



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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Check to see if a new [job posting](#) may be perfect for you!

January Member Appreciation Night - January 15

It's not too late to join us on Thursday, January 15th for food and fellowship as we recognize the best chapter members in the ASSP: You! This event is always a good time, with lots of great food and a relaxed atmosphere. Don't wait; [sign up today!](#)



Where: Bristol Seafood Grill, 11801 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

When: 5pm to 8pm

Register for Meeting:

<https://stl.assp.org/events/assp-member-appreciation-night/>

February Chapter Meeting - Monday, February 9

Topic: Building the Human Firewall

Discover how safety professionals can become a "human firewall" in an AI-driven world through real stories, simple habits, and practical insights that turn everyday awareness into powerful cybersecurity protection.

Speaker: Latina Berryhill

VP at Netgain Technologies

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

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

Save the date, registration will be open in the Feb Newsletter



Registration is open through the Wednesday before the chapter meeting. Please register by then so we can provide an attendance count to Sybergs, and you will be entered into the attendance prize drawing. Walk-in registrations *are* accepted but should be limited whenever possible.

Trench Safety Day at the Zoo - February 25, 2026

The Saint Louis Zoo is happy to host another Trench Safety Day on Wednesday, February 25, 2026! New this year, we'll have afternoon learning tracks from 1-4p that attendees can sign up to attend for a little extra razzle dazzle. Come for trench safety day in the morning, stay for our awesome afternoon breakout sessions featuring talks on Safety Leadership & Change Management, Confined Space Awareness & Application, and In-depth Excavations! We can't wait to see you at this *free* event.

Registration is open-- register today! https://lnkd.in/gY_2KKuZ

TRENCH SAFETY DAY

February 25, 2026



AT THE

Saint Louis Zoo
Animals Always®

ANHEUSER-BUSCH THEATER | ONE GOVERNMENT DRIVE, 63110

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST BEGIN AT 7:00 AM.

PRESENTATIONS START AT 7:45 AM AND CONCLUDE AT 12:30 PM.

Join us at the Saint Louis Zoo for a half-day seminar from industry experts, followed by optional Breakout Presentations in the afternoon.



FEATURED PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- Mark Woodward, Missouri Common Ground Alliance
- Bill McDonald and Maryanne Heuer, OSHA
- BRANDON ANDERSON, AGCMO
- CHARLIE PEEL, Missouri811
- Breakout sessions include: Safety Leadership, Confined Space Awareness, and Excavation

DANIEL & HENRY
INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT



- Event is provided free of charge. Parking is on your own. Breakfast is provided free of charge.
- DNR water-wastewater credits and DHSS septic installer continuing education credits provided free of charge.
- Certificate of attendance provided at the end of the seminar. Recipients must be pre-registered.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT: <https://forms.office.com/r/8Z4sdLdc3N>

Questions?

Contact Domini Montgomery, Safety Director, Saint Louis Zoo at dmontgomery@stlzoo.org or call (314) 646-4739

Professional Development Conference - March 2, 2026

[Register now](#) for the 2026 PDC. Early bird registration ends 1/31/26

Registration link: <https://stl.assp.org/events/2026-joint-pdc-assp-aiha/>



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ST. LOUIS ASSP-AIHA 2026 JOINT PDC

**REGISTRATION IS
OPEN! Register here**
to secure early bird
pricing through 1/31/26.
Finalized conference
sessions coming soon!

WHEN



MONDAY
MARCH 2, 2026

8:00AM-4:00PM

**LIUNA EVENT
CENTER**

**CONTACT: DOMINI
MONTGOMERY**



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St. Louis Chapter



2026 Calendar of Chapter Events

Mark your calendar now for the next years worth of chapter meetings and events.
Please register in advance at <https://stl.assp.org/>



ASSP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT SYBERGS
2430 OLD DORSETT ROAD, MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043
11 AM TIL 1 PM

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!!!

→ [HTTPS://STL.ASSP.ORG/EVENT/](https://STL.ASSP.ORG/EVENT/)



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January

MEMBER APPRECIATION
Held at Bristol Seafood
11801 Olive Blvd,
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
5 pm til 8 pm
Appetizers & Drinks

MEMBERS ONLY



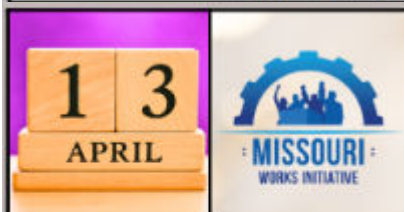
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FEBRUARY

LATINA BERRYHILL
VP AT NETGAIN TECHNOLOGIES
Building the Human Firewall
Discover how safety professionals can become a "human firewall" in an AI-driven world through real stories, simple habits, and practical insights that turn everyday awareness into powerful cybersecurity protection.



02
March

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (ASSP & AIHA)
Held at the Liuna Event Center
4532 S Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63127
7:30 am til 3:30 pm



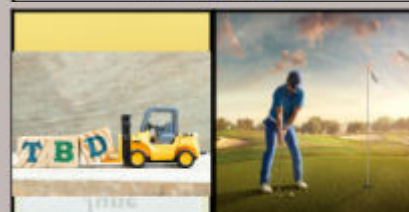
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APRIL

DR. JOHN GAAL EDD,
CHW-C, CSP, CWP, LAP-C
Worker Wellness Director – Missouri Works Initiative (MO AFI-CIO)
Suicide Postvention in the Workplace:
An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.



11
MAY

J. BRADLEY YOUNG
HARRIS YOUNG KAYSER
From Accident Scene to Subpoena:
What Safety Pros Shouldn't Do
Learn the key mistakes safety pros must avoid from accident response to the courtroom to protect people, evidence, and their careers.



ANNUAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
Held at (Details to be Announced Soon)
TBD
TBD
TBD



13
JULY

DREW COMPTON
TERRITORY MANAGER- MO/TN/AR
Cut the risk. Not your Hands
What does a good hand protection program look like with changes in standards over the last 10 years? We will focus on these changes and applying them to a stronger program.



10
AUGUST

ALEX SAFAYA
KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER NORTH AMERICA
Introduction to Industrial Exoskeletons by SUITX
Explore the fundamentals of exoskeletons, how they can be applied in industrial settings, and best practices for implementing this technology to improve safety, ergonomics, and worker's health.



14
SEPTEMBER

TBD



12
OCTOBER

TBA



09
NOVEMBER

TBA



14
DECEMBER

MARYANNE HEUER, MS, CSP, CHST
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE
SPECIALIST &
BILL McDONALD, AREA DIRECTOR
Annual Update with
OSHA - Greater St. Louis

Created By: [Faye Bryan](#) [@assp2026](#)

Have a topic you want to see covered, or a presenter you want to suggest?
Contact any one of your [chapter officers](#) today.

Kids Poster Contest - Due Feb 9

Share this fun opportunity with kids of all ages to create a poster for the theme "How Am I Safe?" showing how kids stay safe at home or school, or how their parents and guardians stay safe at work or in every day life. Submit your form [here](#) before Monday, Feb 9th so they can be viewed and voted on by the chapter meeting attendees.

You can also email your submission to Mary Claire Hogan at mhogan@stlzoo.org

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS (ASSP)
ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
PRESENTS THE

 **2026** 

KIDS' SAFETY POSTER
CONTEST  

The ASSP St. Louis Chapter invites children from preschool to high school to participate in our 2026 Safety Poster Contest. The theme is "How Am I Safe?", which encourages students to creatively illustrate how they stay safe at home, at school, or how their parents and guardians stay safe at work or in everyday life.

SEE BACK FOR FULL RULES!

POSTER CONTEST INFO:

- Create a poster showing how you and/or your guardian stay safe at home, at school, at work, etc.
- Open to all students in preschool through high school
- Your artwork must be original
- Winners will be chosen in each age group
- Winners will be announced on March 2, 2026 at the ASSP/AIHA PDC
- Each winner will receive a special prize!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR POSTER!



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FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL [MHOGAN@STLZOO.ORG](mailto:mhogan@stlzoo.org)

2026 ASSP KIDS' SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

RULES

Eligibility

Children in preschool, elementary school, middle school, and high school are eligible to enter. Participants must be children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or children special to ASSP St. Louis Chapter members. Children of anyone who becomes an ASSP member by February 9, 2026, are also eligible.

Theme Requirements

All artwork must reflect the contest theme "How Am I Safe?". Posters should illustrate how the child stays safe at home, at school, or how their parents or guardians stay safe at work or in everyday life.

Original Artwork

All entries must be original posters created by the child. Only one submission per child is allowed.

Submission Details

All entries must be received by February 9, 2026. Posters may be uploaded via the QR code/Google Form, emailed to Mary Claire Hogan (mhogan@stlzoo.org), or delivered in person at the February 9th meeting at Syberg's in Maryland Heights.

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged based on creativity and how effectively they communicate the theme "How Am I Safe?" for the child's age group. All ASSP members will be able to participate in voting.

Winner Announcement

Winners from each age group will be announced at the ASSP/AIHA Professional Development Conference (PDC) on March 2, 2026. Each age-group winner will receive a prize.



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Past Event Pictures

Hope everyone had a wonderful (and safe!) holiday season! 🌲 ✨

[#WISHSTL](#) & Allies had an absolute BLAST at the [Saint Louis Zoo](#) for their Wild Lights display this holiday season — and it was seriously magical. ✨ Between the glowing tunnels of lights, all the festive energy, warm holiday drinks ☕, and our fun holiday light-up headbands shining bright 💡, it was the perfect night to get out, connect, and have fun together. And of course... all the furry (and non-furry) friends made it even better 🐾 🦌 🦉

So many laughs, so many pictures, and such a great reminder of how special this community is — especially when we get to spend time together outside of our usual meetings. ❤️

A HUGE thank you to [Krista Hyde, PhD, MBA, CSP](#), [Patte Ackermann](#), and [Domini Montgomery, MPH, ASP, CSP, CEAS](#) for putting this night together — y'all absolutely nailed it! 🎉 ✨

And thank you to everyone who came out and helped spread holiday cheer — it truly was a night to remember! 🥰 🌲

Already counting down to the next get-together!





December Meeting

We had an awesome turnout again for December's ASSP St. Louis monthly meeting and Annual Update with OSHA – Greater St. Louis ([Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)). Huge shoutout to [Maryanne Heuer, MS, CSP, CHST](#) and [William McDonald \(Bill\)](#) for bringing the energy, sharing great updates, and answering all our questions.

Love seeing our safety community show up, stay engaged, and keep raising the bar for safer jobsites across our region. Already excited for the next one! ❤️🎁



Operation Food Search Update

WISH had a great event in 2025 where we volunteered at Operation Food Search. An ASSP and WISH team member from Grainger noticed that employees at the facility could use new Hi-Vis vests, and reached out to Milwaukee Tool. Jessica Vaccarro and Natalie Rhomberg at Milwaukee were instrumental in obtaining new safety vests for the team members, as well as some new gloves!



Mid-Missouri Updates



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Mid-Mo Section • STL Chapter

**Do you live or work in the heart of Missouri?
Get involved with the Mid-MO chapter and
attend the next meeting at D. Rowe's in Columbia!**

[Reach out to](#) Communications Chair Paul Krewson or
[Subscribe to ASSP Mid-MO Announcements](#)

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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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