

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Gulf Coast Chapter



# **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

2024

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ist Thursday of every Month- Battleground, Deer Park
- Gulf Coast, Energy Corridor and North Monthly Meetings – first, second and third Thursdays of the month
- Nominations
- Grants and Scholarships
- Monster Ball Golf 10/31
- Christmas Holiday Social Tuesday Dec 3rd, 2024 4-7pm @Cadillac Bar



**SPY** 

Safety Professional of the Year

### Doug Rush

MSc, CIH, CSP, CHMM, SMS





Image; Jeron Quincy, Dough Rush, Dustin Hickey, Joel Tietjens



## Leading With Our CLEAR Values

ASSP's new strategic plan incorporates these five values:

- **Community**: We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
- Leadership: We exemplify integrity and empower others.
- Excellence: We strive always to deliver our best.
- Accountability: We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
- Respect: We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.

Together, they form the acronym **CLEAR**, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem. Let's take a closer look at each.

### ASSP GULF COAST CHAPTER MONSTER BALL GOLF TOURMAMENT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024 Battleground Golf Club, Deer Park, Texas

Battleground Golf Club, Deer F Registration: 7:30 am Shotgun Start: 8:30 am Format: 2-man Stramble



#### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Hole Sponsor - \$125 Company name on hole sponsorship sign Individual Sponsor - \$100 Includes individual registration fees only Vendor/Cook Team Sponsor - \$150 Vendor/Cook Team and hole sponsorship. Team Sponsor - \$200 Includes team registration fees only. Silver Sponsor - \$400 Includes team registration and company name on hole sponsorship sign Gold Sponsor - \$550 Includes team registration, company name on hole sponsorship sign, and beverage sponsorship sign. Platinum Sponsor - \$875

Includes team registration, company name on hole sponsorship sign, beverage sponsorship sign, vendor tent or cook team on all advertising and promotional flyers.

DEADLINE FOR SILVER, GOLD, PLATINUM – OCTOBER 10, 2024

TEAM REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO 36 TEAMS



To register, visit our website at <u>www.gulfcoast.assp.org</u> or conta

Golf Tournament Chair, Felix Garza at 361-489-6300 or felix garza@saberpower.com

This golf tournament is an annual event for the Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSP, a SO1 (c) (6) non-profit organization whose mission is to support educational programs and charitable services for the citizens of the Texas Gulf Coast. Our goal is to continue to offer scholarships to individuals in the Texas Gulf Coast area who want to pursue careers in the Occupational Safety and Health Field.

#### GULF COAST ASSP MONSTER BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 31, 2024 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM 7:30 AM REGISTRATION 8:30 AM SHOTGUN START 2-MAN SCRAMBLE FORMAT



# **Call for speakers** Due October 28th, 2024



**Call for Speakers!!** 

Submit a proposal for review by the Conference Planning Committee. We evaluate speaker proposals objectively, taking into consideration several criteria and proposal guidelines. Submissions for proposals are now open.

## **ASSE Grants & Scholarships**

<u>The ASSP Foundation offers career development grants that you can use to</u> <u>support your professional development.</u> Applications Grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability. Apply here

https://asspfoundation.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/solicitations/login/10



# Accepting nominations For Chapter "SPY"

### SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR PURPOSE & ELIGIBILITY

The ASSP Chapter SPY award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to a specific Chapter. To be eligible nominees must:

- Be a Professional Member, Member or International Member in good standing of their Chapter and the Society.
- Not have received this award within the past five (5) years.
- Be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment.

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Nominees are not eligible if they are currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors or the Chapter Awards Committee, or have been elected an ASSP fellow.

#### FORM CAN BE FOUND

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rEykSn06BeKC0F3MBrtKwqOlpu7x4Zc5/view

#### We Appreciate Your Commitment to Safety and ASSP

Each year, ASSP honors members who advance the safety profession, and who produce excellent results within their own organizations or within an ASSP member community. Such recognition is both personally fulfilling and professionally rewarding.

#### **Outstanding Safety Educator**

This award recognizes exceptional educators who show the highest level of achievement in occupational safety and health (OSH) teaching, scholarship and professional service as part of ASSP.

Who is eligible?

#### Safety Professional of the Year

This award recognizes a safety professional who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the safety field, while also making significant contributions to advancing the profession.

What are the criteria?

**President's Award** 

Each year, the current ASSP president presents this award to recognize special service to the organization.

Learn about this award

**Charles V. Culbertson** Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

This award recognizes ASSP members who provide outstanding service to ASSP and help our organization record special achievements. Nominees are selected by members of ASSP's Board of Directors.

When is this award presented?

Council on Practices and Standards Awards These awards recognize members for outstanding service to ASSP through our Council on Practices and Standards, which oversees our practice specialty and common interest group member communities. <u>Be recognized by peers</u>

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# Gulf Coast Chapter Representing at the Fall 2024 Region III ROC Meeting



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#### **PROPOSED RULE**

#### FACT SHEET

### Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings

What the Standard Requires:

The proposed standard would require employers to:

- Develop and implement a work site heat injury and illness prevention plan (HIIPP) with site-specific information to evaluate and control heat hazards in their workplace.
- Identify heat hazards in both outdoor and indoor work sites.
  - For outdoor work sites, employers would be required to monitor heat conditions by tracking local heat index forecasts or measuring heat index or wet bulb globe temperature.
  - For indoor work sites, employers would be required to identify work areas with the potential for hazardous heat exposure, develop and implement a monitoring plan, and seek employee input.
- Implement control measures at or above the Initial Heat Trigger (i.e., a heat index of 80°F or a wet bulb globe temperature equal to the NIOSH Recommended Action Limit) that include providing employees:
  - cool drinking water;
  - break areas with cooling measures;
  - indoor work area controls;
  - acclimatization protocols for new and returning unacclimatized employees;
  - paid rest breaks if needed to prevent overheating; and
  - regular and effective two-way communication.
- Implement additional control measures at or above the High Heat Trigger (i.e., heat index of 90°F or wet bulb globe temperature equal to the NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limit) that include providing employees:
  - mandatory rest breaks of 15 minutes at least every two hours (unpaid meal break may count as a rest break);
  - observation for signs and symptoms of heat-related illness;
  - a hazard alert to remind employees of key parts of the HIIPP; and
  - warning signs at indoor work areas with ambient temperatures that regularly exceed 120°F.

### **Government Affairs Update**



<u>Proposed</u> Rule on Emergency Response Comments due June 21, 2024 ; Informal hearing October 18<sup>th</sup>

"Chevron Deference Doctrine" Overturned June 28, 2024 – "courts are the decision-makers on resolving ambiguities"

**<u>Final</u> Rule on Update to HazCom Standard** Effective July 19, 2024 with phased-in compliance beginning January 2026

<u>Proposed</u> Rule on Heat Injury & Illness Prevention Comments Due December 30, 2024

**Upcoming Election – Potential Impacts to HSE Regulation** November 5<sup>th</sup> election; January 20<sup>th</sup> inauguration





Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 from 4-7pm

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