



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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

May Chapter Meeting - Monday, May 11

Topic: 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.

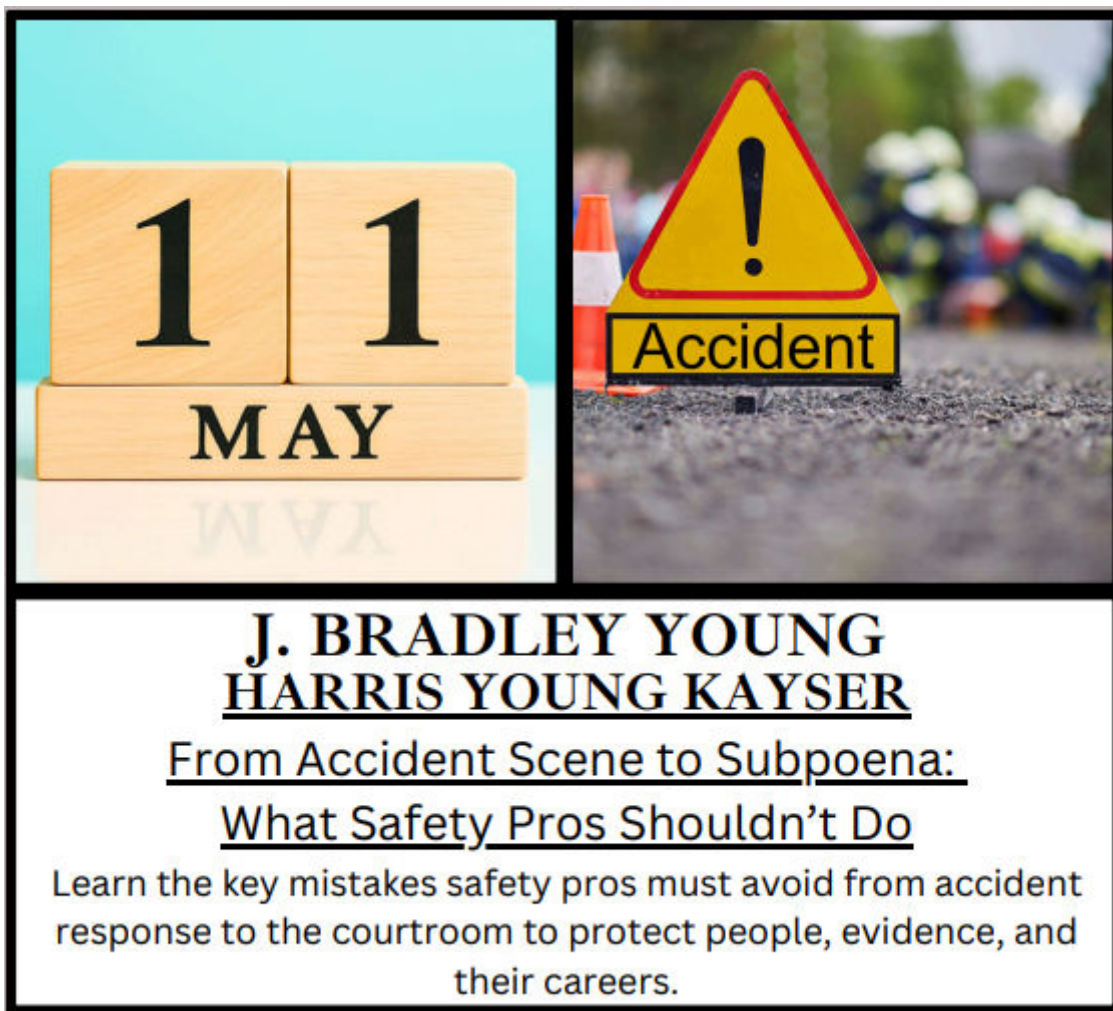
**Speaker: J. Bradley Young
Harris Young Kayser**

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

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

What else? Voting for the St. Louis ASSP Chapter Board positions will also occur at this meeting.

Register here: <https://stl.assp.org/events/may-lunch-meeting-2/>



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.

Summer Event Survey

Its nice when you get to choose! Let us know your preferences for the ASSP St. Louis summer event - Grizzlies? Puttshack? August? September? It's a quick two question survey and your opinion matters!

Take the survey: [Summer/Fall St. Louis ASSP member event – Fill out form](#)

Kids Poster Contest - Deadline Extended to May 11

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](#) 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

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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 at the July 13th chapter meeting
- Each winner will receive a special prize!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**MONDAY,
MAY 11, 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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SafeConExpo - Registration still open - May 13 & 14

Registration is open for the the SafeConExpo conference and all the many pre-conference options. This year's conference is May 13-14 (Wed-Thurs) at The University Plaza Hotel (333 John Q Hammons Parkway, Springfield, MO, 65806.)

Register here: <https://shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/registration.aspx>



Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

[Register today for the 2026 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser!](#)

Money raised by this event funds three scholarships for local students working towards safety related degrees. We are limited to 144 players, so don't wait and register today!

We are also accepting donations for the goodie bags and prize raffle. Earn some goodwill and get your company's name out there by contacting Patte at ackerm@ssm-select.com



ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser



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Property
and the
Environment
since 1911**

RESERVATIONS

FRIDAY - JUNE 5, 2026

7:15 am – Registration

8:00 am – Shotgun Start

1:30 pm – Lunch and Awards

**St. Peter's Golf Course
200 Salt Lick Road St.
Peters, MO 63376
Phone: (636) 397-2227**

Please complete the attached
Registration Form promptly to
guarantee your reservation.

Payment can be made online at:
<http://stl.assp.org/>

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!!!

Limited to 144 PAID golfers!

\$150 per person - \$600 for a team of four

PAYMENT is due in FULL by May 22, 2026

**ALL PLAYERS will be entered
into a drawing for prizes.
Additional tickets may be
purchased on event day.**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Co-host for refreshments & meal for \$200
- 2) Sponsor ONE golf hole for \$150
- 3) Sponsor TWO golf holes for \$200
(One on the front 9 and one on the back 9)
- 4) Corporate Level Sponsor - Includes
a golf foursome with mulligans, skins,
two hole signs, a large banner displayed
at registration, lunch and awards
ceremony for \$1,000
- 5) Donate raffle and "goodie bag" items
Call Patte Ackermann at (314) 346-3079

**All beverage and meal sponsors will be listed
on a banner at registration and awards ceremony**

Missouri Employment Conference - May 6 & 7

Check out the Safety sessions at the Missouri Employment Conference, led by chapter members and friends Mark Woodward, Flint Walton, and Sheila Schmidt! Register or find more information here:

<https://missouriemploymentconference.com/>



SAFETY TRAINING

Safety training is more than checking a box—it's where HR makes a real impact. By leading compliance efforts, reducing risk, and creating a culture of safety, HR professionals protect both people and the organization every single day.

SPEAKER SAFETY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Mark Woodward – New Employee Training, B.U.I.L.T To Succeed
- Flint Walton – Your EMOD Explained
- Sheila Schmidt – Hire for Safety

**LEAD WITH KNOWLEDGE
BUILD WITH CARE**

May 6 & 7

OLD KINDERHOOK GOLF CLUB & SPA
CAMDENTON, MO



Member News in PSJ

Our local Women In Safety and Health (WISH) Chapter is one of the best in the world, and is continually being recognized with awards and callouts. Recently, they were recognized in the ASSP Professional Safety Journal for their volunteer efforts at Operation Food Search.

Check out the quotes from our very own Domini Montgomery and Patte Ackerman in this spotlight, and look into all the other informative articles in the leading peer-reviewed journal of our profession.

[Access the PSJ Digital Edition Here](#)



MEMBER NEWS

Member News stories share how our members and communities are connecting with safety, each other and their communities. Let us know about your achievements, activities and community projects at professionalsafety@assp.org.

Strengthening Member Community Connections

The Women in Safety and Health (WISH) community of ASSP's St. Louis Chapter holds several volunteer events for its members each year as part of its philanthropic goal. In 2025, knowing that many residents of the St. Louis area were affected by food insecurity and that the uncertain future of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) threatened to make the problem worse, WISH offered their help. On Oct. 29, WISH members volunteered their time to pack items for Operation Backpack, a program that provides healthy food to children on weekends when they do not have access to school-provided meals.

"As a WISH leader and a previous WIC [the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children] kiddo, I knew this event would be both timely and critical," says Domini Montgomery, M.P.H., CSP, ASP, director of safety and risk management at the St. Louis Zoo and cochair of the ASSP St. Louis Chapter WISH. "My parents' access to WIC for my little brother and I helped our family."

Patte Ackermann, PT, industrial physical therapist at SSM Health Physical Therapy and cofounder and executive board member of the St. Louis WISH, organized the event, coordinating RSVPs and communicating event instructions to the 16 WISH members who participated. Each participant contributed by packing bags of food, which St. Louis public school teachers could then place into students' backpacks on Fridays to ensure that they would have access to healthy nutrition over the weekend when school-provided breakfast and lunch was not available. This removes any embarrassment for children receiving donations and eliminates the need for families to visit an additional location such as a food pantry to access food.

WISH members packed 154 bags of food that went directly to hungry children in the community. Their contributions saved Operation Food Search \$1,600 that the organization was then able to allocate to other programs addressing food insecurity. The volunteers fulfilled the orders for St. Louis Public Schools about an hour after starting and were able to move on to another initiative. Member feedback about the experience was



overwhelmingly positive, and participants were enthusiastic about continuing to address food insecurity in their community, according to Ackermann. To continue their momentum, the WISH team participated in a similar volunteer event in December in which they collected items and cash donations to support individuals in the local community.

Participants shared with the organizers that volunteering for this event was personally meaningful for them, and it provided an opportunity for WISH community members to connect. "It gave us a chance to share about ourselves," Montgomery says, adding that participants talked about "why this specific initiative was something we wanted to be part of, why tackling food insecurity in our community is important to us, and how food insecurity impacts all of us, even if we have access to good, healthy food to put on our tables."

The St. Louis WISH community focuses their volunteer efforts on issues that are most meaningful to members. The events in which they participate are member-driven, which increases engagement, and all members are encouraged to bring ideas or take the lead on volunteer initiatives. Beyond the intended benefits to the charitable organizations, St. Louis WISH has found that volunteer events strengthen bonds between members and bring extra attention to the issue their volunteer work is intended to address, according to Montgomery.

For other communities interested in beginning or increasing their philanthropic contributions, Montgomery offers a challenge and some advice. "I'd like to challenge each of our ASSP chapters to hold at least one hands-on volunteer event per year to benefit your local community," she suggests. "Find a volunteer initiative that is easy to work with, doesn't require long-term commitments, and offers episodic volunteers. Bonus if you find an event that your members buy into, because that will help drive member engagement for the activity!"



Members of the ASSP St. Louis Chapter Women in Safety and Health group worked to provide healthy food to children.

DOMINI MONTGOMERY

2026 Calendar of Chapter Events

Mark your calendar now for the these chapter meetings and events.
Note the new date for the Golf Scholarship Tournament on June 5th at St. Peters Golf Course.
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



09
FEBRUARY

LATINA BERRYHILL
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 APL-C/CI)
Safety Prevention in the Workplace
An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.



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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.



05
June

ANNUAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT
Held at St. Peter's Golf Course
200 Salt Lick Road St.
St. Peters, MO 63376
7:15 am to 3:00 pm



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 strategic 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.



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SEPTEMBER

KRISTI CASSAT & BO SOLARI
MIDWESTERN SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Hot Topic in Fall Protection
This session will cover timely fall protection topics, practical insights, and real-world takeaways to help you stay current, compliant, and better prepared in the field. Definitely one you won't want to miss.



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OCTOBER

ANGEL BRIGHT-KENDRICK, CSP
Sr. Safety Consultant With The TI Group
Lockout Tagout Program Requirements
Angel shares practical tips and real-world lessons to help you build and maintain a compliant LOTO program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 and actually works in the field.



09
NOVEMBER

KAYLEA M. BOUTWELL, MD
Interventional Pain Mgmt & Concussion Specialist
Excel Orthopedics & Pain Centers
The Value of Interventional Pain Management in Workers' Compensation
Learn how interventional pain management supports faster recovery, reduces reliance on opioids and surgery, and lowers overall workers' compensation costs.



14
DECEMBER

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

Created By:

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

[St. Louis Safety & Health Conference - Call for Presentations](#)

Take advantage of this great opportunity to share your experience and knowledge and support your profession. Due by April 30th, send your proposal to Mary Beth Proost at mb.proost@stlsafety.org or find out more information here: <https://www.stlsafety.org/conference2026>

23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference

Thursday, October 8, 2026
The River City Casino Event Center
777 River City Casino Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63125

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference will be held **Thursday, October 8, 2026**. The Conference Committee welcomes your participation and presentation proposals. Proposals are now being accepted for the 2025 conference.

- The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, April 30th**. Alternate Proposals will be considered after that date.
- Presentations are 40 minutes in length and will conclude with a five-minute question and answer session. We require a presentation takeaway to be made available to attendees. Handout materials can be posted on the Safety Council website for attendees to download prior to the conference if requested.
- Please submit your proposal by completing this form OR email to mb.proost@stlsafety.org OR your Conference Committee Contact
- Please confirm availability prior to submitting your proposal.
- Submissions will be reviewed and selected by the Conference Committee.
- All participants will be contacted no later than **Friday, May 22nd**.

Due to a limited budget, travel expenses and honoraria are not provided. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions, contact the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis at 314-621-9200 or 877-237-2338 or email mb.proost@stlsafety.org

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Email Address: _____



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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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Golf Scholarship
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Organizes and runs the annual golf tournament supporting local safety focused students
Programs – Patte Ackermann, PT – ackermap@ssm-select.com

Plans the program time and needs for presentations & coordinates schedule

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Maintains online social accounts promoting discussion with local membership

Women In Safety Excellence (WISE) Coordinators

JaNola Rigsby – jrigsby@qualsafesolutions.com

Patte Ackermann, PT – ackermap@ssm-select.com

Organizes the WISH events to promote the community of Women in Safety & Health

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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