



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2022 Virtual Chapter Meeting – COVID, from Quarantine to Return to Work

February 8th 11:30am-1:00pm - [Register Here](#)

Join us for a panel-style question and answer session with moderator guiding the panel through COVID related Workers' Compensation topics. The panel will be linearly followed so as to start with the beginning stages of investigating a COVID claim and following that type of a claim through

returning to work and/or its closing. Different scenarios of these claims will be covered and may include employees that require minimal medical treatment following a COVID infection to those employees that have had catastrophic or fatal infections.

Learning Objectives:

1. Employers and claims initial investigation overview.
2. How COVID claims affect different industries and whether or not the Minnesota presumption applies.
3. Understanding compensability determinations and if the exposure was work-related.
4. Managing medical and return to work processes.
5. Understanding what happens when a COVID claim turns into long term issues, catastrophic implications, or a fatality.
6. General overview of prevention methods from the CDC and Department of Health.

Speakers:

Aaron Schmidt, JD – Senior Defense Counsel: Aaron joined SFM in 2015. Prior to LSH, he clerked for Judge Toddrick Barnette in the 4th Judicial District in Minneapolis, Minnesota and then practiced in the areas of workers' compensation, general liability, and construction insurance defense at private firms. He graduated from Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is admitted to practice in the State of Minnesota.

Jamie Dahlen – Claims Specialist | D.J. Sjerven – Claims

Specialist: Jamie joined SFM in October, 1997 and shortly thereafter, DJ joined in November, 2000. Between the two of them, they have storied careers within claims handling and a combined 60 years of experience managing claims.

Cole Wynveen – Loss Prevention Rep: Cole joined SFM in 2018 and consults with a wide range of industries including healthcare, manufacturing, construction, schools, and agriculture. Prior to SFM, he worked within the medical device manufacturing industry as an EHS engineer.

[Register here](#)

OTHER TOPICS

We are seeking Chapter and Region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Nominees!

To nominate someone for the ASSP Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), please review and complete the forms linked below and return to the Chapter's Awards & Honors chairperson, Abby Ferri awards@northwest.assp.org

Chapter SPY forms: <https://northwest.assp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/454/2019/09/assp-chapter-spy-packet.pdf>

To learn more about the history of the SPY program and past honorees, please visit: <https://northwest.assp.org/awards-honors/>

2021 WISE SPY SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

The WISE Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award is an annual honor that recognizes superior levels of excellence within our diverse WISE membership.

It is the highest level of recognition that WISE can bestow upon a member! The WISE SPY then becomes our nomination for the ASSP Practice Specialty / Common Interest Group Safety Professional of the Year (COPs SPY).

Nominations are accepted two ways:

- Everyone who was awarded the WISE MotM will be automatically entered into the running for WISE SPY. An email will be sent to you this week.
- By this survey which mirrors the WISE MotM survey.
<https://tmconole.survey.fm/2022-assp-wise-spy-award-nomination-survey>

Nominations will close Friday February 11th, 2022.

Who in the WISE safety world is deserving of this accolade? Remember that person may be right in front of you in the mirror!

2022 WISE SPY: LET'S DO THIS!!

Minnesota Safety Council - Mental Health Support During COVID-19

You can find more information at the Minnesota Safety Council [Website](#).

ASSP NEWS

9 Lessons in Advanced Safety Management From a Legendary Professional

Fred Manuele has more than a few decades of experience in safety management. Take these nine lessons with you as you head into the next phase of your career.

[Read more](#)

Safety Leadership Checklist: Do You Have What It Takes?

Safety leadership is a mind-set and a skill set that is essential for protecting others on the job. Do you have what it takes? Use this checklist to find out. [Read more](#)

Case for Safety Podcast: Fall Protection Double Feature

Start the year with this encore presentation of two of our most popular episodes, featuring members of the ANSI/ASSP Z359 Committee on Fall Protection and Fall Restraint. [Read more](#)

Call for Proposals for Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health

NIOSH has opened a call for presentations for the Third International Symposium to Advance Total Worker Health. Scheduled for Oct. 11-14, 2022, this event will highlight the latest research, practical applications and programs related to worker safety, health and well-being. Proposals are due by Feb. 4, 2022. [Learn more](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are currently nine job openings posted on our Northwest Chapter Job Board - check them out [here](#)!



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