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President's Message

November 2025

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Hello to my fellow members of the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. There is plenty of energy in the air this month with our chapter, and with display of the northern lights! Although auroras regularly occur at polar latitudes, we have experienced a strong geomagnetic storm, bringing them to us.

In the season of giving, what else may come our way? That would be incidents and near misses. This potential storm of near misses could net an incident as minds begin to wonder and the true meaning of “Crimbo Limbo” may be felt. Let your associates know that they should focus on the tasks at work so they can focus on the tasks at home, being well and unharmed.

We are all looking forward to our technical tour at FTI on Friday the 21st of November. I hope our members utilize this tour as FTI has some innovative and industry leading processes all within a modern facility with much to learn.

If you are ready to volunteer, our chapter is signed up to help onsite at Harvesters in KCMO on December 12th at 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

This is the time of year to remember that our home carbon monoxide detectors should be in proper working order. Most CO detector manufacturers state a useful life of five to seven years, and if they are plug-ins, that they have a charged back-up battery in-place. One year, after hearing an occasional chirp, I ended up changing a smoke detector battery out before realizing that it was the plug-in CO detector's low back-up battery. The pro-tip is to get ahead of this before the holidays!

Thank you for being a member of our chapter and we wish you a happy holiday season!

Michael Carlson, CSP



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME!!!

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Jett Mills



James Treis



James Barns



SPY AWARD SPOTLIGHT

Deadline | January 1st

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Your face could be here!!!!

Do you have a member in mind for our Heart of America Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award? It is that time of the year where you may nominate a professional for this chapter award. The awarded member may be eligible for a further regional award and even a society-level award. Click this [SPY AWARD APPLICATION](#) to nominate someone today!



CHAPTER NEWS

Save the Dates:

MONTH	DATE	TIME	HOST	LOCATION
November	21st	11:30-1:00 pm	Faith Technologies	Olathe, KS
December	12th	1:30-3:30 pm	Harvesters	Kansas City, MO
January	23rd	11:30-1:00 pm	Midwest Public Risk	Independence, MO
February	20th / 27th	11:30-1:00 pm	Safety Culture	Kansas City, MO
March	27th	11:30-1:00 pm	JOCO	Olathe, KS
April	17th / 24th	11:30-1:00 pm	Scheels	Overland Park, KS

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.



HEART OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HISTORICAL SUMMARY



Chartered: March 24, 1939

10th chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals



First President: Col. W. W. Williams (1939–1944)



1940s-1950s

Key role connecting safety professionals across the Midwest



Later decades

Hosted regional safety conferences, supported certification



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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.

1) [Safety Analyst I](#)

2) [Construction Safety Manager](#)

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to
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