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## President's Message October 2024

Hello to everyone in the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. It's a bit surprising that we are already at the end of October. We already had some great meetings this fall, and we have more to come. November 15th is the OSHA update and we are pleased to be having a joint meeting with our colleagues in the Kansas City chapter of AIHA. Then in December we will have a community volunteer opportunity on December 13th at Harvesters.

The cooling weather and upcoming holiday season brings with it many safety challenges, both at home and at work. Halloween is a great time for kids, but keeping everyone safe from traffic hazards when trick-or-treating helps make sure the occasion is happy. Glow sticks are a great high-visibility addition to any costume when walking during hours of darkness.

Fire safety is also an important aspect of holiday season. Portable heater use in work places as well as at home can bring in fire hazards. Please make sure all portable heaters are kept safely away from any combustible materials. Cooking fires also significantly increase during the holidays. Over half of cooking fires are caused by either unattended cooking or combustible items (such as dish towels or cookbooks) being left too close to stove burners.

Lets all work together to help keep our respective workplaces and homes safe this holiday season and I will look forward to seeing you at the OSHA update meeting in November

Please Stay Safe!

Christian Howell, MS

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## UCM Mock Incident Exercise

The UCM Mock Incident event features a joint effort between two classes, twice a year. One class is comprised of upperclassmen to plan and create the incident scene, the other to investigate. This event is a long-held tradition in the UCM Safety Sciences Department, of which HOA ASSP has supported throughout the years. The event, held in the university's quad draws many eyes while students, often times sporting their PPE from their internships, setup, donning costume make-up, and industrial equipment sourced by the university or local businesses that are all too real. HOA ASSP VP, Mike Carlson and member, Jim Small, CSP joined the event as spectators, university alumni, and ASSP members. "The professors from my days of class were there, an all too familiar site, ten years ago, but now both on a first-name basis plus the warm-welcome." - Mike Carlson



## ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 <p><b>WISE</b> Women in Safety Excellence</p> <p>Contact Karen Santoyo for more information: <a href="mailto:karen.santoyo@examinetics.com">karen.santoyo@examinetics.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>
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## Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

<b>Friday, November 15th, 2024</b>	<b>Midwest Public Risk</b> 11:30am - 1pm 19400 E Valley View Pkwy, Independence, Missouri	<b><u>ASSP &amp; AIHA Joint Meeting: OSHA Update</u></b> Speaker: Billie A. Kizer, MPH, CSP / Regional Administrator Region VII OSHA
<b>Friday, December 13th, 2024</b>	<b>Harvesters</b> 11am – 1pm 3801 Topping Ave., Kansas City, MO	<b>Community Volunteer Event - No Meeting</b>

## 2025 Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

### May

May, 2025	<b>SafeConExpo 2025</b>	Safety and Health Council	<b>The Lodge of the Four Seasons</b> <b>315 Four Seasons Drive</b> <b>Lake Ozark, MO</b>
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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](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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