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President's Message

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Even though we haven't had Thanksgiving yet, I've been hearing holiday music on the radio. On top of that, with the recent cold weather, it definitely feels like December. The holiday season starts earlier and earlier each year!

A special thanks to Lockton for hosting the November breakfast meeting, and our presenters Sarah Auer, Larry Poague and Dennis Burks. We received a lot of positive comments on our post meeting survey.

Hopefully you've seen the meeting announcement for the next couple of months. Please feel free to register early. A couple of members wanted to make sure they saved the date on their calendar.

Our December meeting is an evening social / networking opportunity for members and a guest (spouse/significant other, no children). Members from our two student sections will also be attending, and might help make a game of safety jeopardy competitive. This is also the last opportunity to bring unwrapped gifts for Toys-for-Tots.

January 17th will be our first "mini-professional development conference." Immediately following our lunch meeting, Dr. Mark Johnson will be conducting a workshop on "Training for Impact." We haven't locked in a venue yet, so keep an eye out for the location to be announced.

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New Members

- Eric Welsh – Empire Candle
- Aaron Bundy

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them [HERE!](#)

Long Term Members

- Richard Jones – 40 Years
- Grant Frederick – 25 Years
- Oscar Paredes – 25 Years
- Robert Gardner – 25 Years
- Kent Kringen – 25 Years
- Porter Prince – 25 Years
- Paula Hinnen – 25 Years
- Ronald Stein – 25 Years
- Sharon Fulks – 25 Years



In Memoriam – Larry Womble

UCM and the safety profession lost a valued educator and safety advocate. Many of our members had the opportunity to learn and hone their skills under the direction of Mr. Larry Womble. He will be missed, but his legacy will live on.

<https://hadleyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1393/Larry-Womble/obituary.html>



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Job Openings

Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/>

During the November meeting, ASSP members mentioned current safety job opportunities

- Capital Materials – Various Safety Positions
- Kansas Department of Labor – Public and Private Safety Positions

Next Meetings

December 5th: Networking event & Jeopardy Game

January 17th: Chapter Meeting and Mini PDC

February 7th: Electrical Safety and NFPA 70E

Toys-for-Tots

The Toys for Tots campaign will be ending at our December 5th meeting at Ameristar Casino. Please bring any toys that you would like to donate at this meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pam Sinatra at 816-695-5730 or email her at PammerWD@att.net.

Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips



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1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.



2. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.



3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.



4. Keep tree fresh by watering daily.

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.



5. Use battery-operated candles.

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).



6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.

A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).



7. Protect cords from damage.

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.



8. Check decorations for certification label.

Decorations not bearing a label from an Independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.



9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).



10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.

Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (NFPA)



Executive Committee

Executive Committee contact information. We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions.



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