



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Alabama Chapter

May '26 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

Summer is fast approaching which means conferences are coming up. The Region IV PDC Conference was in Atlanta, Georgia last full week of April. Safety 2026 in Anaheim, CA will be here before you know it. Next year it is closer to the southeast in New Orleans, LA. The Governor's Safety and Health Conference will be here before you know it in August. This conference is August 24-26, 2026 and usually sells out fast. But registration has opened back up if enough call to request attendance of the event.

The Chapter Recognition luncheon was in April. We recognized our Safety Professional of the Year, Mr. Tom Robinson, and long-time service award, Mr. John Placey. We also recognized Mr. Jeff Rodgers with an award for the use and all the assistance AGC has provided to the Alabama Chapter. Mr. Randy Easterling ASSP Region IV Regional Director also recognized the Alabama Chapter executive committee members with an award for providing leadership for the past 3 through next year.

For the first time in several years the Alabama Chapter along with Alabama AGC provided two scholarships the Jacksonville State University. Students Mr. Sam Curlee and Mr. Cole Yarbrough were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships

The Alabama Chapter meeting will be on Friday May 15, 2026. Please join us for a presentation on **Do You Really Understand Insurance and How it Works?** This presentation will help you understand how insurance works including terminology such as what are mod rates and how they affect your company or worker compensation costs. Mr. Jeff Rodgers, President, of Alabama GC will present on this topic. The meeting will be at the AGC Facility 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL and will start at 11:35 am. Please join us for this informative presentation on insurance.

Our up-coming presentation schedules include:

- Thursday June 11, 2026 Mr. Steven Sawyer Brasfield & Gorrie, TBD
- July 2026 No meeting, enjoy your summer!!!!

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members April '26

- Rowland Guyton
- Garek Hall
- Monica Jemison
- Lizette Rewis

Long Service Members May '26

- Christopher Bowden, 6 Years
- David Fauchaux, 6 Years
- Jordan McVay, 6 Years
- Tyler Johnston, 7 Years
- Ashley Garner, 8 Years
- Matthew Harris, 8 Years
- Vanraybern Thomas, 9 Years
- David Taylor, 10 Years
- Beth Overstreet, 12 Years
- Billy Laney, 16 Years
- Peter Van Derlyke, 26 Years
- Joseph Smith, 33 Years
- Ward Wilson, 33 Years
- R. Steven Willis, 48 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

Date and Time: *Friday, May 15 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm*

Location: *Alabama AGC, 5000 Grantswood Road, Irondale, Alabama*

Speakers: *Mr. Jeff Rodgers*

Topic: *Do You Really Understand Insurance and How It Works?*

We thank Jeff in advance for what we are sure will be an informative presentation on occupational insurance and how we can affect the costs. Everyone should be ready with questions.

Lunch included in-room with free registration!

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

Register here to attend in person!

[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

Opportunity To Participate In Study

Invitation: Post-Disaster Reconstruction Worker Safety Study

Dear Colleague,

I am inviting U.S. professionals with post-disaster reconstruction (PDR) experience to complete an anonymous online survey about factors that influence worker safety during recovery and rebuilding efforts.

To be eligible, you must be an adult 18+ with U.S.-based professional PDR experience (e.g., emergency management, public works, construction, safety, NGOs, engineering/planning).

The one-time online survey takes approximately 30 minutes. Participation is voluntary and involves minimal risk. You may skip any question or stop at any time. At the end of the survey, you may optionally volunteer for a brief follow-up interview (30 - 45 minutes), scheduled separately.

For questions, please contact **Solomon Ajasa** at ssajasa@crimson.ua.edu. For any concerns regarding your rights as a participant, contact The University of Alabama IRB office at rscompliance@ua.edu.

To participate, click the secure survey

link: https://universityofalabama.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eeouLahVET5Auua.

Thank you for considering this invitation and for your service to communities during recovery.

I would also be happy to provide any additional clarification regarding the survey. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Solomon Sesesie Ajasa, MS

Past-President, Graduate Student Association (2024-2025)

RECENT ACTIVITY

April Chapter Recognition Luncheon

Our Recognition Luncheon was special. Lots of folks in attendance. Proud wives and neighbors supporting our members. We gave out *Scholarships!* Tom and Randy did a great job of MCing. The food was good too. Already looking forward to next year.



There were lots of inspiring words spoken about our profession and the people who have chosen it to make a living and contribute to the community. I personally wish I had recorded John's acceptance of his service award. One nugget to remember is: "Champions adjust no matter what life brings their way." John Placey.



John Placey - Life Time Service Award



Tom Robinson - Safety Professional Of The Year



Cole Yarbrough and Sam Curlee - Academic Scholarships from ASSP and AGC

[There are more pictures here.](#)

[Thanks Tiffany and Tatum!]

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

(This Luncheon was not recorded)

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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