



JUNE NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Chapter Meeting is on Summer Break -
- **ASSP Safety 2025**
Orlando 7/22-7/24
- Energy Corridor
third Thursdays of the month
- North Chapter second and third Thursdays of the month
- Clear Values
- ASSP Memberships
- Government Affairs
- Standards update
- Grants & Scholarships

SAFETY 25
CONFERENCE + EXPO

TUESDAY, JULY 22 - THURSDAY, JULY 24
ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, ORLANDO



We thank our guest speaker



Topic: Standards and tools for selecting chemical Protective Clothing

Robert N. Phalen, PhD, CIH, CSP, FAIHA & Dustin Hickey, ASSP GC President



**NO CHAPTER MEETING
FOR JULY OR AUGUST.
PLEASE ATTEND
OTHER CHAPTER
MEETINGS LISTED
ABOVE**

We Welcome

our newly elected ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter
Executive Committee
2025-2026



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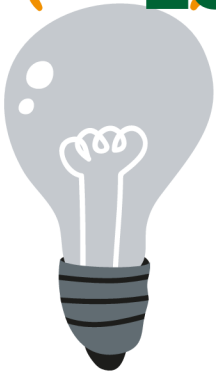
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Leading with our CLEAR Values



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.

Help us GROW & Refer a Member Annual Member-Get-A-Member Program

ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2025. Share the benefits and resources ASSP offers with safety colleagues, directing potential members to the ASSP website to encourage them to join the Gulf Coast Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a **1-year membership** extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card.

For every complete member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

Learn more at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>





ASSP Safety 2025 | Annual Safety Conference + Expo

Safety 2025 is the premier annual education and networking event for workplace safety professionals.

 Safety 2025



Government Affairs Update



NIOSH Reinstatement: A critical step forward for worker safety

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reinstated several hundred NIOSH employees, particularly those involved in vital programs such as black lung disease screening and respirator testing. These reinstatements follow a preliminary injunction that mandates the immediate restoration of the NIOSH staff and the continuation of health surveillance programs under the Mine Safety and Health Act.



National Forklift Safety Day is June 10th

Forklift safety, operator training, and the importance of daily equipment checks will be highlighted June 10 as part of the 12th annual National Forklift Safety Day.

National Safety Month is in June

Since 1996, organizations and individuals across the country have come together to join the National Safety Council in observing National Safety Month® (NSM). Held each June, NSM brings extra attention to vital safety issues from the workplace to anywhere. Let's make people safer by engaging them on this year's weekly topics.

- **Week 1 Continuous Improvement**
- **Week 2 Employee Engagement**
- **Week 3 Roadway Safety**
- **Week 4 Wellbeing**

June is Trench Safety Month

The National Utility Contractors Association and OSHA promote Trench Safety Month every June to focus on trench and excavation safety issues, with a Safety

- Stand Down taking place June 16-20.



OSHA updates inspection program focusing on workplace with highest injury & illness rates.

OSHA announced it has updated the inspection program that directs the agency enforcement resources to establishments with the highest rates of injuries and illnesses Based on injury and illness data submitted.

OSHA's primary planned inspection program for non-construction establishments with 20 or more employees. Using OSHA Form 300A data from calendar years 2021-2023, establishments may be selected for inspection based on:

- High injury and illness rates from 2023 data. Upwardly trending injury and illness rates based on 2021-2023 data at or above
- twice the 2022 private sector average.
- Injury and illness rates are markedly below industry averages.
- Failure to submit an OSHA Form 300A in 2023.

PHMSA ADVISORY BULLETIN PROMOTES IMPLEMENTATION OF PIPELINE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued an advisory bulletin on pipeline safety management systems (PSMSs), encouraging all regulated pipeline owners and operators to adopt new safety management systems voluntarily. PSMSs offer an organization-wide framework for evaluating, managing, and responding to the safety risks associated with various complex pipeline operational processes. The National Transportation Safety Board has encouraged the implementation of PSMS and first recommended that the American Petroleum Institute facilitate the development of a PSMS following the July 2010 release of more than 20,000 barrels of crude oil into the Kalamazoo River near Marshall, MI. Pipeline owners and operators have implemented PSMSs

on approximately 86% of the 2.3-million-mile U.S. gas distribution pipeline network. Despite this, many individual operators—primarily smaller entities servicing fewer than 25,000 customers—have not yet begun implementing PSMS based on this or similar programs, according to PHMSA.

“Safety management systems bring about a much-needed evolution of internal pipeline safety management structures, policies, and procedures that will ultimately lead us to achieve our goal of zero incidents,” says PHMSA’s Ben Kochman. “We encourage all regulated pipeline owners and operators to fully embrace the continuous improvement and enhanced safety benefits that come with implementing a PSMS.”

Read the advisory in the Federal Register at <https://bit.ly/4mdk9Ru>.



SPRING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Our student membership drive is a vital activity for your student section. The number of members your section recruits propels growth and enables you to expand your programs. It also helps build the professional network for your section members. The peers you meet as a student will become the colleagues you rely on throughout your career.

Help us recruit graduating students to join the
Gulf Coast Chapter!



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

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



September 4th, 2025 First meeting of the Chapter year

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE ENERGY CORRIDOR OR NORTH SECTION MEETINGS
IN THE SUMMER. [join us](#)