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## December Newsletter

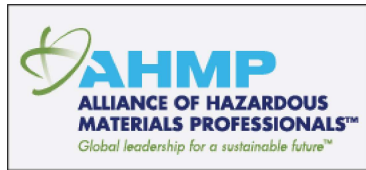
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **January Combined Meeting with AIHA and AHMP**

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023 the local chapters and sections of ASSP, AIHA, and AHMP are coming together for a special opportunity for networking and learning. Join us at the offices of Marsh & McLennan Agency in Golden Valley for this buffet-style lunchtime event.

[Register Here](#)



### **Special Presentation: “A Day Like Any Other – What Columbine, Sandy Hook & Parkland Tragedies Taught Us”**

School safety and mental health are top of mind concerns for parents and educators. With few exceptions, schools and communities are faced with the dilemma of how to protect the integrity of the environment where learning takes place amidst a world of increasing violence. The concerns for school safety are not new. The challenges are real.

In this engaging address, one of the country’s foremost emergency management and threat assessment authorities explores a range of lessons learned from tragedies that struck schools on a seemingly day like any other. This message has application not just to EHS Professionals in all industries, but to everyone and their families.

**Special Presenter:**



**Rick J. Kaufman, APR**

Executive Director

Community Relations & Emergency Management

Bloomington Public Schools, Bloomington, MN

Author/Trainer/Speaker/Consultant Kaufman & Associates, LLC

Rick is a nationally respected consultant, trainer and author on crisis management and communications, having worked in public schools (Wisconsin, Colorado and Minnesota) and emergency management for more than 30 years. For more than 25 years, Rick has worked with hundreds of law enforcement and emergency management agencies, universities, and school systems throughout the U.S. to improve safety and security measures and emergency response. Notable work includes providing counsel to Township High School District (Highland Park parade shooting), Uvalde Public Schools (Robb ES), Broward County Public Schools (Stoneman Douglas HS), San Bernardino City Unified School District (North Park ES), Sandy Hook ES, FEMA (Field Coordinator/Hurricane Katrina), New York City Schools (post 9-11), and U.S. Bureau of Prisons (Timothy McVeigh execution).

Rick served as a consultant/trainer for Atlanta Public Schools, U.S. Department of Education, LA Office of the FBI, Association of State Colleges & Universities, National School Boards Association, North Carolina and North Dakota Division of Emergency Management agencies, the Minnesota Office of Emergency Preparedness, and the

Minnesota School Safety Center. Rick is the author of The Complete Crisis Communication Management Manual for Schools (4th edition, 2018).

His greatest achievement is parenting five children and being a “Papa” to KJ and Makynlee Rae.

**CEU Policy: Virtual attendees are eligible for CEUs. All virtual attendees must be present by 12:00 noon and stay logged in until the end of the program in order to receive CEUs. Login time is tracked via zoom. Zoom meeting registration link is sent with registration confirmation email.**

Register [here](#).

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### **Northwest Chapter Professional Development Conference**

February 14, 2023

The Graduate Hotel at the University of Minnesota Minneapolis Campus

Register [here](#).

### **Keynote Speaker:**



## ***Andrea Singaas, MBA, PMP, Founder and CEO, The Tyne Group***

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Additional speakers to be announced soon!

Register [here](#).

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### **Northwood Technical College Safety Day**

New Richmond, WI Campus

March 30, 2023

Find more information [here](#).

## **OTHER TOPICS**

### **President-Elect's Seasonal Message**

Seasons Greetings!

We may be rounding out 2022, but the ASSP year doesn't end until May. I wanted to take a moment in our last newsletter for 2022 to recap what the Northwest Chapter has accomplished since September!

As President-Elect, one of my roles is to fill up the Chapter programming for the year. We pride ourselves on bringing relevant and timely topics to our Chapter members, as well as fun networking events. It was a fun challenge for me! I reflected on the feedback we received from our surveys on what YOU wanted to see and learn more about. It was quite surprising that I had more speakers than slots to fill! In the safety world, it truly is about connections and being able to reach out to my old colleagues and have them be guest speakers was so fun!

Not only did we have a great slot of speakers, but we partnered with some amazing organizations to use their spaces for the meetings. We kicked the ASSP year off in September at the MN Safety Council with a great chat by Jim Krueger, MN OSHA Compliance Director and Tracy Dallman, Assistant Area Director, Federal OSHA, Eau Claire, WI. From there, Matt Fitting, Safety Specialist with Fastenal shared some great nuggets of information surrounding how we can leverage external suppliers for health and safety program performance with us from The Builder's Group campus in Eagan. November was all about Fall Protection with Jason Giefer, Application Engineer from 3M at Marsh & McLennan Agency in Golden Valley. We rounded off December with Tyler Riewe, Director of Strategic Accounts with FyterTech Nonwovens with his timely discussion of Spill Control & Prevention at the fantastic Ergodyne facility in St. Paul.

As we look to 2023, we have five more spectacular speakers and locations, be sure you keep an eye on our website at [ASSP Northwest Chapter – American Society of Safety Professionals](#) to register. Kicking off 2023, we have a combined meeting with AIHA and AHMP back at Marsh & McLennan with Rick Kaufman, Executive Director of Community Relations & Emergency Management for Bloomington Schools where he will share about school safety and mental health. February we (finally) are back having the annual Professional Development Conference at The Graduate Hotel on the U of M Campus in St. Paul. Our very own Carol Keyes will be enlightening us in March with the important topic of Mental Health and Workplace Violence. In April, we will be down in Red Wing at the Red Wing Shoes facility. Last, but certainly not least, we are lucky to be able to get a

tour of the 3M Innovation Center and will learn all about the Science of Fit. This will be a fun way to round out our Chapter season, you won't want to miss!

On behalf of the NW Chapter, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy Holiday season and an amazing New Year!

Alanna Lee

NW Chapter ASSP President-Elect

PS. Don't forget, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have our Summer Boat Cruise with the Padelford Packet Company – mark your calendars!

PPS. Follow us on LinkedIn to stay in the loop with all things NW Chapter! ([\(1\) ASSP Northwest Chapter: Overview | LinkedIn](#))

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### **December Program Overview: Minimizing Risk from Spilled Fluids Through Preparedness & Compliance**

Facilitator: Tyler Riewe, Director of Strategic Accounts FyterTech Nonwovens

Northwest Chapter Vice President's Top Five Takeaways:

1. Facilities may be overlooking slips, as they are often not tied to a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)
2. Slips, trips, and fall cost: lives, time, money
  - Third leading work-related injury involving days away from work (average of 14 days)
  - 211,640 injuries in 2020 (18% of injuries)
  - Average lost-time worker's compensation claim for slips, trips, and falls = \$48,575
3. OSHA 1910.22 contains general requirements for employers as it relates to their walking/working surface conditions

4. Workplace and process design can play a major role in reducing the risks of slips, trips, and falls
5. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) relates specifically to oil, but 'oil' can include a lot of things outside of petroleum-based products (butter, animal byproducts, soybean/plant oil, etc.)



***A special thank you to Tyler Riewe for facilitating and Ergodyne for hosting the meeting!***

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### **Chapter Board Meetings – Guests 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 – from



10:00 to 11:15 AM and are open to all Members. It is possible to attend these meetings in person or via a special Zoom 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 Zoom, please contact Chapter President, Scott Huberty at 612-518-3330 and let him know. He can get you the unique login credentials for the Zoom meeting.

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### **Northwest Chapter Hosts Meet Up: St. Croix Valley Networking Event**

The Northwest Chapter teamed up with the Western Wisconsin Safety Council on December 7<sup>th</sup> for a first-ever networking Meet-Up for those who work or live in or near St. Croix County, Wisconsin. What’s a Meet-Up? It is simply a casual gathering of individuals that share a common interest. There are Meet-Ups for all kinds of interests...

This St. Croix Area EHS Meet-up was a fun way to get acquainted with other EHS professionals in the area, whether they are part of ASSP or not, with the goal of expanding their professional network and sharing information about things going on in the area that support workplace safety. News and announcements from Northwest Chapter, the Western Wisconsin Safety Council, the UW Stout Risk Control Center, and Federal OSHA’s Eau Claire Office was shared.

This was the first time such an event was planned, and a group of twenty people came together at the Pitchfork Brewing Company in Hudson, WI for pizzas, appetizers, and beverages. Attendees participated in a drawing for prizes including a Kwik Trip gas card, gourmet caramel corn from Knoke’s Candies, and a special Bar-B-Q sauce gift

pack from Croix Valley Foods – both local Hudson businesses. We also had giveaways of cookies and other treats from Best Maid Cookies in River Falls.

The event was scheduled to run from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, but it was after 8:00 PM before the last of the guests departed. That is evidence of a successful gathering! Also, the Northwest Chapter may have gained a few new members. We plan to have another gathering in March or April. Stay tuned for information on other such Northwest Chapter EHS Meet-Ups in other parts of our Chapter's boundaries!



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### **Northwest Chapter ASSP 2023 Scholarship Program**

Multiple Scholarships totaling \$4000 available for students pursuing a graduate degree, Master of Science in Risk Control, at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Environmental Health & Safety, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth or Master or

Doctorate in Public Health or an Occupational Safety, Health or Environmental field of study at the University of Minnesota.

Click [here](#) for more information and for the application form.

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### **Interested in Taking Your Membership to the Next Level?**

Do you have a passion for EHS and want to develop your leadership skills? Do you enjoy expanding your professional network? If so, our Northwest Chapter Elections and Nominations Committee has excellent opportunities for new candidates to join the board for Secretary and Vice President roles for FY 2024.

Details can be found in Chapter Bylaws here - <https://northwest.assp.org/files/>.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Committee members Jen Ellinwood, Abby Ferri or Jesse Narr. Let us know if you have interest!

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

Sometimes, ASSP members encounter difficult matters that transcend (on a confidential basis) to discuss approaches and resources that may lie outside the professional literature, and represent creative solutions. On the other side of the coin, seasoned professionals, as mentors can gain significant benefit from knowing that they have had a positive impact on the safety and well-being of employee groups connected with their mentee's workplace. We invite you to explore such opportunities.

To learn more, use the following link: <https://northwest.assp.org/asse-northwest-chapter-mentor-program/>

## **NEWS TO SHARE**

### [Applying Professional Ethics in Safety and Health](#)

Daniel Snyder joins us on "The Case for Safety Podcast" to discuss common ethical dilemmas you may face on the job, and how to apply ethics to your decision making.

[Listen now](#)

### ["The Get to Know a Safety Pro Show" — Ryan Papiernik](#)

The latest segment of "The Get to Know a Safety Pro Show" is here! We chatted with Ryan Papiernik from our Leadership Conference Planning Committee about his favorite type of barbecue chips and more. [Watch now](#)

### [The "E" in EHS: How Safety Professionals Can Help Protect the Environment](#)

Stephanie Johnson joins us on "The Case for Safety Podcast" to discuss steps you can take to help protect the planet and build a more sustainable future. [Listen now](#)

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Looking for a new career opportunity? Be sure to check out the Northwest Chapter Jobs Page on our [website](#). There are a number of recent postings, so you'll want to check it out if you haven't been there for a while!



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