



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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This Month's Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023



ANSI Z359.14 2021

Fall Protection - Self Retractable Device

SRD Class and Type Changes
SRD Testing Changes
SRD Label/Tag Changes

February 13th, 2023

Speaker: Brad Thontlin
Director of Training - FallTech



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ANSI Z359.14 2021 Fall Protection SRD's

Informational topic of the critical changes of Fall Protection

ANSI Z359.14 - 2021 SRD Standard that takes effect on February 1st, 2023.

Learn the changes of Class and Type of SRD's and how it will affect your fall protection program and safety of your workers.

Understand the ANSI test criteria that has changed and how it will change product performance including fall clearances.

Understand the new label standardization and the fall clearance charts.

Open Discussion with question-and-answer opportunity

Speaker:
Brad Thontlin
Director of
Training -
FallTech



Brad is a well seasoned safety professional with experience starting out as a safety technician and leveling up to VP of Safety within several organizations and industries. Brad has experiences with traditional workers comp and how it relates to business is an important part of the experience and as it correlates with traditional safety(OSHA compliance) and both boil down to one single point – protect the workers.

As falls remain the leading cause of fatalities in the workplace(construction). We must look at fall protection training with a new set of eyes. Brad realizes that much of fall protection principles are not understood and may be very confusing for the worker. Brad understands that utilizing ANSI compliant training to achieve this simple task to get the information to the workers.

Topic: Fall Protection

Speaker: Brad Thontlin, Director of Training, FallTech

Informational topic of the critical changes in fall protection ANSI Z359.14-2021 SRD Standard that takes effect on February 1st, 2023

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register for Meeting: <https://stl.assp.org/events/february-lunch-meeting-fall-tech/>

Professional Development Conference - March 6

Request! If you are attending the PCD on March 6th, please take [this survey](#) from Tony Taylor. In addition to helping him better understand the audience, you'll be entered in to win some prizes!
<https://form.jotform.com/230290978581061>



Professional Development Conference



LIUNA Event Center

4532 S Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63127

MONDAY

MARCH 6th, 2023
7:30 am to 5 pm

Tony Taylor

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Leadership
Authentic
motivational

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tonytaylorinspires.com

Mark your calendar and sign up today to attend the 2023 Professional Development Conference!

What: PDC 2023

When: Monday, March 6th, 2023, all day

Where: LIUNA Event Center, 4532 S. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63127

<https://stl.assp.org/events/2023-professional-development-conference/>

Find out more about **Keynote Speaker Tony Taylor** here:
<https://www.tonytaylorinspires.com/>

Early Bird Registration Rate: \$150 (through 2022)
Regular Registration Rate: \$200 (beginning 1/1/23)
 Vendor Options from \$300 to \$2,000

<div> PDC AGENDA AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS LITANA Event Center March 6th, 2023 4532 S Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63127</div>				<div> PDC AGENDA AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS LITANA Event Center Monday 4532 S Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63127 March 6th, 2023</div>				
7:30 am to 8:15 am	REGISTRATION		BREAKFAST BUFFET	NETWORKING	2:15 pm to 2:30 pm	BREAK W/VENDORS AND SPONSORS		
8:15 am to 8:30 am	Welcome! ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~		 Donn Cahill	 Dennis Pivin	2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	ROOM A	ROOM B	
8:30 am to 9:30 am			Tony Taylor KEYNOTE SPEAKER! Top Leadership Speaker and Self Development Coach <i>Authentic Motivational Leadership</i>			 Sandra Snajder-Gunn, MA Vice President of Operations Vista Counseling, LLC	 Mark Ames Government Relations, AIHA	
9:30 am to 10:00 am	BREAK W/VENDORS AND SPONSORS				3:30 pm to 3:45 pm	BREAK W/VENDORS AND SPONSORS		
10:00 am to 11 am	ROOM A	Hand Safety  Steve Williams Director of Industrial Supply & Safety	ROOM B	LEAD Upcoming Changes in Regulations Join us as John guides us through navigating the new (Hb) regulations coming in the near future.  John Malone, CSP, CIH AT&T	3:45 pm to 4:45 pm	 William McDonald OSHA Area Director	 Marianne Heuer Martin, CSP Compliance Assistance Specialist	
11 am to 11:15 am	BREAK W/VENDORS & SPONSORS				THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!!			
11:15 am to 12:15 am	 Chris Hicks, CSP Consultant		"Inclusive Safety Leadership" Learning Objectives: 1. Gain a better understanding of their role and the fundamentals of Safety Leadership. 2. Apply Safety Leadership concepts universally. 3. Obtain a clearer understanding of expectations and effective leadership style for a cultural transition to DSD driving for Safety to be a Core Value. 4. Be equipped with the tools to gain buy-in and motivate employees towards individual ownership for Safety.		Platinum Sponsor  Silver Sponsor  Bronze Sponsors   			
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	BUFFET LUNCH - W/VENDORS & SPONSORS				THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS!			
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	ROOM A	"THE Most Dangerous thing your employee can do... Drive A Vehicle"  Mark Woodward Senior Safety & Risk Trainer MEM	ROOM B	Disruptive Technology and Cloud Based Instrumentation This session will review some of the newest developments in technology that work to break traditional paradigms in EH&S instrumentation, including: real-time silica monitoring, optical gas-sensing technologies and connected worker analytics.  Tony Coco Owner, Archview Services	 			
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Future Chapter Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 (attend the PDC in lieu of a March Chapter Meeting)

Topic: Building a Safety Culture - Getting the "Buy-In"
Speaker: Sharida Mitchell

Sharida is the Territory Account Manager for Mallory Safety & Supply

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register for Meeting: <https://stl.assp.org/events/april-lunch-meeting/>

Calendar of Events

Take a look at what's coming up! Mark your calendar now.



ASSP ST. LOUIS CHAPTER EVENTS 2023



Sybergs on Dorsett (unless otherwise stated)
Networking: 11:00-11:30 - Lunch: 11:30-12:00
Announcements & Speaker: 12:00-1:00



NO MEETING in January, 2023
Happy New Year! See you in February!



Membership Appreciation Night!
Members are FREE - Please register in advance!
February 9th, 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm
Bristol Seafood Grill, 11801 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141



Brad Thontlin
Director of Training, Falltech
February 13th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm
Informational topic of the critical changes of Fall Protection ANSI Z359.14 - 2021 SRD Standard that takes effect on February 1st, 2023



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
March 6, 2023 - 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
Tony Taylor - KEY NOTE SPEAKER!
LIUNA Event Center, 4532 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63127



Sharida Mitchell - Territory Account Manager
Mallory Safety & Supply
Monthly Meeting - April 10th, 2023 11:00 am to 1 pm
Building a Safety Culture - Getting the "Buy-In"



Dr. Hobbs, (L) St. Louis Orthopedic and Sports Medicine
Dr. Minges (R) Orthopedic Spine Surgery - Joint Presentation
Monthly Meeting - May 8th, 11:00 am to 1 pm
"Neck/Shoulder Syndrome in the Workplace"



Annual Golf Tournament - June 9th, 2023 - 7 am to 3 pm
St. Peters Golf Club, 200 Salt Lick Rd, Saint Peters, Missouri 63376



Chris Archer, Attorney at Law - Archer & Lassa, LLC.
Monthly Meeting - July 10th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm
"Is this compensable?" Test your knowledge and judgement on real fact patterns decided recently by the courts.



AB Tour!!! – No Meeting! – August 10th , 2023 – 3 PM to 5 PM
Happy Hour w/Food & Beer – 5 PM to 7 PM
Must Register – \$20.00/person (non-refundable)



Stacie Zellin, Community Education Coordinator
 Prevent+Ed
Monthly Meeting – September 11th, 2023 – 11:00 am to 1 pm
"Navigating Conversations around Substance Use"

TBD
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Monthly Meeting – October 9th, 2023 – 11:00 am to 1 pm
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Monthly Meeting – November 13th, 2023 – 11:00 am to 1 pm
 TBD



Maryanne Heuer Martin, CSP. Compliance Assistance Specialist (L)
 Bill McDonald, Area Director, OSHA – St. Louis Area Office (R)
Monthly Meeting – December 11th, 2023 – 11:00 am to 1 pm
Annual OSHA Update

 <https://stl.assp.org/event/> 

Always find the latest events at <https://stl.assp.org/>

ASSP In the Community

ASSP members Ricky Reams and Patte Ackermann were thrilled to be asked for the second year to participate in a safety education program for the Super Hornets Robotics Club. Ricky spoke on all things tool safety and pre-task planning. Patte shared information on safe lifting and communication. Their messages crossed over many times, and the Robotics Team were grateful for the education they received. Patte and Ricky hope that the Super Hornets do great in competition!

If you have volunteered and helped a local group with their safety, health or other efforts, please let us know!

Mid-Missouri Section

The Mid Missouri section provides networking and training opportunities for the professionals working in and around Jefferson City and Columbia.

Mid-Mo has a lot of exciting meetings planned for this year, to be held at D. Rowe's Restaurant in Columbia, MO:

- February 22nd, How the WC Court System Works
- March 22nd, Unrolling Marijuana: Best Practices and Trends
 - April 19th, TBD
- May 17th, Suicide Prevention & Mental Health (Rescheduled from January)

If you are interested in participating in these meetings or joining the Mid-MO mailing list, please reach out to [Paul Krewson](#)

PREPARATION FOR A PROPERTY ENGINEERING VISIT

~Bill Kincaid, P.E., CSP, CIT

Property insurance coverage has never been an exciting topic for an article, but in the past few years it has now pushed its way into prominence. Over the past decade or so, the insurance companies have lost a lot of money due to large disasters such as hurricanes and wildfires. They have become increasingly careful about the risk they take on. This means their engineers are looking harder at their insureds. Issues which have been passed by for a decade are suddenly being written up, spotlighting major issues which were there all along.

In a typical case I've been seeing more of lately, a decade of growth has led to a client's property protection problems also expanding. It would have been easier to fix them as the company grew simply by making sure the new structure met the applicable NFPA codes. Instead, fire codes were neglected, the corrections are projected to cost well into the seven figures, and the insurance company doesn't intend to cover the full value of the property unless critical improvements are made.

The plant management felt clotheslined by the engineer's findings. Now, the management is struggling to understand not only how to pay for everything they need but also why they have been put into this predicament. This week alone, I've worked with three companies who just found themselves all in the same boat.

As we know, good management includes planning and budgeting for significant expenses. Bringing a new, unexpected multi-million dollar project to the board or the ownership is going to be unpleasant. That's doubly true when the reason for the surprise is a failure to consider property protection measures in the expansion plans. Sure, our builder might have installed a garden-variety sprinkler system, but it's not enough for what it's supposed to protect.

Since there are plenty of companies out there which haven't yet been given this wakeup call, this month's column is about facilitating a visit from an insurance property engineer to at least make it easier and more efficient when a property engineer visits.

The engineer is the eyes and ears of the insurance company. Each visit will result in a report with whatever recommendations the engineer decided made sense. In most cases they are looking for anything which doesn't meet a code or standard, but they also have their own best practices which they want their insureds to follow. Engineering surveys can be as often as yearly, and the engineer may want to visit again sooner if there is something which needs to be followed up on.

Although this can seem like an intrusion, keep in mind an important part of any business is keeping that business in operation. The carrier engineers are there to point out issues which could cause future problems. It's a valuable free service which would cost thousands if you hired an outside expert for that purpose. It's also better when your insurance company sees you as a cooperative partner. If there is something in the recommendations you can reasonably do, then you should think seriously about it.

For most visits, the survey will follow the following format:

- 1) Opening meeting, introducing scope and schedule of the visit
- 2) Discussion of the site layout, construction/age of the building and the roof, as well as occupancies and processes in the building. Any site changes (construction, remodeling, upgrades etc.) since the last site visit if there was one, as well as any planned changes. Engineers are also interested in the neighboring businesses and any unusual hazards to your building from the neighbors.
- 3) Review of any outstanding recommendations if there are any and review human element procedures,

smoking controls, hot work, impairment handling, emergency preparedness, fire prevention inspections, contractor controls, security arrangements and utilities. This process is more efficient if you can have documents printed out and waiting.

4) Tour of the site. The tour can include general building areas, utility rooms, the roof, fire protection equipment/room, electrical rooms, boiler room, and data center. Sprinkler risers are of high interest. Some engineers will want to see sprinkler control valves exercised and witness other hands-on tests. It's always a good idea to prepare for property walkthroughs by sending someone out to look for and fix the little housekeeping issues which will inevitably need to be corrected anyway after the inspection. It's not possible to list everything, but here are some of the top "hot button" issues:

- Idle wood pallets stacked more than six feet high indoors, pallets outdoors up against the building, or pallets stored in storage racks (note plastic pallets must be in shorter stacks with less in any given space)
- Fire doors propped open or items left underneath overhead fire doors so they can't close completely
- Any stray containers of flammable/combustible liquids which are stored in racks outside the designated flammable storage areas.
- Cardboard, wood etc. stored in utility rooms such as electrical rooms or telephone system rooms
- Storage piled within 36" of warehouse sprinkler heads, within 18" of plant sprinkler heads
- Flammable containers not bonded and grounded for transferring into other containers, more than a day's use on the plant floor.
- Combustibles such as plastics or corrugated cardboard accumulated under stair landings and mezzanines where there are no sprinkler heads
- Closed sprinkler control valves (this is very important since it wipes out the fire protection)
- Hydraulic machines and HVLS fans without interlocks to shut them down in case of a fire
- Any defect in automatic extinguishing systems in spray booths, paint rooms and flammable storage (for example, in a spray booth, sprinkler heads with paint on them)

5) Final conference with senior management to present findings and recommendations.

If your property carrier hasn't seen your facility for a very long time and you feel like there's going to be a reckoning, why not have an engineer from your insurance broker do a pre-visit walkthrough? We want our insurance partners to leave your facilities with a smile, not a long list of problems. It's good to be prepared and cooperative.

~Bill

Improving Access to Period Supplies

While speaking with members of Missouri Women in Trades (MOWIT) during a presentation they gave on Pelvic Health, the members of WISH discovered there is a need for better access to period supplies: not only at jobsites, but also at the Associated General Contractors Headquarters!

After meeting with Brandon Anderson, Vice President of Safety for AGC of St. Louis, the AGC team got down to work, and a period supply cart was provided at the AGC!

Additionally, Courtney Hobbie, Director of Safety Kozeny Wagner, knowing about the challenges getting supplies while in the field, has added period supplies to first aid kits and worked to ensure all employees that may need them know about their availability. She has also added these supplies to the list of what must be inspected in the first aid kits.

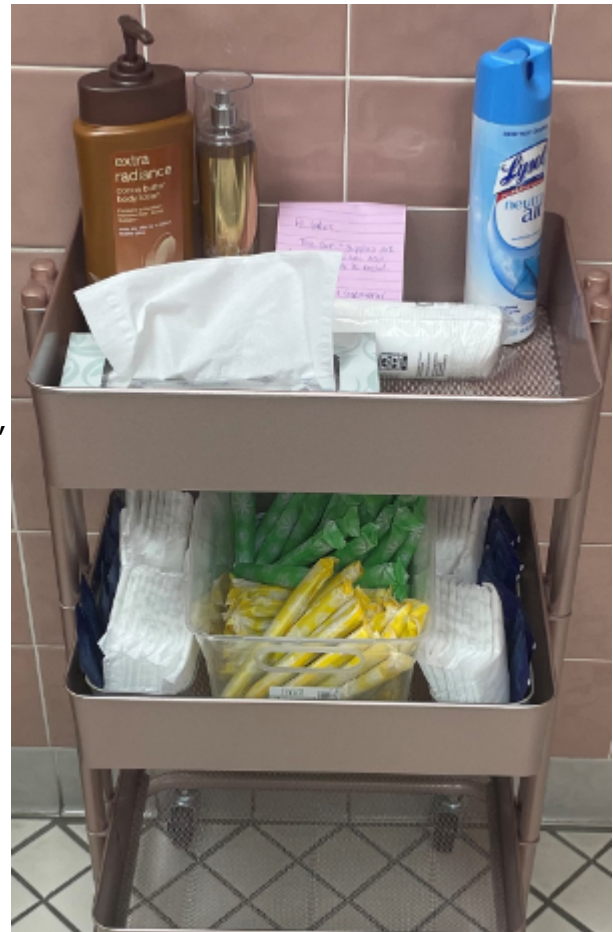
Kathi Dobson, Safety Director, Alberici, has also been working to improve hygiene at job sites. She has made period packs for Alberici employees and some have been distributed to MOWIT members.



She is also paying attention to general sanitation practices in the field to include providing access to sanitary products, disposal methods for these products, exploring “accessible” porta-potties for women as doffing work clothes in the tight quarters can be challenging.

All of these to make the job sites more inclusive, safe and inviting for tradeswomen.

Thanks all!



Midwest Construction Safety Conference

The Midwest Construction Safety Conference (MCSC) is committed to improving construction safety throughout the region with top-tier education from safety experts across the construction industry. The conference and expo will return March 9 and 10, 2023, at [Adams Pointe Conference Center](#) in Blue Springs, Missouri. Secure your spot for this annual favorite conference soon! [Vendor](#) and [sponsorship](#) opportunities are also available.



3/9/2023 7:30 AM - 3/10/2023 12:30 PM

Adams Pointe Conference Center 1400 NE Coronado Drive

SITE Investment in Infrastructure Expo

Over 20 project presenters, including public and private agencies covering local, state, and federal governments and major utilities serving the region, will spend the afternoon interacting with contractors, engineers, and other industry professionals in a trade show floor environment to discuss their upcoming capital improvement projects. The trade show will also include exhibits by dozens of equipment dealers and suppliers. Cost: \$25 per attendee



Buckle Up, Phone Down Business Showdown

Want to do your part to make Missouri roads safer **and win cash prizes?**

The Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) Business Showdown runs from January 9 to March 31, 2023 and is open to all Missouri employers with five or more employees.

Learn more and register here: <https://savemolives.com/mcrs/buckle-phone-down-business-showdown>

To be eligible for the Business Showdown, businesses must do the following:

- Have five or more employees;
- Register for the Showdown (link below);
- Adopt a safe driving policy (a sample policy is provided along with other communication and educational materials); and
- Ask employees to complete an online distracted driving training video and submit an online Buckle Up Phone Down pledge.

Businesses with the highest percentage of employees completing the training and taking the Buckle Up Phone Down Pledge by March 31, 2023, can win cash prizes to use towards employee safety initiatives. A total of three (3) cash prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) businesses – 1st place: \$7,500, 2nd place: \$6,000 and 3rd place: \$5,000. The winning businesses will also be invited to the Missouri State Capitol for a recognition event on April 12, 2023.

Employees who complete the training video and take the pledge are also entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

Accept the challenge today and encourage your employees to [drive like it's their job](#), by buckling their seat belts and putting their phones down while driving!



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Plans the program time and needs for presentations & coordinates schedule

Social Media – Open

Maintains Face book & Twitter accounts promoting discussion with local membership

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Please contact a board member or committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate in any of the chapter activities.

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