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Greetings HOA Members:

As I'm writing this, I'm looking out on a driveway covered with snow, thinking about having to shovel later tonight. But as safety professionals, it's a reminder about an opportunity for us to talk about total worker health, encouraging employees to apply safety messages at work to all aspects of life:

- Walking on slippery surfaces
- Temperature extremes
- Overexertion
- Driving in inclement weather
- Emergency supplies in your vehicle
- Ensuring fire hydrants are accessible
- And the list goes on . . .

You've probably seen communications from Society, and I've mentioned them in my President's Message, but there are two big votes concerning the House of Delegates and Society's corporate office. Additional information can be found here: [Learn more](#) Please reach out to Dave Hallerud or me if you have questions.

We're still seeking interested parties for the position of Vice President/President Elect and Secretary. Please contact me if you're interested in running. Otherwise, please keep an eye out for an electronic ballot later this month.

I'm also excited about the February workshop, sponsored by Safety Mentor. We've applied for CEU credit and hope to hear from Society soon about approval. Additional information and a registration link on page 3.

In an effort to cut down on spear phishing attempts, we have a new "Contact Us" feature on our website: <https://kc.assp.org/contact-us/> If you have questions or need the Board's assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

Eric Hallerud, CSP, Instructor UCM



The February Spotlight Eric Hallerud, CSP.

Where did you go to school? I graduated from the University of Central Missouri (then CMSU) with my Master's degree in safety management in 1995. At the time the major was titled Industrial Safety Management. I earned my undergraduate degree in history from Northwest Missouri State University in 1980.

How long have you been in the safety industry? I started working in the field as a Program Manager for the Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation way back in 1996. E-mail was still relatively new, flip phones had just come out and dial up internet service was common and also awful. So, let's see-that's 26 years.

How long have you been in your current position? I began teaching at my alma mater UCM as an Adjunct Instructor in 2020. I started work as a full-time faculty member this past fall

What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities . I greatly enjoy the opportunity to share my perspective and experience with the next generation of safety leaders.

What made you decide to go into safety? My decision was influenced by two people who I consider my safety mentors. The first was the campus Safety Manager, Larry Province. I had the opportunity to work with Larry in the Public Safety Department and was intrigued by the vast scope of things he was involved in. His work seemed fascinating and his passion for doing things the right way was inspiring. My first and favorite safety professor, Larry Womble, was the second. Larry was smart, funny, fun and a great educator. He was also an endlessly energetic advocate for this students. Sadly, both of these gentlemen passed away within the last couple years. Hopefully, their voices speak to my scholars through me.

What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field?

I've always felt that safety was about changing workplace culture and in that it was mostly about helping people to change their perspectives and approaches. In my career I was fortunate to be entrusted with leading two great teams of people-at the Division of Workers' Compensation and at the City of Kansas City, MO. With the KCMO dream team we worked on things as diverse as implementing video telematics in our fleet, streetcar safety, and largescale fire and active shooter drills in a 20 story public building. We worked hard, played hard, and we changed the culture. And we had some fun. Service to the profession, through my involvement with ASSP and HOA Chapter has given me a number of memorable experiences over the last decade. I was fortunate to have served as the HOA Chapter President in 2011 when Society celebrated its centennial. A bit later I served as the Chair for the annual Leadership Conference for 3 years and then as our Regional Vice President for 4 years. The greatest thing about serving in these roles was the amazing people I met and got to work with.

What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities? I enjoy hanging out with my teenage granddaughter, reading, going to bookstores, photography, travel and dreaming.

What does your ASSP Membership do for you? ASSP connects me with great people and ideas in a variety of ways. It keeps me current and gives me insights into what might be coming next.

Member Spotlight was coordinated by Laurie Wolfe, KDOL

Heart of America ASSP Virtual Workshop

February 18 | 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Topic The Philosophy of EHS Professional Ethics

This 3-hour virtual workshop will discuss how ethics can be identified as the standards of conduct and moral values governing actions and decisions in the work environment. The EHS professional's role has many constituencies to which they must answer. During this workshop, the group will identify ethical dilemmas and discuss potential options and actions. As a faithful agent to the employer, EHS professional practice should be true to the employee and strive to promote a safe working environment. However, they also must be true to self - even if that truthfulness may threaten corporate profits in the short run. In the long run, it is only through truth and the promotion of ethical practices can one minimize harm and maximize benefits to all stakeholders. Participants in this interactive workshop will actively generate and debate real world ethical dilemmas and explore ideas about:

1. What is "professional ethics"?
2. Ethical theories and professional conduct.
3. How to approach ethical dilemmas for the best outcome.

Speaker Dr. Daniel Snyder

<https://kc.assp.org/events/heart-of-america-assp-workshop-2/>

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 11-15, 2022

If you have a safety event, please provide pictures and news article to publish in the HOA Newsletter.

February			
February	American Heart Month	American Heart Association	heart.org
February 7-13	National Burn Awareness Week	American Burn Association	https://ameriburn.org/
February 23-24	Campbell Institute Symposium	National Safety Council	https://www.thecampbellinstitute.org/
February 21-March 4	SAFETY FOCUS Conference	ASSP	https://safetyfocus.assp.org/

This year, for the first time, you can attend [SafetyFOCUS](#) in-person and online, giving you access to world-class safety education wherever you are. Achieve your professional development goals with the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), and find your FOCUS at [SafetyFOCUS 2022](#)

SAFECONEXPO MAY 17-19, 2022

The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozarks, Missouri

TO REGISTER, CLICK ON LINK BELOW

<https://shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/register.aspx>

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

WINTER WEATHER

Winter Weather presents hazards including slippery roads/surfaces, strong winds and environmental cold. Employers must prevent illnesses, injuries or fatalities by controlling these hazards in workplaces impacted by winter weather.

Preventing slips, trips and falls, employers should clear snow and ice from walking surfaces, and spread deicer as quickly as possible. When walking on snow or ice is unavoidable, workers should be trained to: wear footwear that has good traction and insulation and take short steps and walk at a slower pace to react quickly to changes in traction.


It is also important for employers to know the wind chill temperature so that they can gauge workers' exposure risk better and plan how to safely do the work. It is also important to monitor worker's physical condition during tasks, especially new workers who may not be used to working in the cold.

Although OSHA does not have a specific standard that covers working in cold environments, under the OSH Act of 1970, employers have duty to protect workers from recognized hazards. Employers should train workers on how to recognize conditions that can lead to cold stress, the symptoms of cold stress, how to prevent cold stress and what to do to help those who are affected. In addition, they should be trained on ;how to select proper clothing for cold, wet and windy conditions.

Employers should monitor workers conditions, schedule frequent short breaks to warm up, schedule work during warmest part of day, use the buddy system and provide warm beverages through the day.

For more information go to <https://www.osha.gov/>

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 <p>Contact Laurel Harris for more information: lharris@chubb.com</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">• The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace• Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace.• To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals <p>ChapterWISE 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 lharris@chubb.com</p> <p>Thank you, Laurel Harris</p>
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https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_lm_saas

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Heart of America Chapter

New Members

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/>

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to 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/>



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In Advance of the 9th annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction (May 2-6, 2022)

This is a new resource available to you and your workplace

- 2022 Stand-Down officially announced: [January 19, 2022 OSHA QuickTakes](#)

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>

Covid-10 Healthcare ETS

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Campaign

<https://www.osha.gov/heat>

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ETS FOR EMPLOYERS WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES?

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>

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