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Central Texas Chapter

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Workplace safety facts about accidents, death and injuries

<http://www.safety-security-crazy.com/workplace-safety-facts.html>

How Safe are You at Work?

Workplace Safety Facts.

The International Labor Organization's (ILO) world-wide research shows that EACH YEAR...

- One worker dies every 15 seconds.
- 6,300 workers die daily.
- Over 2.3 million deaths occur due to occupational accidents or diseases.
- 160 million workers suffer work related illnesses.
- Around 337 million workers are injured in workplace accidents.
- The annual cost to the global economy is a staggering \$1.25 trillion.

Austin Texas City Manager discusses lessons learned from the boil water notice

https://www.kxan.com/video/city-manager-discusses-lessons-learned-from-boil-water-notice_20181029124008/1559539599

How a major metropolitan city handled a public safety concern and the lessons learned.

Austin Water is now issuing an official Boil Water notice as required by The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

On the morning of Monday, October 22, as a precautionary measure, Austin Water issued a system-wide boil water notice – alerting the public that all customers should boil water to prevent any potential health issues. At that point, Austin Water had not exceeded regulatory turbidity standards.

As of October 23, the turbidity standard has been exceeded and Austin Water is officially required by TCEQ regulatory requirements to issue a boil water notice.



"As a part of a cost-cutting experiment all of our safety measures will be replaced with these good luck charms."

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NEXT MEETING

Location/Dates:

**DPR Construction Office
9606 N. Mopac Expy #300
Austin, TX 78759**

**November 19, 2018
11:30am-1:00pm**

**December 17, 2018
11:30-1:00pm**

**January 21, 2019
11:30am-1:00pm**

**February 18, 2019
11:30am-1:00pm**



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* U P C O M I N G E V E N T S *

ASSP Foundation Grants and Scholarships

- Applications Open September 1, 2018
- Applications Due December 1, 2018
- Award Announcement April, 2019
- Grants/Scholarships for Students/Members
- <https://foundation.assp.org>

Construction Meeting

- December 11, 2018 at 11:30am
- Location: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
8868 Research Blvd. Suite 502
Austin, TX 78758

Seminar fest

- January 24-31, 2019
- Las Vegas, NV
- <http://seminarfest.assp.org/>

Regional Student Leadership Conference

- April 7-9, 2019
- Arlington, TX
- <https://region3.assp.org/events/region-iii-student-leadership-conference/>

ASSP Central Texas Chapter Professional Development Conference

- TBA
- Volunteers need to assist with planning. Contact ASSP Board member for info.

ASSP Professional Development Conference & Exposition Safety 2019

- June 9-12, 2019
- New Orleans, LA

ASSP Chapter Officers 2018-2019

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Keep Sharpening Your Saw

Rixio Medina, CSP, CPP

Many years ago, a professor told my class that what we learned in college would help us do our jobs initially, but it would be critical that we actively and constantly learn about new developments and grow our capabilities throughout our careers.

I did not initially comprehend the significance of that insight, but today I can say it is one of the best pieces of career advice I ever received. Continuing my education to improve my knowledge, skills, capabilities and awareness of relevant new developments has been critical in my professional practice.

Stephen Covey calls this principle of balanced self-renewal “sharpening the saw.” It is something we commit to as ASSP members through our Code of Professional Conduct.

Fulfilling this responsibility has not always been as easy as it is today. When I first started my career, most continuing education was delivered via lecture in a classroom setting. When the class ended, so did the learning. We didn’t have discussion boards or an online community to extend the experience. Our only distance learning was reading magazines and journals, and online learning; just-in-time learning resources like videos or blended learning opportunities were unheard of.

But ASSP had the vision to change that. Recognizing that learning could happen anywhere at any time, we began to offer webinars. We built out our offerings to include conference recordings, learning videos, discussion forums and virtual symposia.

With the release of ISO 45001 last year, we introduced our first blended learning certificate program. We also developed the LearnEx model for delivering traditional face-to-face courses entirely online. Across all of these opportunities, our goal is to help you develop skills you can immediately put into practice to tackle OSH challenges in your organizations and industries.

We have now codified our vision for continuing education in our strategic plan (which you can read at www.assp.org/about/strategic-plan). Specifically, let’s consider these three strategic goals:

1. Grow and diversify professional development revenue sources. ASSP will continue to enhance the quality of our traditional classroom experiences. We will also bolster our formal course offerings by increasing the number of courses we offer online. Soon, most of the classes currently available only in a classroom setting will be available online.
2. Improve the OSH professionals’ knowledge, skills and abilities by increasing the number of OSH professionals who have earned an ASSP certificate. In today’s competitive work environment, keeping our saws sharpened is more important than ever. Earning an ASSP certificate is a great way to demonstrate knowledge of a specific topic area, which enables us to deliver greater value in our organization. That’s why ASSP is committed to developing more high-quality certificate programs on new and emerging topics.
3. Sustain ASSP’s longstanding reputation as the preferred source for education among safety professionals by growing the learning experiences available to OSH professionals. As we continue to offer more education and deliver it in multiple formats, we know that doing more simply is not enough. We must maintain the high quality of these learning experiences. That is one reason ASSP is offering more blended learning opportunities. By providing activities to complete before we come to class, our instructors can maximize in-class interaction and deliver a more engaging experience.

Get Involved

While ASSP works hard to help us develop the knowledge and skills we need to achieve our career goals, we can’t do it without you. Help advance ASSP’s continuing education efforts, whether by suggesting new courses and topics, or by submitting a proposal to deliver learning yourself. I encourage you to share your ideas with ASSP’s professional development team at professionaldevelopment@assp.org.

Through our collective participation, expertise and commitment to lifelong learning, we can help all ASSP members sharpen their saws and enhance our reputation as the preferred source for education among safety professionals.

<https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/2018/11/01/keep-sharpening-your-saw>

ASSP President

Rixio Medina, CSP, CPP



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ASSP Leadership Conference 2018 Chicago

Left to Right: Secretary Robert Garcia, WISE Chair Jennifer Hsu, ASSP President Rixio Medina, Treasurer Jason Allgood



The ASSP Leadership Conference was a wonderful opportunity to connect with like-minded safety professionals. Because of the roles we have taken on within the ASSP Boards, the bar is already high in regards to safety leadership and management towards injury prevention. At the conference, the bar is raised even further! It was refreshing that some of the sessions really challenged what change could look like, not just from a safety culture perspective, but from the point-of-view of safety professionals interacting with other safety professionals – especially female, emerging and early career professionals. It was a privilege to be in the company of a forward-thinking safety organization.

-Jennifer M.T. Hsu, MPH, CSP

2019 Region III ASSP Professional Development Conference

August 12-14, 2019 San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk

ASSP Region III proudly announces the official call for presenters to be a part of the **2019 Region III ASSP PDC on August 12-14, 2019 at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk**, located at 889 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX, 78205. Interested presenters must submit a proposal to speak for review by the Conference Planning Committee. The committee is interested in dynamic, technically oriented presentations with case studies. Sessions at the PDC are expected to be one full hour! If you are interested in presenting at this event, please submit this form to safety@regionthreepdc.com or fax to 866-751-2090 **by January 25, 2019**.



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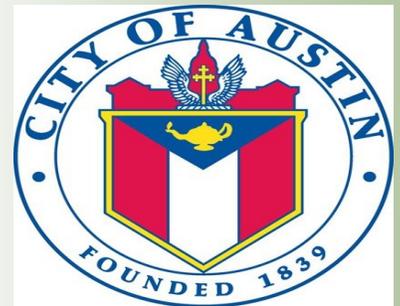
Mike is currently the Safety Manager for the City of Austin Public Works Department. Mike oversees safety for all of the City of Austin capital construction projects. Mike also oversees safety for the Street and Bridge division which maintains the city of Austin right of way infrastructure. Prior to his tenure at the City of Austin Mike was Safety Director for Journeyman Construction. Mike spent 23 years in the Austin Fire Department before retiring with the rank of Captain.



He manages a staff of four safety professionals in a department of 600 people with five distinct safety disciplines, Fleet, (160 CDL drivers) Highway/Heavy Highway, Heavy Equipment operations, Heavy Utility Construction and Office safety. Public Works manages all most the capital construction for the city of Austin, currently between 1.5-1.8 billion dollars a year. Mike has initiated construction safety into the department, reviewing all safety submittals under the City of Austin contract, training all Public Works quality inspectors to the OSHA 30 level as well as conducting monthly construction safety training. He introduced the OSHSAS 18001 model (now 4500) into the department. In addition to safety, his office is now in charge of employee occupational training, hiring the first dedicated training instructor to meet Federal mandates for employee training. In addition, Mike manages the Emergency Management function for the department, currently revising the Emergency Operations plan and developing site specific plans as well as serving in the Emergency Operations Center during activation.

Mike has attended Western Illinois University where he obtained a Bachelors Degree in Governor's Program. He also attended Colorado State University where he obtained a Bachelors Degree in Business. Mike continued his education at American Public University System where he received a Masters Degree in Emergency Management (with honors and a 3.95 gpa) as well as a graduate certificate in Emergency Management.

Mike has been with ASSP for 34 years and is also a Certified Utility Safety Professional (CUSP), Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and an Associate Safety Professional (ASP).





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Around the Water Cooler

Construction Practice Section

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every other month. For more information, please contact John Brattloff at Johnb@whiteconst.com or Todd Smith at todd@slaterpainting.com.

Women in Safety Excellence Section

Interested In Joining the WISE common Interest group?

For more information about WISE:

Link: <http://www.assp.org/practicespecialties/wise>

Contact: Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP ChapterWISEATX@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity Highlights

For employment opportunities go to Central Texas Chapters current job openings at:

<http://centraltexas.assp.org/current-openings/>

or Society's job board at :

<http://jobs.assp.org/>

Certification Aids

Chapter has purchased the certification exam preparation software for those who are interested in CSP & ASP exams.

Contact ASSP Officer Robert Box to reserve the CD's

\$300 deposit each

\$50 per month to rent

Remainder will be given back to renter after return

Volunteer Opportunities

Marketing Chair * Awards & Recognition Chair * PDC Committee Member

Interim Student Affairs Support * Construction PDC Booth Staffing



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Chapter Communities

Each year at this time ASSP prepares long service certificates for members who have been with the Society for 25, 40 or 50 years. This is an extremely important project as it demonstrates to our members that we appreciate their support of ASSP and the safety community, and it gives us an opportunity to thank them. Your chapter's certificates will be for the following members:

25	Danny G Garcia	Central Texas
25	Robert R Rogers, CSP, ARM	Central Texas
25	Lisa R Bell	Central Texas
25	Tom W Norman, OHST	Central Texas
40	Darwin R Scott, P.E., CSP	Central Texas
25	Sharla J Reynaga	Central Texas - Texas A&M University System

ASSP can either send the certificates directly to you for dissemination or we can send them to the member on your behalf. Please let us know how you would like this handled by completing a [short survey \(https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4623985/2018-Long-Service-Recognition\)](https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/4623985/2018-Long-Service-Recognition) or emailing chapterservices@assp.org no later than **October 22, 2018. **PLEASE NOTE: If we do not receive a response by this time we will send the certificates directly to the members.****

Some ways to provide special recognition for your members at the chapter level are:

- With a special invitation to attend a chapter meeting or event, where they are recognized for their tenure.
- By listing their name and years of service in the chapter newsletter and website.
- By contacting their employer, letting them know that the member is being recognized, and thanking them for their support of the member.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the long service recognition program. We appreciate your assistance in recognizing these members at this important milestone in their membership with ASSP.

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