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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12: Mastering Emergency Chess: Survival Smarts for the "When" not "If" | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm | Location: Marsh & McLennan, Golden Valley | [Details Here](#)

Speaker: Mike Grajeda

Michael Grajeda is the Director of Health and Safety at Southview Design in St. Paul Minnesota. Southview Design is a landscape, construction and snow removal company that employes approximately 250 workers each year and concentrates most of their work in and around the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Michael spent over 10 years in Southeast Texas working as a volunteer, paid per call and full-time firefighter. Michael worked as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Paramedic and Department Safety Officer. Michael still maintains his National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic certification. Michael decided to change careers in 2012 and started working full time as a safety professional in safety education, pipeline, heavy industrial, power plant, food manufacturing and other oil and gas projects. Michael holds an associate's degree in occupational safety and health from Columbia Southern University.

After attending this event, attendees will be able to see that the threats faced many years ago are not the same type of threats today. From civil unrest due to political and social instability, global outbreaks of disease and cyber threats, the tried and true emergency response plan that was useful several

years ago needs to be updated. The way workers work also will be addressed in the presentation taking into account that there are workers who may work from home or are hybrid in the office. The presentation will also focus on how to conduct effective emergency drills partnering with law enforcement and emergency services to give these outside agencies a more understanding of their facilities. The audience will then learn the PACE system of emergency management and how to teach their workers a multilayered approach to emergency incident management that will increase their odds of survival.

December 10: Fall Hazards and Fall Protection for Construction & General Industry | Location: TBG, Eagan | [Details Here](#)

January 14: Joint Meeting with AIHA: Challenging Emergencies and Rescues from the Rescuer's Perspective | Location: 3M, Maplewood | [Details Here](#)

February 11: Save the Date for the 2025 Northwest Chapter PDC | Location: Crowne Plaza Minneapolis Hotel and Conference Center, Plymouth, MN

The calendar shows it is currently October, but it is not too soon to look ahead and mark your calendar for the 2025 Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC). Planning is well underway for the big event scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025. With the theme, "Where Learning Meets Opportunity", a big day is in store at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis Hotel and Conference Center in Plymouth, Minnesota. There will be a full day of general sessions, breakout sessions, an update on State and Federal OSHA, exhibitors, and networking opportunities galore. Mark your calendar now for this event and "stay tuned" as we release additional details about the big day. Additional details will be shared on the Northwest Chapter website, the Chapter newsletter, and the Northwest Chapter linkedIn profile.



2025 ASSP NORTHWEST CHAPTER PDC

W H E R E L E A R N I N G
M E E T S O P P O R T U N I T Y

The AIHA Upper Midwest Section PDC is Coming

The local section of the American Industrial hygiene Association (AIHA) will be holding their annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) on Thursday, November 14, 2024 from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Their event is taking place at the Doubletree By Hilton in Roseville, and Members of Northwest Chapter are invited to participate. Check out the following link to get to their website PDC page for details: <https://aihaumc.wildapricot.org/event-5873754> The AIHA event is a great opportunity for additional professional development and networking!



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NEWS TO SHARE

UW-Stout Call for Research Projects

Throughout their graduate coursework, students of [UW-Stout's M.S. Risk Control and Safety Management program](#) are required to perform research projects on occupational risk-based process deficiency situations that either have significant potential for organizational asset (e.g., people, property, legal and environmental) loss or else are actually causing such undesirable losses. The types of hands-on risk-based process deficiency research projects that the graduate students may undertake include the topics/areas of ergonomics, chemical handling, biosafety, machine guarding, confined spaces, hazardous energy control, employee training, fall protection, emergency preparedness/response, personal protective equipment, transportation, construction, health care and food service. Any risk control and safety management professionals who may have a potential/actual loss situation that is worthy of serving as a student's applied learning project should contact Brian Finder at 715-232-1422 or finderb@uwstout.edu in order to discuss how such can be analyzed as part of a student's applied-learning assignment.

Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Needs Your Input

The NIOSH grant that funds the Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) is up for competitive renewal this year. As part of the renewal process, the Center is required to identify current and future occupational health and safety training and education needs, and describe how those needs will be addressed over the next five years.

This national survey was created by directors of the Education and Research Centers and **our region is in desperate need of more responses.**

Please consider completing the survey to help identify gaps, trends, and future training needs.

The survey is anonymous and is designed to take about 15 minutes. Access the survey by using [this link](#).

Feel free to share the survey link with others.

Thank you for your help!

Member Get a Member Program

When a new full member lists a current member as their referring member in the membership application, the referring member gets the credit and is eligible for prizes at different thresholds. The prizes are outlined in the link

below as well as a refer-a-friend tool with some suggested messaging to new potential members. Members typically refer their own colleagues, friends, and associates in safety to become members.

<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

Chapter Board Meetings - Guests are Invited!

Did you know your Northwest Chapter Board meets monthly to manage Chapter affairs? These meetings usually take place prior to the regular monthly programs and are open to all Members. It is possible to attend these meetings in person or via a conference call. Observing these meetings is a great way to get an inside look at what it takes to be an ASSP “Platinum Chapter”. It is also a good way to learn more about the various Chapter leadership positions and get involved!

If you have never been to a Board Meeting and want to check it out, come early to the location for the monthly Chapter Program and join us. If you want to attend the Board Meeting via conference call, please contact a member of the board to get a unique login credentials.

Mentorship Corner: Need Some Help or Do You Want to Help?

Sometimes, ASSP members encounter difficult matters that transcend and/or may lie outside the professional literature, their coursework, and experience. The chance to discuss creative solutions and resources (on a confidential basis), with a Chapter mentor can often be helpful.

On the other side of the coin, seasoned professionals, in their roles as mentors can gain significant benefit from knowing that they have helped a mentee negotiate a difficult challenge, and have had a positive impact on the safety and well-being of employee groups connected with their mentee’s workplace, and (possibly) that organization’s customers and the wider community, as well.

We invite you to explore such opportunities.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the current job openings that are posted on our Chapter Website: [Current Openings – ASSP Northwest Chapter](#)



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