



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Heart of America Chapter

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President's Message February 2025

Hello to my fellow members of the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. This new year brings our chapter much news. Firstly, I want to personally thank Christian Howell for his commitment to the chapter over the past years. Due to work obligations Christian is stepping away from the President's role. His priority is what is best for the chapter and unfortunately, he is unable to continue in a leadership role. Thank you Christian for passing the baton and I look forward to serving our chapter as President.

Our last meeting at Lockton was a huge success and brought record numbers of attendees to Dr. Charlie Cartwright's presentation. Thank you to Lockton for sponsoring the large venue and lunch for all.

On a networking note, I am sure if you have a LinkedIn account, you have received messages from aspiring safety professionals asking for advice or about your company's open positions. This is a great opportunity to invite them as your member guest/first-time attendee to a chapter event which is generally provided at no cost. Show them what value your membership provides and I challenge you to make that connection. <https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

I encourage mentorship in our industry, and this opportunity fell into my lap. I was approached by our HR team to ask if I would mentor a Garmin product support associate who is looking into becoming an EHS professional. It turns out we graduated from the same university and we both share a non-linear path to the profession. Where do I start? In one of my first words, I mentioned to him...ASSP. You as a professional have so much impact on our profession's image. What will you do to further it?

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February is Heart Health Month

As many of us are or have been affected by a heart condition, February is heart health month. If you have symptoms of a cardiac emergency, seek immediate medical help. It may seem so easy to say this, but in reality, many of us will not. We are too proud or doubtful to speak up. This week has been hard on our family as our plain salad every night and red wine almost every night father experienced just this. Being too proud, he did not speak up for hours until my mother, a retired physician, noticed his symptoms. One procedure later and he is back to life (days later). I cannot speak for all hospitals, but when you experience cardiac symptoms you generally do not wait in the ER waiting room. In sharing this with my young manager, it turns out she had just recovered from a similar event. The message is simple, if you have a heart, take care of it, and even if you do, you are not immune from a cardiac emergency. Stock, maintain, and keep your AED's less than three minutes away from your associates. If you have a large campus, you should have more AED's than a small hospital in some cases. Our campus has over 50 AEDs and when they are needed, they are priceless.

Authored by Michael Carlson, CSP

Dr. Charlie Cartwright's Presentation Photos



Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, February 21st	Midwest Public Risk 19400 E Valley View Pkwy, Independence, Missouri, 64055	<u>ASSP Hybrid Meeting</u> Topic: Employer Rights and Responsibilities when OSHA Knocks
Friday, March 28th	Scheels 6503 W 135th St STE 88, Overland Park, KS 66223	<u>Student and Professional Speed Meet Event</u>
Friday, April 25th	Terracon 10841 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061	<u>Active Assailant Preparedness</u>
Friday, May 16th	TBD	<u>Contractor Management</u>

2025 Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

May, 2025	SafeCon Expo 2025	Safety and Health Council	The Lodge of the Four Seasons 315 Four Seasons Drive Lake Ozark, MO
July 22-24	Safety 2025 Conference and Expo	ASSP	Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL

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New Members

Gregory Hutchinson, CHST

Sterling Klinker, OHST, COSS

Travis Lizar, CSP, CHST

Wesley Bracken

Robin Nave

Trey Meyer

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!](#)



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ASSP Community

Please take a moment to reach out and connect through ASSP Community.



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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/>



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



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