



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

April '26 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

April has arrived and that means it is our annual recognition luncheon where we thank our long standing members and award our Safety Professional of the Year, Mr. Thomas Robinson and Life Time Service Award, Mr. John Placey. Some additional awards will also be provided to additional deserving individuals during the luncheon. The luncheon will be at the AGC facility in Irondale, AL. Look for your invitation to the luncheon.

We will also award 2 scholarships to Jacksonville State University students. This year the scholarships are awarded to:

- Sam Curlee
- Cole Yarbrough

By the time you get this newsletter The Auburn University ASSP Student Section will have held their first mini-expo at Auburn University on Friday April 3, 2026. The Auburn, Opelika, and Montgomery ASSP Section held their

meeting during this event. Hope everyone who was able to attend this event enjoyed the mini-expo and looking forward to next year's event.

The ASSP Region IV Professional Development Conference will be at the Marriott Peachtree Hotel Midtown Atlanta, Georgia April 22-23, 2026. This conference is closer than the ASSP Safety 2026 conference which will be in Anaheim, California. For information and registration see regionfourpdc.com.

Registration for the 2026 Governor's Safety and Health Conference at the Perdido Resort in Orange beach has opened. Information on this event can be found at the training.ua.edu/governor's.

Our meeting schedule consists of the following:

- Friday May 22, 2026, Mr. Jeff Rodgers AGC President, Do You Really Understand the Worker Compensation Rules
- Thursday June 11, 2026 Mr. Steven Sawyer, Brasfield and Gorrie, Presentation TBD
- July 2026 no meeting

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members March '26

- Bryan Alexander
- Kathleen Files
- Christopher Haynes
- Timothy McAbee

Long Service Members April '26

- Stephen Day, 6 Years
- Brad Smith, 8 Years
- Mark Smith, 10 Years
- Thomas TenEyck, 12 Years

- Jean Wisdom, 12 Years
- Robert Duncan, 32 Years

Special Recognition

- 10 Years
 - Lee Davis
 - Sheryl Foucher
 - Robert Miles
 - Anthony Mitchell
 - Mark Smith
 - Jackson Veasey
 - Gary Vernon
 - Thomas McDonald
 - Misty Potter
 - Travis Strength
 - Michael Key
- 15 Years
 - Stephen Bailey
 - Roger Davis
 - Eric Heaton
 - Harold Holloman
 - Celeste Sage Beevers
 - Billy Laney
- 20 Years
 - Brent Fisher
 - Troy Ogden
 - Charles Rankin
 - Michael Huckabaa
- 30 Years
 - Ronald Mattrella
 - Tracy Rouse
- 35 Years
 - Richard Sesek
- 40 Years
 - Charles Shivers
- 45 Years
 - Ronald Hallmark

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alabama Chapter Membership Recognition

Date and Time: *Friday, April 17 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm*

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

Event: *Membership Recognition and Awards Luncheon*

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities as well as support those who are being recognized. If you get a special invite, we really hope you can make it. RSVP as directed in the invite and there is no need to register here.

Nice lunch included with free registration!

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

Register here to attend in person!

No Zoom For This Event.

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

[The Safety Climate You Can't See: Addressing Underreporting Through Psychological Safety & Near-Miss Learning](#)

Thursday, April 9th, 2026 | 11 a.m. | Complimentary Education

Sponsored by Veriforce

Organizations often rely on lagging indicators such as TRIR or DART rates to measure safety performance, yet these metrics can obscure underlying risk by missing unreported hazards and near-misses. This webinar explores safety climate and psychological safety as key factors influencing reporting behaviors and organizational learning.

AIHA PDC



2026 FUTURE OF THE PROFESSION

Friday April 17, 2026
Guillot University Center, Florence, AL

[Follow this link for full flyer with Agenda.](#)

[Click here to register.](#)

IH For Safety Professionals: Risks, Requirements, Management, and Pitfalls

Course Overview:

This 90-minute course is designed to teach EHS managers and other professionals essential information needed to effectively manage their Industrial Hygiene (IH) program. Participants will learn about the legal and regulatory risks associated with workplace exposures, how to build a defensible industrial hygiene program, key deliverables and records that they should be able to produce, ethical responsibilities and case studies highlighting potential mistakes to avoid.

Who Should Attend:

This course teaches participants to manage IH responsibilities, even if they do not have detailed technical knowledge or experience practicing IH at a professional level. EHS professionals and other management/operational personnel whose work includes IH responsibilities should attend.

Cost: \$50.00

Professional Points: .2 CEUs

Course Information: April 23, 2026/9:00am - 10:30am

- Registration: <https://sites.uab.edu/dsc/>
- Location: UAB Ryals Public Health Building, Room 209, 1665 University Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35233.

Special Accommodations: If you need any special accommodations during the course, please call 205-934-7076 or email dsc@uab.edu at least 10 days before the event.

[Flyer with full course information here.](#)

Common Interest Groups

Black Safety Professionals

[Operationalizing Neuroinclusion for High Performance](#)

Thursday, April 16 | 11 a.m. CT | Complimentary Education

A transformational change model with actionable steps to operationalize neurodiversity paradigms will be presented as a framework for introducing neurodiversity in the workplace.

[Webinar Replay: Why Worker Wellbeing is a Cultural Imperative in Construction & Industrial Trades Industries](#)

If you missed the live webinar, be sure to log in to watch via the ASSP Community.

[Race as a Psychosocial Risk](#)

Tuesday, April 21 | 1 p.m. CT | Complimentary Education

Race is not just a diversity topic — it is a psychosocial risk exposure that Black safety professionals navigate while simultaneously being responsible for protecting others. This session reframes racialized stressors as legitimate occupational hazards that influence decision-making, authority, credibility and psychological safety in the environments Black professionals are asked to lead.

Practice Specialty Communities

Engineering Practice Specialty

[7 Hidden Financial Risk of Contractor Safety Management](#)

Tuesday, April 14 | Noon CT | Complimentary Education

Using a proactive, data-driven risk management lens, the webinar will demonstrate how early detection of inadequate processes, marginal supplier performance, and poorly designed systems can prevent Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) events, Black Swan disruptions and costly compliance failures.

Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty

[The Thinking Cup](#)

Friday, April 17 | 10 a.m. CT | Bi-Monthly Networking

We welcome you to join the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty for a fun, inviting hour to build community, engage in industrial hygiene discussions and network with safety professionals.

[Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings: Best Practices & Compliance](#)

Wednesday, April 15 | Noon CT | Complimentary Education

The webinar will present the background on hazardous drugs and their safe preparation, storage and administration to patients.

Management Practice Specialty

[New Horizons in Hearing Safety: Exploring the Future of Hearing Protector Fit Testing](#)

Thursday, April 9 | Noon CT | Complimentary Education | 0.1 CEUs

This webinar will cover HPFT fundamentals, including measurement methods and selecting appropriate target attenuation, highlight new training materials developed by the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) created in response to requests from the 2023

International Hearing Protector Fit Testing Symposium sponsored by the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) and NIOSH.

[Webinar Replay: Creating a Positive Workplace Climate: Strategies for Success](#)

If you missed the live webinar, be sure to log in to watch via the ASSP Community.

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The Safety Climate You Can't See: Addressing Underreporting Through Psychological Safety & Near-Miss Learning

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11 a.m CT | 0.1 CEUs

[Register Now](#)

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From SDS Storage to Connected Chemical Management

Thursday, April 30

11 a.m CT | 0.1 CEUs

[Register Now](#)

Move beyond static SDS management and discover how integrated technology can transform your chemical program into a proactive, risk-reducing system. In this session, experts share how connected data, workflows, and visibility across sites can strengthen compliance, improve emergency readiness and drive measurable safety performance.

[Check the Events Page regularly!](#)

UA SafeState has several Environmental classes that you may need to meet your permits like storm water and hazardous waste handling.

RECENT ACTIVITY

March Chapter Meeting



We thank Randy for the important safety reminder as the summer heat approaches. This was one of those meetings where the discussion

afterwards gave great insight as well. Good one to watch if you didn't attend and have workers who could be affected.



Randy didn't need a coveted cup but we do appreciate him



[The pamphlet referenced can be found here.](#)

[This is another OSHA pamphlet with video link and prints better.](#)

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

From ASSP President Linda Tapp

[Step Up, Say Yes](#)

President Linda Tapp encourages everyone to offer their time, talent and energy to help advance our profession.

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Construction Safety Engineer

Date Posted: Mar. 11, 2026

Description

You will be the Senior Construction Safety Engineer for the Environmental Safety and Health (ESH) team at [Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control \(MFC\)](#). Our team is responsible for safeguarding all construction projects at the Troy, Alabama facility.

What You Will Be Doing

As the Senior Construction Safety Engineer, you will be responsible for leading ESH responsibilities to identify risks and implement mitigation strategies to ensure compliance with construction safety requirements, large greenfield construction projects and equipment installations.

Your responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing and ensuring compliance with all regulations and procedures for Lockheed Martin construction and equipment projects
- Participating in design reviews for construction projects
- Conducting safety inspections, throughout each day, of all construction/equipment installation activity
- Reviewing and approving lift plans, fall protection plans, scaffolding plans, respirator programs, trenching plans and others safety plans requiring ESH approval in the Lockheed Martin ESH Contractor Manual

- Conducting incident investigations, and recommending corrective action solutions
- Applying applicable DOD, NFPA, NEC, OSHA, and ANSI standards
- The ideal candidate should be prepared to work on-call and across various shifts as needed, and occasional travel may be required

Why Join Us

The ideal candidate is a collaborative, detail-oriented professional with a strong background in construction safety and a passion for protecting people and mission assets. This role offers direct influence on greenfield projects, the chance to work with cutting-edge technology, and the opportunity to shape safety culture at a critical Lockheed Martin facility.

[Follow this link for more information and to apply.](#)

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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