



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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## President's Message July 2021

*To my esteemed HOA colleagues:*

*As of July 1, 2021, new officers have taken their place on the executive committee board. I, Laurel Harris, have stepped into the President's role. I do this with a little trepidation and a lot of enthusiasm, considering Tom Metzner successfully filled this role over the last two terms. I cannot say enough about Tom's leadership skills and mentoring, as I learned so much from him and many others throughout our chapter. My sincere appreciation goes out to Tom and everyone that works hard and engages in activities to continue to build the Heart of America Chapter and its membership.*

*Melissa Eickleberry, our new President-Elect will make a great addition to the Executive Committee. She brings a wealth of energy and experience to the profession. Like many of you, she can now add Survivalist to her resume. Taking on the many challenges of COVID-19, shortages in supplies and dedication to the ever-evolving workplace, is a strength and character builder to say the least.*

*Andrew Dix remains a consistent and reliable pillar, of HOA, as he continues his role of Secretary this term. Andrew is the quiet strength that guides and documents our actions to ensure that our executive committee and membership engages in training and educational advancement, participates in community service, and develops opportunities within the Safety that Health Profession. It does not hurt that these activities will also help us climb the ladder to maintain Platinum Status again this term.*

*Ravi Narayan has taken over the duties of Treasurer this term from Shelly Killingsworth. Thanks to Shelly for her service in this role and great appreciation to Ravi for stepping up to make sure that we remain a strong and well managed chapter that can re-invest in our members and our community. Much appreciation to all members that serve a position within HOA and work behind the scenes, selflessly, to make this a great Chapter. Mindy, Laurie, Dave, Kristen, and those who I might have forgot to mention, you are the best. Thank you for your commitment.*

*As members, both professionals and students, this organization is yours, as much as it is mine. So please take the time to be present, engage, voice your ideas, be a role model to others, and continue to build on the infrastructure that has been established before us. This chapter is defined by what its membership brings to the table. I know everyone is busy, but not only are we participating for our own benefit and that of the community, but also for the future of Safety and Health. Engage, Commit, and build a better tomorrow!*

*As a reminder, registration is open for Safety2021 in Austin. Hope to see you there, either in-person or virtually.*

Laurel Harris  
Heart of America President

## Officers List

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Laurel Harris, CSP, ARM

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Melissa Eickleberry, GSP

### Secretary

Andrew Dix, GSP, CRIS, ASHM

### Treasurer

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### Past President

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### Website/Social Media

Dave Hallerud, ALCM

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### Newsletter Coordinator

Laurie Wolfe

### Liaison for Student Sections

Shelly Killingsworth, CHMM, CSP

### Members at Large

David Hallerud, ALCM

## **Safety Spotlight: Member Interview**

### **Travis Bennet, CHST, CRIS, COEE**



#### **The July Spotlight is Travis Bennet, Director of Loss Control, Thomas McGee Group**

**Where did you go to school?** University of Central Missouri. It was CMSU when I was there.

**How long have you been in the safety industry?** 17 years. My first internship was at Gardner Denver in 2004.

**How long have you been in your current position?** I have been the Director of Loss Control at Thomas McGee (A Risk Strategies Company) for about three years. I have been with the organization for almost 9 years.

**What is your current position and from a safety standpoint what are your primary responsibilities?** My responsibilities for Thomas McGee include overseeing our Loss Control Department. Additionally, I spend a lot of time working with our clients in a wide variety of focus areas and industries. Over the past two years, I have been working in more of a sales capacity. I have enjoyed learning more about insurance policies, Captives and self-insured programs. To be honest, I wish I would have known what I am learning now 10 years ago.

**What made you decide to go into safety?** When I showed up at UCM, my plan was to get a criminal justice degree. I found out that the safety program was just down the hall from my CJ classes, and I needed a minor. After one safety class, I switched my major and here we are.

**What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field?** There is not one specific memorable experience or accomplishment that stands out. However, reflecting on this question has made me think about all the interesting places I have been and all the great people I have met in the safety field.

**What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities?** I enjoy hanging out with my family. If it can be at the lake, it is a bonus.

**What does your ASSP Membership do for you?** ASSP gives me a great opportunity to network and meet new people. Shameless plug coming: To be honest I got the most out of my membership when I was on the leader board. If you have the opportunity to get more involved in the Chapter, do it.

*Member Spotlight was coordinated by Laurie Wolfe, KDOL*

## Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

June			
July	<b>National Fireworks Safety Month</b>	Prevent Blindness America	<a href="http://www.preventblindness.org">http://www.preventblindness.org</a>
July 11-17	<b>Operation Safe Driver Week</b>	Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)	<a href="https://www.cvsa.org/programs/operation-safe-driver/operation-safe-driver-week">https://www.cvsa.org/programs/operation-safe-driver/operation-safe-driver-week</a>
July 31	<b>National Heatstroke Prevention Day</b>	Office of Child Care	<a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/news/national-heatstroke-prevention-day">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/news/national-heatstroke-prevention-day</a>

# Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards

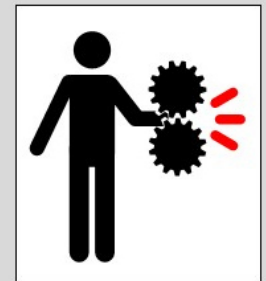
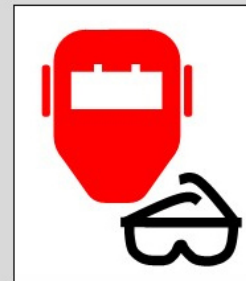
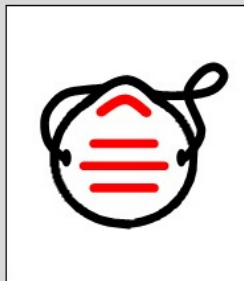
for Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct. 1, 2019, to Sept. 30, 2020)

The following is a list of the top 10 most frequently cited standards following inspections of worksites by federal OSHA. OSHA publishes this list to alert employers about these commonly cited standards so they can take steps to find and fix recognized hazards addressed in these and other standards before OSHA shows up. Far too many preventable injuries and illnesses occur in the workplace.

1. **Fall Protection, construction** ([29 CFR 1926.501](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
2. **Hazard Communication Standard, general industry** ([29 CFR 1910.1200](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
3. **Respiratory Protection, general industry** ([29 CFR 1910.134](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
4. **Scaffolding, general requirements, construction** ([29 CFR 1926.451](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
5. **Ladders, construction** ([29 CFR 1926.1053](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
6. **Control of Hazardous Energy (lockout/tagout), general industry** ([29 CFR 1910.147](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
7. **Powered Industrial Trucks, general industry** ([29 CFR 1910.178](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
8. **Fall Protection–Training Requirements** ([29 CFR 1926.503](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
9. **Eye and Face Protection** ([29 CFR 1926.102](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]
10. **Machinery and Machine Guarding, general requirements** ([29 CFR 1910.212](#)) [[related OSHA Safety and Health Topics page](#)]

- To search the top violations of an industry with a specific NAICS code, see <https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/citedstandard.html>
- To search and view the industry profile for violations of any specific OSHA standard, see <https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/industryprofile.html>

## OSHA's 2020 Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Violations



# Annual Safety Conference and Expo

**The Safety 2021 Professional Development Conference and Exposition will take place Sept. 13-15 both online and in-person in Austin, TX.**

Discover solutions to your greatest occupational safety and health (OSH) challenges at the premiere annual safety education event in the industry. Take advantage of top-quality safety education options at the conference, along with countless opportunities to network with thousands of attendees across all job roles, industries, experience levels, geographies and demographics.

<https://safety.assp.org/>



**SAVE THE *Date!***

71st Annual  
**SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE**

October 5-8, 2021  
DoubleTree by Hilton - Wichita, KS

#KSSafetyCon2021 

**"Safety is not an object nor something you can measure! It's a culture, a value."**

- *Public Sector*
- *10 Hr. Construction*
- *Industrial Hygiene*
- *Management/Medical*
- *10 Hr. General Industry*
- *Safety*
- *Fall Protection Competent Inspector Training*


**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Agenda and registration forms will be online summer of 2021 at  
[www.dol.ks.gov/ISHConference](http://www.dol.ks.gov/ISHConference)

## Newsletter Articles and Whitepapers

The newsletter committee is always looking for helpful links, articles, and white papers. If you have a document that's appropriate for this format, please present your suggestions to our Newsletter Coordinator, Laurie Wolfe at [laurie.wolfe@ks.gov](mailto:laurie.wolfe@ks.gov).

## ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

<div data-bbox="154 625 440 720"></div> <p>Contact Laurel Harris for more information: <a href="mailto:lharris@chubb.com">lharris@chubb.com</a></p>	<p>ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) is a common interest group that advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research, and innovation. With over 2,000 members, WISE provides member and community support and collaborative opportunities within the profession. WISE works to bring awareness to the following industry topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace</li><li>• Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace.</li><li>• To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals</li></ul> <p><b>ChapterWISE</b></p> <p>The WISE member community has a Chapter level group known as ChapterWISE to help coordinate WISE events, including networking functions, technical talks, community and student outreach and local mentoring. The Heart of America Chapter has many WISE members (both women and men), but we do not have our own established ChapterWISE group. As President-Elect/Vice President, I would like to start a ChapterWISE group within our Chapter. Every safety professional has the opportunity to impact safety within their organization, including those issues that impact women directly in the workplace. If you are a member of WISE or would like to join the WISE community interest group, please help me establish a chapter level group that can continue to educate, support and to take action within the Heart of America. If you are interested in helping to establish our local ChapterWISE, please reach out to me at <a href="mailto:lharris@chubb.com">lharris@chubb.com</a></p> <p>Thank you, Laurel Harris</p>
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## New Members

Please welcome:

- Aaron Bundy
- Andrew Moss

Many of us are members of associations and groups that involve safety, health, environmental protection, and risk management advancement. As we engage with our member organizations, remember to network and share the opportunities and benefits available within the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP for members, non-members, and our community.

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

## ASSP Community

Please take a moment to reach out and connect through ASSP Community.

## Job Openings

If you or someone that you know in the safety profession are looking for employment, jobs openings are posted on our Chapter website. Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/> **New Posting Available**

## Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to [president@kc.assp.org](mailto:president@kc.assp.org)

## Upcoming Events

The Chapter website provides information regarding upcoming events and training held by our Chapter, other ASSP Chapters, ASSP, and from other organizations with safety, health, environmental and risk management topics that may interest you. Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming events that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter. <https://kc.assp.org/>

**Connect with ASSP:**



## **COVID-19 Links**

**OSHA Interim Recording Keeping Guidance:** In a May 19, 2020 Enforcement Memo, OSHA provided updated interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the OHA Record Keeping requirements of 29 CFR Part 1904 with respect to recording cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The following is a link to the Interim Guidance.

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-05-19/revised-enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

**National Safety Council Guidance regarding Safe Actions for Employee Return (SAFER):** NSC created a platform for COVID-19 guidance referred to as the SAFER Collection. The task force that supports the collection of information is made up of industry experts from a diverse group of organizations including ASSP, AIHA, NIOSH- CDC, ISSA, BCSP, health professionals, nonprofits, businesses and many more. For updated information to health employers safely return to work, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/safe-actions-for-employee-returns-safer>

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** The CDC offers a resource page to keep up with current information regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019. For evolving news regarding the virus, precautions for adults, forecasts, cleaning and disinfecting, and pandemic planning scenarios, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html>



## Executive Committee

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



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