time: 9-11 am

Location: UA, University Hall room 1311, 275 Kilgore Drive Tuscaloosa, Al

In-Room limited to 50 but Zoom is available.

Be ready for a thorough discussion of the legal ramifications of a workplace incident how you can be prepared in case it happens to you.

Bruce is a partner with Phelps, Jenkins, Gibson & Fowler in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and graduate of the University of Memphis School of Law and Rhodes College. He has practiced labor and employment representing management for over 40 years. His practice areas are employment litigation, labor and employment law, business litigation, and alternative dispute resolution. He is involved with many civic organizations. He is a frequent speaker on legal topics to professional associations and conferences.

[Link to original flyer.](#)

[Follow this link to register early.](#)

[Check the Events Page regularly!](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

August Chapter Meeting



Tom Robinson from AGC has a powerful message about the connection between suicide and the Construction Industry with his talk: *The Other Killer: Suicide and Mental Health In Construction*. Whether or not you have known someone who has attempted to or has taken their life, it will mean something to you. He also pointed out how the tragedy of homicides overshadows suicide so much despite the numbers and people involved. Everyone should hear this important topic; you will learn how it has affected Tom personally.

Know these numbers

- Suicide Hotline - 988
- Crisis Text Line - 741741

[Click here for video if you missed it.](#)

The presentations are available here.

- [AGC's Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Course](#)
- [The Other Killer](#)

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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