



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

January '26 Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

Welcome to the new year. Hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Our next meeting is coming up in less than 2 weeks. It will not be at our normal meeting place but at the [Academy of Craft Training Center](#) 3500 6th

Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35222. If you know where Carlile's BBQ is located, the academy is directly across the street. There is plenty of parking all around the facility.

This meeting will have a presentation from the new Birmingham Region OSHA Regional Administrator, Ms. Dorinda Hughes, along with the Assistant Regional Administrator, Mr. Cecil Tifton. This will be a great opportunity to meet the new OSHA Birmingham regional leadership. **Unfortunately, the in-person registration has closed but zoom invitation is still available. You can zoom register by visiting the Alabama Chapter website or in the meeting information in this newsletter.**

The Alabama Chapter ASSP tentatively scheduled meeting for the next few months include the following:

- February 20, 2026 Combined JSU and Alabama Chapter Meeting, Mr. Steven Sawyer with Brasfield and Gori will present at this meeting.
- March 20, 2026 TBD
- April 17, 2026 Membership Recognition and Awards Luncheon
- May TBD

Our first Professional Development event in several years will be February 5, 2026. It is "Are you prepared for an Electrical fatality or accident?" Dr. David Carpenter will present. The learning objectives will be:

- The effects of electrical current on the human body.
- How to investigate an electrical accident.
- How to be prepared for an OSHA visit
- How to be prepared for litigation
- How the electrical system works.
- What are the dangers of new technology.
- How micro grid systems and digital electricity are changing our view of electrical safety.

Registration and additional information on this event will be available shortly. The cost to attend will be \$50 and this includes lunch. **Any remaining proceeds will go into our scholarship fund.** The event will provide CEUs.

The Auburn University ASSP Student Section, Montgomery/Auburn/Opelika ASSP Section, and the Alabama Chapter will have their first mini-expo at Auburn University for Friday April 3, 2026. Information on this Expo can be found at the following:

- Event website and registration at aub.ie/safety2026
- For questions on the event at assp@auburn.edu

This mini-expo will bring together students, faculty, industry professionals, and safety leaders for a full day focused on industry and academia collaboration in the safety arena. There will be 4 speaker sessions and a keynote presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Mapers.

Again, the Chapter would like to congratulate the 2025-2026 Safety Professional of the Year and our Life-time Service award winners.

- SPY award winner Mr. Thomas Robinson, AGC, Loss Control Consultant/Director of Training
- Mr. John Placey, Retired, Past Chapter Treasurer as well as all the other officer positions and ASSP member for 50+ years

Please congratulate these individuals on their achievements.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members December '25

- Bill Hopton-Jones
- Danny Rowe

Long Service Members January '26

- Robert Garmon, 5 Years
- Jason Thigpen, 5 Years
- Oscar Cox, 6 Years
- Richard Bullis, 7 Years
- Steve Griffith, 7 Years
- Stuart McGaughy, 7 Years
- Terry Puncey, 7 Years
- Don Turley, 7 Years

- Travis Herod, 8 Years
- Misty Potter, 9 Years
- Steven Searle, 9 Years
- Andrew Hall, 12 Years
- Stephen Bailey, 13 Years
- William Yarbrough, 13 Years
- Gregory Blake, 14 Years
- Paula Byrd, 21 Years
- Mickey Hannum, 24 Years
- Jessie Godbey, 25 Years
- Earle Durboraw, 31 Years
- Richard Sesek, 33 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alabama Chapter Meeting

Date and Time: *Thursday, January 15 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm*

Location: *Academy of Craft Training Center 3500 6th Ave S, Birmingham, Alabama 35222*

Title: *Regional OSHA Update*

Speakers: *Ms. Dorinda Hughes, OSHA Regional Administrator and Cecil Tipton, Assistant Regional Administrator, Birmingham Region*

There will be introductions, a presentation on our region as OSHA sees it, and time for questions.

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

Site registration is full!

[Zoom is available. Use this link.](#)

(If more than one person will be using the same Zoom line,
please inform the moderator)

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

Section and Interest Group Activity

Engineering Practice Specialty

Human-Machine Interaction (HMI)

Tuesday, Jan. 13 | Noon CT | Complimentary Education | 0.1 CEUs

This webinar traces the evolution of human-machine interaction—from early industrial systems to modern AI and co-robotics—highlighting how design, technology and human performance shape safe, effective work. It also offers a forward look at emerging interfaces like voice control and gesture recognition, emphasizing trust, reliability and human-centered design.

Auburn/Montgomery Section Meeting

CYBERSECURITY

Presented by: Stephanie Watts

Cybersecurity State Coordinator (AL)

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

January 30, 2026

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Location: Premier Tech Systems

920 Industrial Park Blvd

Montgomery 36117

Tour of Premier Tech after Speaker

Lunch will be Provided

RSVP: Tina at tarthur-peterworth@atn.org

No later than January 28th

[Original flyer can be found here.](#)

Auburn University ASSP Convention

2026 1ST ANNUAL AUBURN UNIVERSITY® ASSP SAFETY CONVENTION

April 3, 2026
9 AM - 3 PM

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Follow the link to see pricing, location, and other details like the availability of CEUs. [Click here if you can't use phone.](#)

[Check the Events Page regularly!](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

December Meeting



Thank you Ronnie. Thorough presentation on a subject we often think about. It stands out to me what you said about the fact that money is not the only cost of injury to our employees.





[If you missed it, watch the presentation here.](#)

[This is the link to video referenced during meeting.](#)

(WARNING: Fake blood and guts. Funny, surreal, familiar if you can watch it.)

[We also have a PDF of the PowerPoint here.](#)

[**See Our Youtube Channel For Previous Meetings**](#)

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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