



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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

October Chapter Meeting - Monday, October 12

Topic: Lockout Tagout-The Haleon Way

One Company's approach from education, to policy to enforcement

Speaker: Jill Guetersloh

Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Haleon

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

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

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



JILL GUETERSLOH
EHS & Compliance Manager, Haleon

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A Minute with Madam President

~ Domini Montgomery

As we dive into the fall season, we're excited to share updates with the Chapter from Region V, upcoming PDC, and updates on initiatives we are working on.

I recently attended the Region V ROC (Regional Operation Committee) in late September, hosted by the Northwest Chapter in Minneapolis. We heard from all Chapters in Region V, saw a new Deputy Regional Vice President (DRVP) elected, and learned of our upcoming visit from our Area 2 Director, Carrie Kolodijii! Carrie will be traveling down for a regular Chapter visit, that will coincide with our PDC, on Monday, March 1, 2027! This is a great opportunity to show off our Chapter's PDC and the unique opportunities available in St. Louis. Region V focus points this Chapter year include Program Chair collaboration across Chapters and treasurer meetings to discuss best practices and share tips and tricks.

We've had one person express interest in the Mentorship & Jobs chair, so the board will discuss this at

the upcoming October meeting. We're really excited about this new position, and are looking forward to seeing this opportunity grow.

Lastly, I'll be working closely with John Malone, St. Louis AIHA Chapter president on upcoming meeting collaboration opportunities for the 2027 calendar year, in addition to our collaboration for the joint PDC. If you have ideas for a joint AIHA-ASSP Chapter meeting, please connect with Becky Morris, Mae Ping, Haley Reese, or myself!

Yours in safety,
Domini

November Chapter Meeting - Monday, November 12

**Topic: The Value of Interventional Pain Management
in Workers' Compensation**

**Speaker: Kaylea Boutwell, MD
Interventional Pain Mgmt & Concussion Specialist
Excel Orthopedics & Pain Centers**

This session you will learn how interventional pain management supports faster recovery, reduces reliance on opioids and surgery, and lowers overall workers' compensation costs.

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

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KAYLEA M. BOUTWELL, MD
Interventional Pain Mgmt & Concussion Specialist
Excel Orthopedics & Pain Centers
**The Value of Interventional Pain Management
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2027 PDC Call for Presenters

A premier learning opportunity for ASSP members starts with YOU!

Step up and share your knowledge at the 2027 Joint ASSP & AIHA Professional Development Conference, happening the first Monday of March. Submit your [speaking proposal](#) today and help us build an unforgettable lineup of speakers!

Know the perfect presenter? Pass along this link — great ideas deserve a stage!

2027 JOINT ASSP-AIHA PDC
MARCH 1, 2027 | LIUNA EVENT CENTER | ST LOUIS

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Interested in presenting at the 2027 Joint PDC? Send in your speaking proposal for consideration today!



SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL HERE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE

QUESTIONS? EMAIL DOMINI:
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Member Spotlight - Kaci Figueroa

The member spotlight has returned! This feature looks to share the motivations, challenges, and hard-won knowledge of the individuals who make up our St. Louis safety community. Each spotlight is a small window into a larger story — one shaped by both the person and the professional. We hope you enjoy getting to know them as much as we enjoy bringing their stories to you.

Kaci is the Director of Safety, Health, and Environmental @ Tri-Rinse Inc.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I've been married to my husband Rafael for over 17 years, we've been together for 22. Time really flies! We have three kiddos (Kaley 13, Kaitlyn 10, Diego 6) and three kitties under the age of 3. I love to read and cook; happily, dinner is almost never a chore but an escape for me.

How long have you been in safety?

I have worked in a safety role for 16 years. I've been in various roles from EHS Specialist, Safety Leader, Environmental Compliance, Regional director and SHE Manager to now SHE Director.

Did you choose safety as your career? If so, why? If not, what brought you here?

I went to Cal Poly Pomona to study Food, Science and Technology with minors in Culinary and Hotel, Restaurant, Travel management. I had planned to work in recipe development but after working with Anheuser Busch as a production leader I was asked to take over the Operations safety team. "I think you'll be really good at it." My leader had said at the time. My career blossomed from there.

**Tell us about something that has made you very proud.**

When visiting our sites and the team is excited to see me. To show me what they've been working on or the improvements they have made. When they say things like "I knew you would have stopped me if I climbed that piece of equipment instead of the step ladder"; "I knew that wasn't safe so I stopped." Or "Keep an eye out, but I talked to them about it (safety infraction) already." Anytime a team member recognizes an unsafe condition and takes the initiative to make it better is extremely rewarding for me.

Tell us about a mentor or mentee, whether in the safety field or not, who had a significant impact on you.

I had an amazing mentor when I worked in an Operations setting, right out of college. Maria was the Assistant Operations Manager at the time who taught me to "let it all roll off your back". Nothing at work is ever personal, that everyone has their own life outside that affects who they are. Everyone has bad days, never take them personally. It really helped me cut my teeth in the manufacturing world. It helped me be more open-minded, take a step back and approach people more in a way they needed than in a way that is convenient for me.

Do you know someone who should be included in our member spotlight? Contact Haley Reese at hreese@keeleyconstruction.com

St. Louis Safety & Health Conference - October 8, 2026

It's not too late to [join us at the 23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference](#). When you do, be sure to stop by the ASSP Membership table and say hello. If you're interested in working a shift greeting potential new members, please reach out to Dan.Bembower@usi.com

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

23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference

The Premier EHS Event for Professionals in the St. Louis Region

THE RIVER CITY CASINO EVENT CENTER

777 RIVER CITY CASINO BLVD.

ST. LOUIS, MO 63125

Thursday, October 8, 2026

8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



Register here: <https://www.stlsafety.org/conference-registration>

Download the full conference brochure here:
<https://www.stlsafety.org/files/ugd/brochure2026.pdf>

Past Chapter Meeting Notes & Pictures

We had a great turnout at our September ASSP St. Louis Chapter Meeting last Monday!

A special thank you to Kristi Cassat and Bowmen Solari with Midwestern Safety Equipment Co for joining us and leading a timely discussion on "Hot Topics in Fall Protection." Their practical insights and real-world takeaways gave attendees valuable information to help stay current, compliant, and better prepared in the field.

Thank you to everyone who attended, participated in the conversation, and continues to support the ASSP St. Louis Chapter. Opportunities like these to connect, learn, and share knowledge are what make our monthly meetings so valuable.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next chapter meeting!



2026 Calendar of Chapter Events

Mark your calendar now for the these 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/)



MEMBER APPRECIATION

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

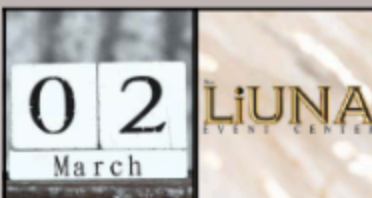
MEMBERS ONLY



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.



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



DR. JOHN GAAL EDD, CHW-C, CSP, CWP, LAP-C

Worker Wellness Director – Missouri Works Initiative (MO AFL-CIO)

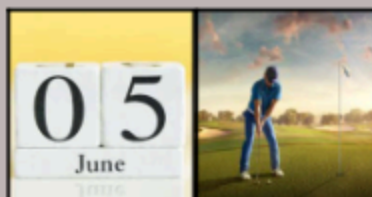
Suicide Prevention in the Workplace:
An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.



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 St. Peter's Golf Course

200 Salt Lick Road St.
St. Peters, MO 63376
7:15 am to 3:00 pm



DREW COMPTON TERRITORY MANAGER- MO/TN/AR

Cut the risk. Not your Hands

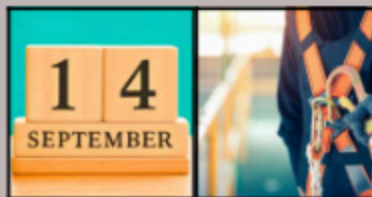
What does a good hand protection program look like with changes in standards over the last 10 years? We will focus on these changes and applying them to a stronger program.



HEATHER GRIFFITHS SALES ACCOUNT MANAGER

Introduction to Industrial Exoskeletons by SUITY

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.



KRISTI CASSAT & BO SOLARI MIDWESTERN SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Hot Topic in Fall Protection

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MARYANNE HEUER, MS, CSP, CHST COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

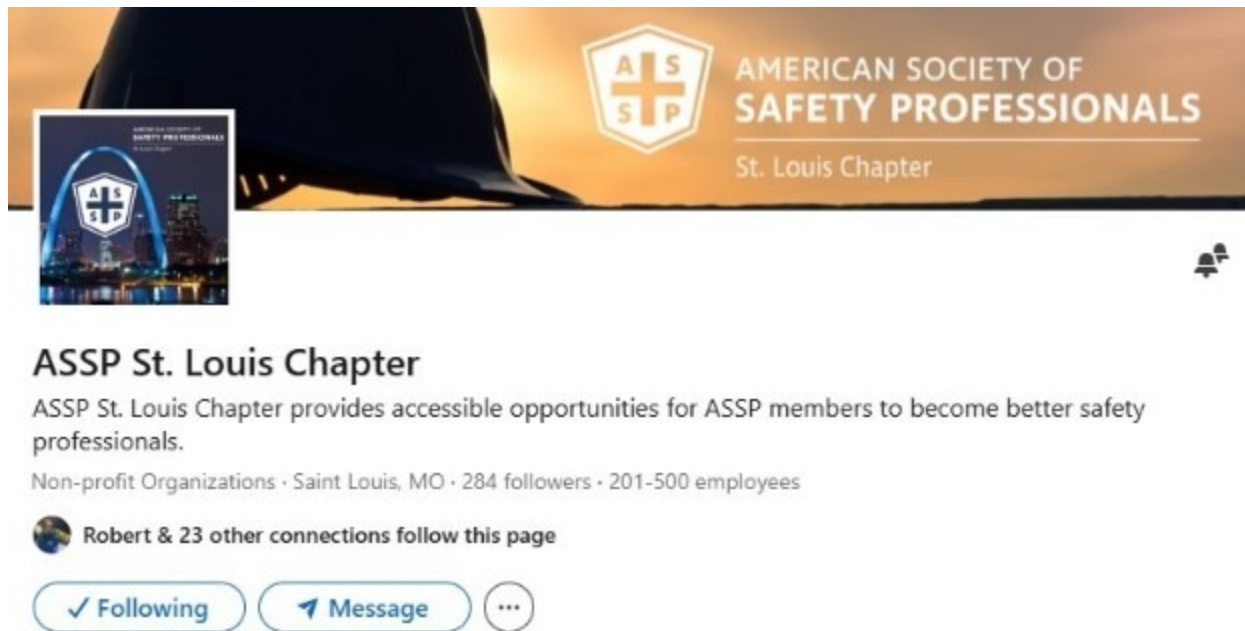
SPECIALIST & BILL McDONALD, AREA DIRECTOR

Annual Update with
OSHA - Greater St. Louis

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

Did you know? Our [ASSP St. Louis Chapter](https://www.linkedin.com/company/assp-st-louis-chapter/) has a vibrant presence on LinkedIn. It's easy to find us at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/assp-st-louis-chapter/> or by searching for "ASSP St. Louis Chapter".

Be sure to follow us and stay current with the latest chapter news, pictures, and more!



Mid-Missouri Updates



**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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Communications Committee

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Patte Ackermann – patte@mindspring.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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