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## President's Message January 2025

Hello to everyone in the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. Here we are at the beginning of a new year, and January is almost over. We have quite a few upcoming meetings for the Heart of America chapter, and I look forward to seeing everyone. I know it's difficult to make time for chapter meetings, but please keep in mind that besides the continuing education opportunities the meetings provide, it's always a nice break in the routine to get away from the office and have lunch with a group of like-minded professionals.

Our first meeting of 2025 will be this Friday. We hope you are able to join the chapter at this meeting. The meeting announcement is available on the chapter website. If you are at all able, please plan to come by and join in. There is an executive meeting immediately after the chapter meeting. For anyone interested in growing their role in the chapter, please feel free to stay and let us know how you would like to participate.

We are pleased to announce that the ASSP Heart of America Chapter has made a donation to the Red Cross to help support relief efforts for the wildfires in the Los Angeles area. The chapter also made a donation to the Safety Olympics.

Don't forget that OSHA Form 300-A, Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses must be posted prominently starting no later than February 1 and must remain posted until at least April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the ITA reporting requirements are coming up as well. Here is the link for OSHA ITA reporting requirements: <https://www.osha.gov/itareportapp>.

Please Stay Safe!

Christian Howell, MS, CSP

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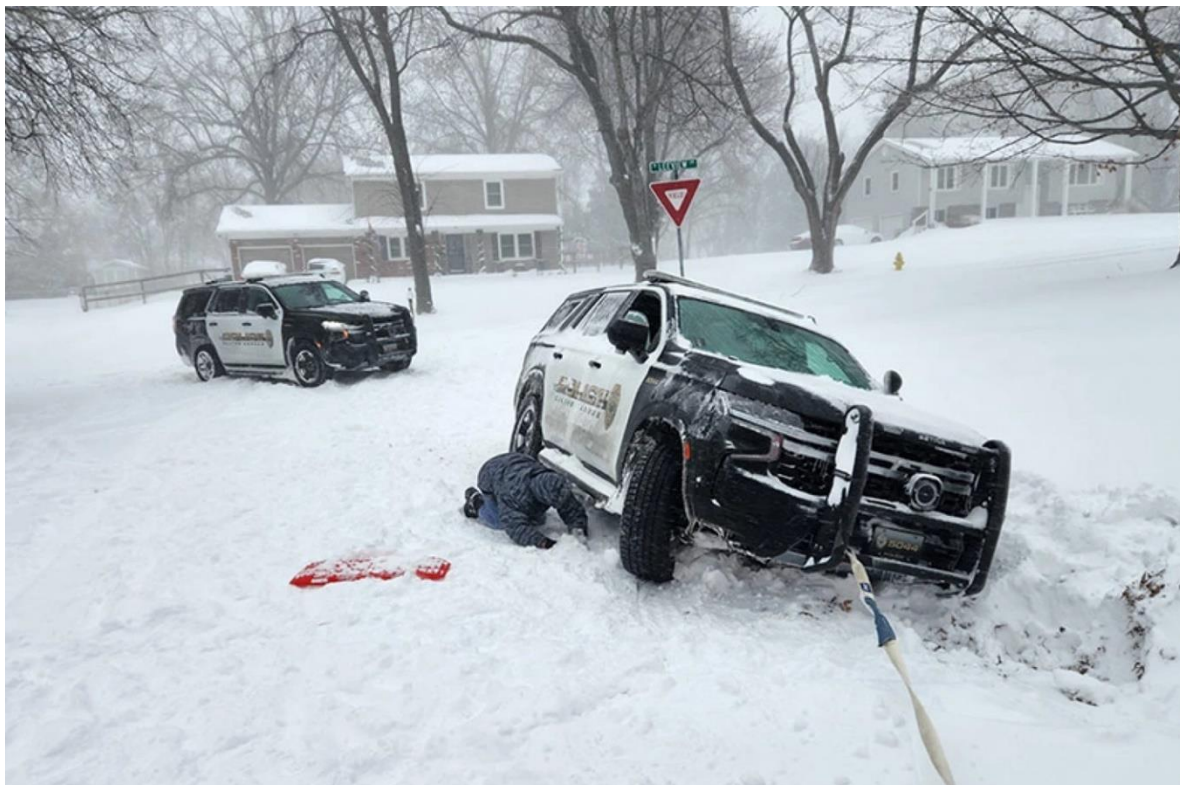
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## Kansas City Snow Storm

This month we experienced a winter storm that like nothing we have seen in the past 30 years. The storm brought some parts of the metro area over 12 inches of snow, and went down as the 4<sup>th</sup> largest snow accumulation on record for the Kansas City area. While the snow may have provided kids a day off from returning to school and some great sledding, it had a significant impact on traffic and jobsite safety.

Local news agencies reported 4 fatalities due to the blizzard in Missouri and Kansas as well as dozens of injuries, mostly from vehicle accidents. Removing the snow from roadways ended up taking several days.



## Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

<b>Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025</b>	<b>Lockton Headquarters</b> 444 West 47 <sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri	<b><u>ASSP Meeting: New Beginnings</u></b> Speaker: Charlie Cartwright
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## 2025 Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

<b>February 3-7</b>	<b>SafetyFOCUS 2025</b>	<b>ASSP</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b> <a href="https://safetyfocus.assp.org/">https://safetyfocus.assp.org/</a>
<b>May, 2025</b>	<b>SafeConExpo 2025</b>	<b>Safety and Health Council</b>	<b>The Lodge of the Four Seasons</b> <b>315 Four Seasons Drive</b> <b>Lake Ozark, MO</b>
<b>July 22-24</b>	<b>Safety 2025 Conference and Expo</b>	<b>ASSP</b>	<b>Orange County Convention Center</b> <b>Orlando, FL</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/>

## Executive Committee

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