



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Alabama Chapter

August '26 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear INSERT_FIRST_NAME,

Hope everyone has had a safe summer so far. School is back in session soon so school buses will be back on the road. Alabama requires you to stop for school buses dropping off students. So watch for those flashing lights in the morning and afternoon when students are picked up or returned home during the week.

Alabama 2026 Governor's Safety and Health Conference in Orange Beach is August 24-26, 2026. I know the Perdido resort has sold out but they usually have several other alternative hotels available for the conference. If you are planning to attend but have not made arrangements yet check the conference website at ua.edu/governors/ for more information and availability of hotels.

The next Alabama Chapter meeting will be on Thursday August 13, 2026 at the AGC facility. Please join us for a presentation by Mr. Donald Carrie on **Robotic Machine Guarding**. Mr. Carrie is the Regional Sales Manager for Axellent, Inc. and has been involved in the Motive Power and Machine Guarding Management Profession for the past 35 years. Please join us at the

AGC Facility located at 5000 Grantswood Road Irondale, AL for this event.
The meeting will start at 11:30 am.

Our future meeting schedule includes:

- Friday September 18, 2026 Dr. Lee Davis, **State Legalized Marijuana: The Effects on Construction Safety**
- Thursday October 22, 2026 Mr. Randy Easterling, **Industrial Hygiene: Importance of Interpreting & Understanding the Monitoring Data**
- Thursday November 19, 2026, Mr. Luke Sylvia, **Traumatic Brain Injury and the Effects of Rotational Motion**
- December 2026 Holiday Event Birmingham Zoo Presentation on Visitor and Staff Safety.
- Friday January 15, 2027 Mr. Danny Smith, **Stop Walking Backwards: Accelerate Success with a 360° View of Safety Metrics**
- February 2027 Jacksonville State University Student Section/Alabama Chapter meeting, Mr. Randy Easterling, **Industrial Hygiene: Importance of Interpreting & Understanding the Monitoring Data**

This is the last year for the current executive committee leadership. A new leadership will take over next June 2027. If you would like to consider joining the executive committee as a leader or one of the program chairs think about it. Let one of the current executive committee members know so you can learn more about what is required. It may only be August but seems like last week was the beginning of 2026 and yes this year is flying by.

Be careful and safe out there in your daily travels.

Thomas Ten Eyck, CSP
ASSP Alabama Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members July '26

- Andrew Farmer
- Luke McClelland
- Anju Melkani
- Zachery Phillips

- Cynthia Rainey
- Ashley Rettich
- Joshua Rice
- Missie Smith
- Matt Wooten

Long Service Members August '26

- Kevin Crain, 5 Years
- Michael Rasbury, 5 Years
- Charles Bishop, 6 Years
- Gary Vernon, 10 Years
- Chad McDougal, 11 Years
- Thomas Robinson, 11 Years
- Jonathan Willis, 11 Years
- Nicholas Shelton, 12 Years
- Deborah Lechner, 19 Years
- Karen Stammer, 19 Years
- Brent Fisher, 20 Years
- Michael Huckabaa, 20 Years
- Raymond Hollub, 23 Years
- Thomas Evans, 26 Years
- Ronald Turner, 26 Years
- John Placey, 52 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting

Date and Time: *Thursday, August 13 | 11:30 AM to 1:00 pm*

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

Speakers: *Mr. Donald Carrie*

Topic: *Robotic Machine Guarding*

Mr. Carrie has 35 years in the Material Handling Industry providing not only equipment guarding but forklift operation solutions.

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

Sponsored by the Alabama Manufacturing Association, the University of
Alabama Styslinger College of Engineering, and UASafestate.

Thursday September 17, 2026

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



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Auburn/Montgomery Section

Robotic Machine Guarding

Presented by

Donald Carrie

Regional Sales Manager, Axelent Inc.



DATE: September 25, 2026



LOCATION:

Hyundai Motors Training Center

900 Hyundai Blvd

Montgomery, AL



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MOTOR GROUP

EVENT AGENDA	
	11:00 AM Networking & Lunch
	11:30 AM Presentation: <i>Robotic Machine Guarding</i>
	12:15 PM Depart Site



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RSVP

Please RSVP to:

Tina Arthur-Peterworth

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RSVP no later than September 23rd!

[Click here for full flier.](#)

RECENT ACTIVITY

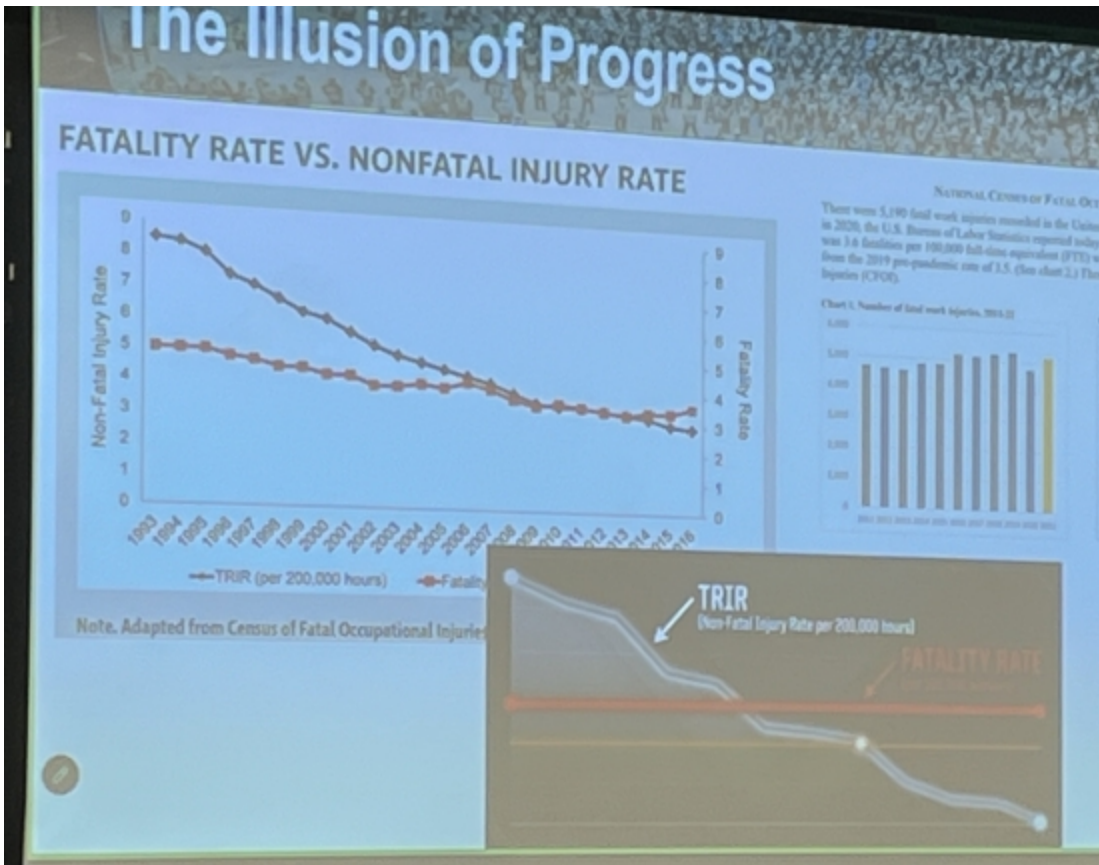
June Chapter Meeting

(In case you missed last month's newsletter)

Why STCKY Matters

Our June meeting had everybody talking. Steven has spoken to us before at Jackson State. He has an informative and captivating message about how he and his company work on managing a safety program for one of - if not the - most dangerous professions; construction. Highly recommended that you take this opportunity to see his talk. I think you will look at your own program a little differently, no matter the industry. [Be sure to watch the video if you weren't there.](#) The [Presentation itself is here.](#)







Of course we shared another coveted cup!

[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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