



# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Thursday of every Month- Battleground, Deer Park
- NO MEETING in JANUARY- **Instead** Join us the Gulf Coast, Energy Corridor and North Monthly Meetings – first, second and third Thursdays of the month
- SPY Nominations
- Grants and Scholarships
- Christmas Holiday Social  
Tuesday Dec 3rd, 2024  
4-7pm @Cadillac Bar



GULF COAST  
CHAPTER  
THANKS OUR  
NOVEMBER  
SPEAKER'S

Image; Larissa Ipsen & Jorge Gomez, Webster OSHA office

### PROTECTING YOUR PET OVER THANKSGIVING



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Stick to feeding your pet Small Bites of Plain Food: Non-flavored Turkey or Carrots. Or Better yet make them their own dish. Avoid anything with artificial sweetener, garlic, salt, or sugar.
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**NO BONES.**  
Cooked or uncooked bones could splinter and cause fatal issues for your pet.
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Trash can be deadly, never leave room for accidental run in with the garbage. Use a lid, or restrict your pet from the area of the trashcan.
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Family time, if you have relatives visting, let them know beforehand you have a pet. Keep kids calm and close to you to avoid any accidents.



@HoustonHumane  
14700 Alameda Rd.

HOUSTON HUMANE SOCIETY

**HOLIDAY HOURS**  
CLOSED THANKSGIVING  
NORMAL HOURS RESUME FRIDAY  
[HOUSTONHUMANE.ORG](http://HOUSTONHUMANE.ORG)



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

# COME JOIN US!!!!!!

## ASSP's Annual Christmas Social

There will be Prizes, Drinks, Food and Jolly Fun!



THE ORIGINAL  
**CADILLAC  
BAR**®

**Tuesday**

**December 3rd, 2024**

**from 4-7pm**

**HSE Quiz!!!!**

**(Honoring Subject Experts)**

Teams of up to 3 will compete for great prizes in this test of health, safety and environmental knowledge to win great prizes.

**PICK YOUR TEAMS NOW!**

**REGISTER NOW!!!**

**[HTTPS://GULFCOAST.ASSP.ORG/EVENTS/GULF-COAST-  
ASSP-HOLIDAY-SOCIAL/](https://gulfcoast.assp.org/events/gulf-coast-assp-holiday-social/)**

**1802 Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77007**

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# GCC STUDENT SECTION

## UHCL SIHSP Panel Discussion



University of Houston - Clear Lake  
2700 Bay Area Blvd  
Houston, TX 77058  
STEM building - Room 2101

### FEATURED COMPANIES:

## VOICE OF SAFETY: INSIGHTS FROM SAFETY PROFESSIONALS 2024

Hosted by SIHSP (Society of Industrial  
Hygienists & Safety Professionals)

- complimentary food & drinks
- **RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1ST**  
contact Sarah Akladios at  
AkladiosS3820@UHCL.edu regarding  
accommodations



Scan QR code to register

#### LYONDELLBASELL

VP, MARKETING  
CROPIFY INC.

#### MARATHON

DIRECTOR,  
TECHNOLOGY  
HUGHES  
ADVERTISING  
AGENCY

#### ROBERT CHIU

SOFTWARE  
ARCHITECT  
DAVIS  
ECOMMERCE

#### RIZAH MASSAN

DIRECTOR, UX  
LAMBERG  
PRODUCT  
SOFTWARE



Friday, November 8, 2024  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



# 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.

## We are Honest Brokers

Pamela Walaski, CSP, FASSP, 2024-25 ASSP President and ASSP Foundation Chair | Oct 01, 2024

Throughout our history, ASSP has purposefully worked to maintain the organization's position of an "honest broker," meaning that the Society brings valuable guidance and advice to both sides of the aisle without being politically motivated.

We have built and preserved this position since our formation in 1911. We know it holds significant value for the stakeholders who depend on our Society and our members to provide evidence-based recommendations and trusted guidance that advances occupational safety and health for all workers. We are the experts in workplace safety and health, so we are the people who best know the courses of action organizations should take to protect workers in all settings.

Protecting worker safety, health and overall well-being requires a commitment that is never defined by politics. This is particularly essential during an election year like 2024 when tensions are elevated and divisions can quickly grow across the nation. After all, we naturally gravitate toward candidates who share our beliefs and address issues that impact our families.

That is why we must consistently work to uphold ASSP's reputation as an honest broker. Thank you for remembering our organization's role as we move through this election season. The U.S. presidential election has engaged tens of millions of Americans in a powerful way. Nearly everyone has an opinion about it.

We have been a leading advocate for worker safety and health principles for more than 100 years, regardless of political debate and changing administrations. We are the go-to source for trusted and equitable solutions that protect all workers in all industries. Our ultimate goal is that every worker return home safe and healthy to their loved ones at the end of each workday.

Of course, we all are human. We each have beliefs and feelings to manage in various settings in life. We are all often deeply impacted by local and national developments, especially during an election season. It is part of what makes us a special group of passionate professionals who can meaningfully connect with and relate to our peers, teams and leaders.

As the guardians of workplace safety across various domains—people, property and the environment—our responsibilities range from ensuring the well-being of individual workers to safeguarding our surroundings. As honest brokers, we must always strive to uphold our commitment to ethical practice and focus on protecting all workers in all settings every day.

As work practices evolve and technologies advance, new challenges arise in ensuring worker safety. ASSP continues to strengthen its reputation as a trusted advisor to OSHA, NIOSH and other entities because our guidance is based on evidence and grounded in industry best practices as defined in voluntary



[https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/we-are-honest-brokers?utm\\_source=MagnetMail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=GovAff](https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/we-are-honest-brokers?utm_source=MagnetMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GovAff)

**No Gulf Coast Chapter meeting for January 2nd, 2025**  
**Executive Committee will meet on Jan 9th 2025**





AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Gulf Coast Chapter

# We thank you for joining our MONSTER BALL BASH Tournament



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# Government Affairs Update

## OSHA Trade Release

### Department of Labor completes restructuring of OSHA regional offices, adds new Birmingham region to improve operations

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has completed changes to restructure its regional operations and create a new region in Birmingham, Alabama. OSHA's intent with the new Birmingham Region is to make workplaces safer and healthier by giving workers a voice and promoting equitable quality service with commitment and respect.

Among the changes is the creation of a new region based in Birmingham to serve Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle.

OSHA has combined operations that had been designated as Regions 9 and 10 to create a new San Francisco Region, to improve the ability of OSHA to deploy resources and serve workers in the new region.

The agency will now also use geographic designations to identify its regions rather than numerals.

OSHA has renamed the regions using the following designations:

Current regional assignment	New regional designation
Region 1	Boston Region
Region 2	New York City Region
Region 3	Philadelphia Region
Region 4	Atlanta Region
Region 5	Chicago Region
Region 6	Dallas Region
Region 7	Kansas City Region
Region 8	Denver Region
Regions 9 and 10	San Francisco Region
	Birmingham Region

## STANDARDS UPDATES

### Revised ANSI/ASSP A10.1 Standard Aims to Improve Construction & Demolition Operations

ANSI has approved the revision of ANSI/ASSP A10.1-2024, "Pre-Project & Pre-Task Safety and Health Planning." The updated standard will be published soon. [Learn about A10 standards](#)

### ANSI/ASSP A10.48 New Leadership Announced

ASSP recently confirmed a new leadership team for the A10.48 Subgroup Committee. Kathy Stieler, NATE's director of safety, health and compliance, will chair the committee, and Dominique Valdez, a member of NATE's board, will serve as committee liaison. This committee oversees development of ANSI/ASSP A10.48-2023, "Standard – Criteria for Safety Practices with the Construction, Demolition, Modification and Maintenance of Communications Structures," which serves as the industry's "playbook" and provides comprehensive safety guidance for the entire tower construction, service and maintenance activities. [Read more](#)


WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW VOLUNTEER FOR  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS – JEFFREY MORROW.






ASSP GULF COAST 2024

# 2025 ASSP GULF COAST PDC

 **2025 Gulf Coast Chapter Professional Development Conference**  
**April 10, 2025**

 **AIHA** | Gulf Coast LOCAL SECTION

The PDC is a partnership between the ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter and the Gulf Coast Section of AIHA

**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.

## ASSP Grants & Scholarships

**The ASSP Foundation offers career development grants that you can use to support your professional development.** 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 Due December 15th 2024



## 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.

#### Be recognized by peers