



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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President's Message November 2023

As we swiftly approach the end of 2023, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Our chapter has an exciting lineup of events awaiting you, and we encourage your active participation to maximize the value of our organization. Recently, we hosted our OSHA Update meeting with Billie Kizer, CSP, on Nov 16th, where over 40 members gathered to gain insights into current events and the future focus of regulatory and preventative actions.

Additionally, I'm thrilled to share that our chapter will be celebrating its 85th anniversary on January 26th at the New Theatre in Overland Park, KS. This promises to be a remarkable event filled with networking, reflections on safety improvements over the last 85 years, and the camaraderie that makes our chapter special. We invite you to join us in commemorating this milestone.

Your participation is vital to the success of our chapter, and we are actively seeking volunteers for the Executive Committee. Moreover, the search for a Vice President for the upcoming year is underway, with nominations open until January. If you are interested in contributing to the continued success of our chapter or would like more information about the open roles, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly or any of our outstanding Officers.

To attend our 85th-anniversary celebration, please register on our website. Your presence will add to the significance of this special occasion.

Looking forward to your continued involvement and support.

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October Meeting: Exploring the Impact of Changing Marijuana Laws in the Workplace



Melody Rayl, an attorney at Fisher & Phillips, LLP, brought her wealth of knowledge to the table. Her extensive experience in employment litigation and counseling shines a light on the best practices for employers in navigating these challenges. Melody's insights help employers proactively address these issues and create a safe, compliant, and productive work environment.

As the landscape of employment law continues to evolve, staying informed and prepared is crucial. Our meeting was an opportunity to gain real-world advice and insights to help employers make informed decisions.

A special thanks to Melody Rayl for sharing her expertise, and to all who joined us for this insightful session. Stay tuned for more engaging discussions as we continue to explore the ever-changing dynamics of the workplace.

University of Central Missouri – Mock Accident Scenarios



UCM students in the Department of Occupational Risk and Safety Sciences demonstrated their skills in mock accident scenarios on campus yesterday. This highlights the real-world experience and high-quality education provided through our accredited safety programs taught by award-winning faculty.

DHS CISA Region 7 Critical Manufacturing (CM) Sector Security Roundtable



The Chapter has been invited to participate in the DHS CISA Region 7 Critical Manufacturing (CM) Sector Security Roundtable webinar on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 (10:00 am-12:00 pm - CST). The two-hour event is an opportunity to share information that enhances cybersecurity and physical security and resilience, and to network with other sector partners from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Topics addressed include risks related to cybersecurity, natural hazards, the effects of local disasters, and physical security regarding the supply chain. The target audience for this roundtable is those businesses engaged in critical manufacturing which CISA defines as:

Machinery Manufacturing: Engine and turbines, power transmission equipment; earth moving, mining, agriculture, and construction equipment.

Transportation Equipment Manufacturing: Vehicles and commercial ships, aerospace products and parts, railroad and transit equipment.

Electric Equipment and Component Manufacturing: Electric motors, transformers, generators.

Primary Metals Manufacturing: Iron and steel mills and ferroalloy, aluminum production and processing, nonferrous metal production and processing.

Affected by CM sector: Those within the CM community that may be part of the supply chain, or somehow affected by the CM Sector.

This FREE event is offered virtually, but registration is required. Click on the link below to register by Tuesday, November 28:

Registration link: <https://lnkd.in/gN--W4N7>

For more information on the CM Sector visit Critical Manufacturing Sector | Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency CISA

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE



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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:

- 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

Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, December 8th, 2023	Harvesters – Kansas City, MO 11:30am to 1:00pm 3801 Topping Ave, Kansas City, MO 64129	<u>Harvesters Volunteer Opportunity</u> Harvesters needs our help! Last year, Harvesters helped distribute 61.3 million meals to families in need. As we approach the holidays, they rely even more heavily on volunteers to accomplish their mission of distributing food and household products.
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ChapterWISE – Women in Safety Excellence

Monday, November 27th, 2023	Virtual Teams Meeting at 1:00pm CST	<u>Monthly Meeting</u> Lead by Karen Santoyo
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November Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

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November	Thanksgiving Safety Tips	National Fire Protection Agency	<u>Thanksgiving safety tips NFPA</u>
November	Holiday Safety	National Safety Council	<u>Holiday Safety - National Safety Council (nsc.org)</u>
November	Avoid the Flu	National Safety Council	<u>Flu Vaccination Facts - National Safety Council (nsc.org)</u>
November	Diabetes Awareness Month	American Diabetes Association	<u>American Diabetes Month ADA</u>



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New Members

Please welcome:

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/>

Executive Committee

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



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