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Greetings HOA Members:

We finally made it to spring! Along with the warmer weather, now is the time to review emergency action plans and start preparing for inclement weather. April is also Distracted Driving Awareness month. If your organization has implemented anything innovative to discourage distracted driving, we would love to hear from you and share your approach.

Thanks to everybody who attended – both in-person and virtually – the March Chapter meeting on workers' compensation presented by Cheryl Tinsley. Also, a special thank you to Midwest Public Risk for hosting us.

During the month of March, we took the opportunity to recognize and congratulate four of our members for 25 years of membership with ASSP. I was able to present the Heart of America challenge coin to Jeff Russell and Richard Garrett, and did remote presentations to Guy Snowdy and Chad Stotler.

Couple of important dates:

- Stand Down to Prevent Falls in Construction May 2-6
- The Safety and Health Council is hosting SafeConExpo May 17-19 at Lake Ozarks, MO.
- Registration is open for ASSP Safety 2022 in Chicago. June 27-29.
- Safe + Sound week is August 15-21. We're looking for suggestions on what our Chapter can do to increase awareness and involvement.

(Links are included in this newsletter)

We'll be finalizing the next Chapter meeting soon, tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 29th. Keep an eye out for the meeting announcement and registration.

Tom Metzner

Heart of America President

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Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

Allen Vinyard, CSP, Director, Industrial Safety & Health



The April Spotlight, Allen Vinyard

Where did you go to school? I went to Central Missouri State University. I graduated in 1992 with a BS in Safety Management.

How long have you been in the safety industry? About 30 years. While I was in college I cut my teeth doing an internship with an Environmental Company working Asbestos Removal projects. After college I began working for the Kansas Department of Human Resources as an Industrial Hygienist. Since that time I have worked as the Safety Director for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Safety Director of Hamm Inc., then Safety Consultant and now the Director of the Industrial Safety and Health Unit for Kansas Department of Labor.

How long have you been in your current position? I have been in my current position since August of 2020. I took over during the middle of this current pandemic. But it has been a rewarding challenge.

What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities . I am responsible for Supervising the three groups that make up Industrial Safety and Health.

1. The OSHA 21(d) Consultation program that provides free safety consultations to employers under 250 employees on-site.
2. The Public Sector Safety and Health, that provides Safety and Health inspections for cities, Counties and School Districts in the State of Kansas.
3. The Amusement Ride Unit that audits and permits permanent and temporary amusement rides in the State of Kansas.

What made you decide to go into safety? I started off college with studying Fire Science. But as I took more and more Safety classes, I decided I wanted to go in that direction. I liked the aspect of correcting hazards to protect the worker.

What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field? I put off obtaining my ASP/CSP for the longest time. Finally I decided I would go ahead and attempt the ASP. I passed on my first attempt, and it felt like the culmination of years of work. On the flip side of that, I will never forget the first worker fatality I had to investigate. I will never forget the name of Scotty McDonald.

What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities? I am a big fan of Kansas City sports. I have had Sporting KC season tickets since they were the Wiz and playing at Arrowhead. My family splits Chiefs season tickets that we have had since 1986. I also love playing golf badly!

What does your ASSP Membership do for you? My ASSP Membership provides networking opportunities when we are having in-person meetings. It provides ANSI, NFPA, and OSHA updates that are important to our work. Plus the ASSP Conference is a must for any Safety or Health person.

Member Spotlight was coordinated by Laurie Wolfe, KDOL

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

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

April			
April	Distracted Driving Awareness Month	National Safety Council	https://www.nsc.org
April 4-8	Grain Safety Week	OSHA.gov	https://standup4grainsafety.org/
April 7	World Health Day	World Health Organization	who.int
April 11-15	National Work Zone Awareness Week	American Traffic Safety Services Association	atssa.com
April 28	Worker's Memorial Day	National Safety Council	https://www.nsc.org

ASSP Safety 2022 Conference + Expo

June 27-29, 2022 in Chicago

<https://safety.assp.org>

SAFECONEXPO MAY 17-19, 2022

The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozarks, Missouri

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

To Remember Those We've Lost, Pledge to Work Safely

Workplace fatalities are unacceptable. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, total U.S. workplace fatalities reached 5,333 in 2019-the highest number of workplace deaths since 2007. Preventable work deaths, meanwhile, continue an upward trend increasing from 4,493 in 2018 to 4,572 in 2019.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Employers must provide a safe work environment, as well as the financial support, management oversight, PPE, tools and training workers need to do their jobs safely. Both management and workers need to do their part to make safety a personal priority.

Together, these elements are part of a greater safety management system-one which aims to continuously identify hazards and reduce risks to an acceptable level, thus lessening the likelihood of an incident occurring on the job. This system is particularly important as employees return to traditional work environments and schedules in a post-quarantine world.


Take the pledge below to show your commitment to safety, from the workplace to anyplace.



I PLEDGE TO:

- *Never compromise my own safety or the safety of my co-workers to get a job done.*
- *Actively look for hazards, promptly report them and take appropriate action to warn others.*
- *Be a good safety role model for my friends and family, even when off the job.*

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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New Members

Please welcome: Kyle Elkins

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/>



Cheryl Tinsley
March 25th



Jeff Russell



Richard Garrett



Connect with ASSP:



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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