



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Heart of America Chapter

## President's Message April 2022

Greetings HOA Members:

With the near-record setting temperatures forecast for this week, it feels like spring missed us. Despite the heat, we shouldn't let our guard down when it comes to inclement weather. Now's the time to review and practice your severe weather plans . . . both at work and at home.

Please take a couple of minutes to read through this newsletter, but here are some highlights from the Region and Chapter:

- As a result of the Member Feedback Survey, we understand that it is important to continue to offer virtual options even though in-person meetings have resumed. To support this, and provide a high-quality video, the Board decided to invest in an Owl video conferencing camera. Please be patient as we become proficient in using it. We will also be using feedback from the survey to customize our topics and meetings during the 2022-23 term.
- Derek Farmer (your in-coming Vice President) and I had the opportunity to represent the Heart of America Chapter at the recent Region 5, Regional Operating Council. It's a privilege that you have entrusted us to lead the oldest Chapter in our Region, and one of the largest memberships.
- The Region voted and approved to financially support up to 10 members in our Region to attend the ASSP Professional Development Conference in Chicago if the member is attending in-person and expenses are not reimbursed through their company. Please contact me if you'd like additional information.
- Speaking of the PDC, the dates are June 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open.
- To support Safe & Sound Week (August 15-21), we're hosting a competition for our members. You'll be eligible to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card for submitting an explanation of how you got into the safety profession and what it means to you both personally and professionally. The winning submission will be published in our newsletter. Please email submissions to [tmetzner@lockton.com](mailto:tmetzner@lockton.com)
- We won't be hosting any monthly meetings in June and July, but our next Professional Development Workshop (CEU's have been applied for) is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. A registration email has been sent out.

And finally, we're on track to achieve our fifth consecutive year as a Platinum Chapter. A special thanks to Ravi Narayan and Chris Cygan for setting the bar so high, and the on-going support of the Executive Committee for meeting this challenge head on.

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## Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

### MAY

May 11-15	National Police Week	National Peace Officers Memorial Service	<a href="https://www.policeweek.org/">https://www.policeweek.org/</a>
May 15- 21	EMS Week	National Association of Emergency Technicians	<a href="https://naemt.org/initiatives/ems-week">https://naemt.org/initiatives/ems-week</a>
May 21 - 27	National Safe Boating Week	National Safe Boating Council	<a href="https://safeboatingcampaign.com/">https://safeboatingcampaign.com/</a>
May	Motorcycle Safety Month	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	<a href="https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles">https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles</a>
May	National Electrical Safety Month	Electrical Safety Foundation International	<a href="https://www.esfi.org/">https://www.esfi.org/</a>
May	Clean Air Month	American Lung Association	<a href="https://www.lung.org/clean-air">https://www.lung.org/clean-air</a>
May	National Water Safety Month	Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, National Recreation & Parks Association, American Red Cross, and World Waterpark Association	<a href="https://nwsn.phta.org/">https://nwsn.phta.org/</a>
May	Mental Health Month	Mental Health America	<a href="https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month">https://www.mhanational.org/mental-health-month</a>
May	National Physical Fitness & Sports Month	President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition	<a href="https://health.gov/news/202105/move-may-and-celebrate-national-physical-fitness-sports-month">https://health.gov/news/202105/move-may-and-celebrate-national-physical-fitness-sports-month</a>
May	Building Safety Month	International Code Council	<a href="https://www.iccsafe.org/content/building-safety-month-2022-safety-for-all-codes-in-action/">https://www.iccsafe.org/content/building-safety-month-2022-safety-for-all-codes-in-action/</a>

## Upcoming Safety Professional Events

*Don't forget to register*

### Heart of America ASSP Hybrid Workshop

May 20, 2022 12:15 pm to 4:00 pm

Topic: How Safe is That Safety Belt: Fall Protection Awareness

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

### 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>

April 29, 2022: A powerful EF-3 tornado hit Andover, Kansas, resulting in injuries and significant property damage within the community. Luckily, no one was killed during the event, but much has been lost and the community will be rebuilding for a longtime. Andover is just one of many communities that have experienced severe weather events this spring. Monitoring and heeding weather warnings, creating a weather pack with essentials, pre-planning and practicing tornado drills, and staying alert can make a big difference in the surviving Mother Nature. *Please take time to help out in any way that you can and remember to never underestimate the force of nature.*



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## New Members

Please welcome: **Heath Robinson and Vincent Sumbaei**

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](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/>



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