



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

June '26 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

Conference season has arrived with ASSP Safety 2026 in Anaheim, CA June 15-17 and the AIHA Conference also soon. Here in Alabama, the 2026 Governor's Safety and Health Conference in Orange Beach will be August 24-26, 2026. The Alabama conference does sell out, and the hotel fills up fast. If you are interested in the Alabama conference information can be found at training.ua.edu/governors/.

The next Alabama Chapter meeting will be on Thursday June 11, 2026 at the AGC facility. Please join us for a presentation by Mr. Steven Sawyer on **Why STICKY Matters**. Mr. Sawyer is the Safety Operations Manager for Brasfield & Gorrie and has been with this company for 27 years. The AGC Facility is located at 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL. The meeting will start 11:35 am. Please join us for this informative presentation on insurance.

We will not have a meeting in July. I hope everyone enjoys their summer adventures where they may take you. Our meeting schedule is:

- Thursday August 20, 2026 TBD
- Friday September 18, 2026 Dr. Lee Davis, **State Legalized Marijuana: The Effects on Construction Safety**

Summer is basically here and that means heat issues for employees and residents. OSHA inspections this summer could include heat exposure. OSHA has information on their website, <https://www.osha.gov/heat-exposure/planning> to help you with developing your heat plan and program. OSHA has A Guide for Employers to Carry Out Heat Safety Training for Workers available on their website to download. This and additional information is in the additional resources section of the heat-exposure/planning page on their website.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members May '26

- Michael Legenzoff
- Tiffany McElroy
- Sam Moates
- Christopher Pugh
- Thomas Pratt
- Jacob Stancil
- Hudson Toothaker

Long Service Members June '26

- Anjaneya Bandekar, 5 Years
- J. Michael Drewry, 5 Years
- Savannah Maples, 5 Years
- Cole Rosener, 5 Years
- J.R. Dove, 7 Years
- Jeff Mutchler, 7 Years
- Braxton McCaleb, 8 Years

- Brian Mattioli, 9 Years
- Danny Smith, 9 Years
- Sheryl Foucher, 10 Years
- Allyn Holladay, Wyman, 11 Years
- Donald Burke, 13 Years
- Cortez Tolbert, 14 Years
- Kelly Rolen, 27 Years
- Tracy Rouse, 30 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

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

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

Speakers: *Mr. Steven Sawyer, CHST*

Topic: *Why STICKY Matters*

Steven Sawyer is the Safety Operations Manager for Brasfield & Gorrie in Birmingham, AL where he leads a team of Safety Professionals for their Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mississippi operations. Steven have been with Brasfield & Gorrie for 27 years. He holds the Construction Safety & Health Technician (CHST) designation from the board of Certified Safety Professionals and a degree in Occupational Safety & Health from Columbia Southern University.

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

Automotive Maintenance & Plant Efficiency Workshop

The Alabama Automotive Manufacturing Association, the University of Alabama Styslinger College of Engineering, and UASafeState are sponsoring.

Join us in July for a deep dive into the topic of automotive maintenance with insights from industry experts on how to keep your production assets reliable and your plant processes efficient.

Sessions will highlight why inspections, testing and routine maintenance are essential to minimizing downtime and how to implement the latest predictive maintenance technologies to predict failures. Attendees will also explore real-world approaches to asset condition monitoring and learn how to organize and conduct energy 'treasure hunts' to identify low-cost efficiency improvements. Last, but not least, the workshop will feature hands-on activities and interactive demos showcasing the latest maintenance tools and emerging technologies.

Ready to maximize your maintenance know-how?

[See details and how to register for attendance or to exhibit here.](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

May Chapter Meeting

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Things You Should Know



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Our May meeting was certainly educational. Jeff taught us the history of Workers' Compensation. (It started in 2050 BC. What!) Then after Wisconsin started a WC program after the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory catastrophic fire killed 146 workers, it was eventually implemented in all the states. Jeff also talked about how a good program works and controls costs. [Be sure to watch the video if you weren't there.](#)

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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Contractor (Business Partner) Safety Leader

Date Posted: May 13, 2026

The Job You Will Perform:

International Paper is seeking a **Contractor (Business Partner) Safety Leader** responsible for providing health and safety (HS) leadership to ensure that the Business Partners working for International Paper are 100% committed to working safety according to the Business Partner Safety Performance Standard with commitment to reducing and eliminating serious injuries and fatalities (SIFs).

- Lead and continuously improve site Health and Safety systems by engaging mill employees, contractors and suppliers, reinforcing safe behaviors, ensuring compliance with company standards, OSHA regulations and integration into the IP Safety Excellence culture.
- Develop, implement, and maintain safety programs, policies and procedures and manuals for the Rome, GA Containerboard Mill (The Mill) in alignment with International Paper policies and applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The primary focus is on heavy industrial contractors and suppliers.
- Build strong relationships with business partners. Share and develop the IP Safety Excellence culture with them, assuring both physical and psychological safety for all working in The Mill.
- Develop IP contractor coordinators at The Mill to effectively engage business partners and assure compliance to safety expectations, performance visibility, accountability, and continuous improvement.
- Deliver and promote safety communication with business partners to provide accurate, consistent, and timely information regarding safety performance, risks, incidents, and employee concerns.
- Update existing management systems as needed.
- Be the liaison between ISNetwork, the Corporate Business Partner Manager and business partners for The Mill.
- Monitor, observe, and assess contractor work practices through field observations and job auditing to assure proper controls are in place to prevent exposure to hazards and assure approved job plans, permits, and procedures are accurate and followed.
- Actively intervene and stop work when unsafe conditions or behaviors are observed to prevent injury, environmental impact, or property damage. Promote the stop work culture in our business partner work force.

- Conduct and lead incident, injury, near-miss, and occupational illness event learnings involving employees and business; ensure root causes are identified, incidents are documented, and corrective actions are implemented and verified.
- Perform routine and formal safety inspections, including leading annual safety audits, ensuring corrective actions are tracked to completion and drive continuous improvement.
- Recommend engineering, process, and product safety improvements to reduce exposure to chemical, physical, and ergonomic hazards.
- Plan, manage, and coordinate industrial hygiene programs, including oversight of contracted IH services and testing related to air quality, noise, temperature, and chemical exposure.
- Develop, coordinate, and conduct safety training programs for employees and business partners, including onboarding, regulatory training, hands-on proficiency evaluations, toolbox talks, and pre-job safety planning.
- Review and approve safety requirements for new equipment, processes, facility modifications, and business partner work scopes to ensure hazards are identified and controlled prior to startup or execution.
- Serve as the primary health and safety resource for business partners, ensuring understanding and adherence to mill safety rules, professional conduct expectations, and company values.
- Track and analyze safety performance trends for employees and business partners, escalate repeated non-compliance, and recommend improvements to safety and business partner management processes.
- Partner with mill maintenance and operations technicians to promote and sustain Safety Excellence.
- Maintain a visible field presence and serve as a consistent safety leader.
- Support and help lead the IP Safety Cultural Excellence Journey.
- Actively participate as a member of the Health and Safety team.

[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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