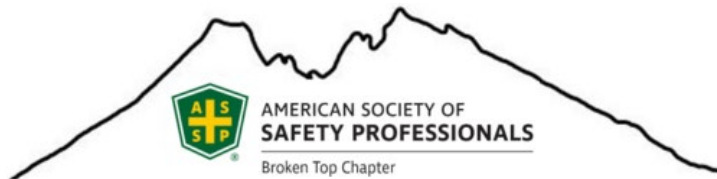


Broken Top

Bulletin



Message from the President

Fellow Broken Top members,

I'm honored to serve as your chapter president this year and am looking forward to a great chapter year with activities to help grow you and our profession. The Executive Committee (David Douglas – President Elect, Jacob Zollinger – Vice President, Kevin Kilroy – Secretary, George Lundberg – Treasurer, and Amber Hofer – Advisory Committee Member) have been working to set up a year of technical meetings, conference opportunities, and networking sessions. Our next chapter meeting is coming up soon, on Dec 7th at 3:30 at the Bend SAIF office. One of our own members, Tom Pitts, will be presenting along with his colleague located out of the area. Later in the year another one of our chapter members, Jon Hopper, will be presenting to our chapter as well. I think this is great, our chapter meetings are a fantastic platform to present a topic you've been working on and share it with the rest of the safety professional community in Central Oregon. If you are reading this and thinking to yourself, "hey, I have a topic I've been working on lately but it's not quite a presentation" that's okay! The Executive Committee would be happy to help you hone it down into a presentation you could bring to the Chapter.

In addition to technical presentations, we want to provide some opportunities for certifications as well. I will be hosting a study group for ASP/CSP certifications this winter. If you are interested in studying with me, please reach out and we can get together to review material and be study buddies, helping each other accountable. I'd also like to celebrate anyone receiving their professional certifications, so if you have recently earned a new cert, please reach out to our Newsletter Editor, George Lundburg, so he can include your achievement in the next Chapter newsletter.

Lastly, I'd like to invite all chapter members who are interested in learning more about chapter business or volunteering for future positions to stop by an Executive Committee meeting. Reach out to any member of the EC for a calendar invite. Similarly, if an upcoming chapter meeting sounds like a topic you'd like to share with a friend or colleague who is not a chapter member, bring them along!

Looking forward to seeing you on Dec 7th at our next meeting.

Cheers,
David

2022 - 2023 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award



The American Society of Safety Professionals Broken Top Chapter is proud to announce that Carl Halter was recognized as the chapter 2022-23 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY). Carl is a Regional Safety and Health Supervisor with SAIF corporation. A position he has held since coming to SAIF in 2005. He manages both the Eastern and Valley regional safety teams. The two regions stretch from the Oregon Coast to the Idaho border which makes it the largest geographical team and the one with the most consultants in the company. Carl holds the professional designations of CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter), ARM (Associate in Risk Management), and AIDA (Associate in Insurance Data Analytics).

He has filled the important role of committee member on the chapter's (section at the time) first Bylaws Committee. This was a vital step in the formation of the section and without this initial guiding document the section would not have existed. He filled the roll again when the section was working to achieve chartered chapter status.

Once again, a vital step in the chapter's journey to becoming the first chapter chartered by society since 2016, the first in the United States since 2012, and the first in Oregon since 1993. These efforts also contributed to our chapter receiving the 2020-21 Platinum Award in our first year of existence. This is the highest honor that a chapter can receive.

He is also involved with the Santiam Section of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter, having served in a wide variety of positions. He is currently the Chair-Elect on the section's executive committee.

Carl has also been very supportive of the COSHA Fall Conference and Mid Construction Summit in Central Oregon as well as the Blue Mountain Safety Conference in Northeast Oregon. He has staff that sit on the planning committees typically of these conferences and usually attends them himself. It is rare that Carl does not make all of these during the year. He also encourages staff to be presenters at these conferences and SAIF tends to have multiple speakers from the Eastern Region to present and support the conferences. He has also been a consistent volunteer at the National Association for Women in Construction in Salem Construction Career Day and the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference in the Portland.

Carl's supervisor Paula Jones (Regional Safety & Health Manager as well as the current Assistant Regional Vice-President for Awards and Honors for ASSP Region 1) stated that, "Carl deliberately meets every member of his team and extended team with transparency, empathy, and supportive leadership. The Decision Wise survey conducted in 2022 returned a 100% favorable rating for "My Supervisor" and an 100% favorable rating for "My Team." These results speak volumes about his leadership and reflect the very healthy team dynamics that he has worked to intentionally build."

2022 - 23 Broken Top Peak Leadership Award



The Broken Top Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals is pleased to announce that Velia Pagnotta-Brunette was recognized as the 2022-23 Peak Leadership award recipient. This award is presented to a deserving leader that has been supportive of the Safety Profession and/or of the Broken Top Chapter. The award may be given to a chapter member or a non-member working or living in Central Oregon.

Velia is the Risk and Safety Manager at The City of Redmond. Her responsibilities include managing OSHA compliance, workers compensation, the safety

committee, hearing conservation, employer-at-injury-program (EAIP), ergonomic assessments, hazard communication, driving standards, safety orientation training for new hires, emergency preparedness, and many other safety related duties. Her other roles include processing insurance claims, contract insurance management, restitution collection, among others.

Velia's Director Keith Leitz noted her leadership in safety with the city, "For at least the last five years, Velia has been recognized as the "safest employee in the city" and she is now the safest employee in the region. Thank you to Velia for all her efforts in making the city a safer place and to ASSP for recognizing Velia as an outstanding local safety leader!"

Velia is one of the founding members of the Broken Top Chapter and attended the kick-off event when the chapter was initially forming. She consistently promotes the benefits of ASSP and the chapter to people in the safety profession. She has served on several committees and was the chapter's first Membership Committee Chair. Her efforts helped the Broken Top form as a section of the Cascade Chapter and later transform into an independent chapter in 2021. As part of the leadership team, she helped the chapter receive the ASSP Chapter Platinum Award (the highest chapter recognition in society) in its first year of existence.

Beyond all the formal roles Velia has been involved with she has also consistently been a behind the scenes contributor to the chapter's efforts. She is a consistent attendee and participant in all chapter events and is always willing to share advice and information with other members. Velia is one the leaders that have made the Broken Top Chapter successful.

Slips, Trips, and Falls Prevention.

Stop the Fall



It's that time of year again. Slips, trips, and falls cause an average of 15% of all accidental deaths, second only to motor vehicles, and are a leading cause of workplace injuries across industries. Thousands of disabling injuries occur each year because of slips, trips, and falls. Using the Stop the Fall model, we can identify the three biggest factors of slips, trips, and falls. Understanding these factors helps us all do our part in preventing these injuries.

Footwear

Choosing the right shoes is critical to preventing falls. Wear non-slip soles for environments with wet or slippery floors. Steel toe boots might also be needed in your workplace. Traction devices, like crampons or ice cleats, are useful for walking on ice or snow. Remember to regularly check your shoes for wear and replace them as needed.

Surfaces

Slips, trips, and falls can occur from heights, on stairs, and even at ground level. Pay attention to the surfaces you walk and work on, and look out for hazards like uneven ground, spills, and debris. Always block off and clean up spills right away. On the stairs, be sure to keep your vision clear and use the handrail.

Actions

At work and at home, we can prevent falls. Simple housekeeping practices like keeping cords and power cables out of walkways and putting trash in proper containers can make a big difference. Side-stepping obstacles and shortening your stride on ice and snow can help you stay safe in different conditions.

SAIF has recently updated their '[Slip and fall prevention](#)' web page to reflect using the 'Stop the Fall' model. Visit [this page](#) to get videos, eLearning, assessments, posters, and safety talks related to this model.

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January 29 & 30, 2024

Join us for training designed for residential,
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Join members of the ASSP Broken Top Chapter

on **January 29, 2024, from 1-4:30 p.m.** for a special workshop at the Mid-Oregon Construction Safety Summit in Bend!

\$70
per person

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Fall Protection System Performance**

by Kevin Denis, Owner of Work-at-Height

TUESDAY
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per person



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Next Chapter Meeting:

When: December 7th at 3:30pm
Where: SAIF Bend Office
999 SW Disk Drive Suite 103
Bend, Oregon 97702

Virtual Joining Option: Microsoft Teams [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 287 517 915 975
Passcode: JFD5SB

Topic: The Importance of Sustainability in a Safety Program - A case study from Schneider Electric's SSI Program.

Schneider Electric is known widely as a world-leader in electrical systems engineering, manufacturing, and services. Their purpose, however, may be less well known.... To empower all to make the most of our energy and resources, bridging progress and sustainability for all. "How are they going to live up to that?!" is a great question, and this month's chapter presentation will help answer it. Come learn about how the EHS team at Schneider enables excellence within their own organization, their customer base, and communities at large through 4 key emphasis areas:

1. Alignment of safety and environmental programs to Schneider's purpose and ESG goals.
2. Reinvestment of ESG program returns the into safety and environmental continuous improvement. (Yes, they do generate a return on investment!)
3. Expansion of their program beyond their own footprint, into their customers and communities.
4. Hyper-focus on improvement efforts that drive outcomes, like "fast tracking" certain facilities.

Speakers:

Tom Pitts, CSP

Director, Safety and Environment, Schneider Electric North America

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Rachel Warman

Environmental Programs Manager at Schneider Electric

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Save the Date for a February Chapter Meeting:

When: February 8th
Time: TBC
Where: Deschutes Brewery 901 SW Simpson Ave, Bend, OR 97702
Topic: Combined OSHA Update & 300 Log

What's happening in regulation at Oregon OSHA? What's new with recordkeeping and reporting? Come for the regulatory updates, stay for the OSHA 300 refresher and how to avoid common citable mistakes.

Speaker: Craig Hamelund, Safety Education at Oregon OSHA

Interested in joining the leadership team?

We have openings now and in the near future!

We are currently seeking to refill a few key volunteer positions for the Broken Top Chapter:



- **Women in Safety Excellence Chair.** ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research and innovation. The chapter chair position is open for immediate placement, and we're fully committed to continued support to the WISE Common Interest Group.
- **Social Media Coordinator and Webmaster.** Have a knack for social media? Come help us keep content fresh and meaningful for our chapter members. A core means of building community, you'll help run social media on Meta and LinkedIn, as well as keeping the chapter website fresh.
- **Elected Positions for the 2024/2025 Chapter year.** Did you know - our EC team and related positions open up for re-election every year. With the exception of the President position (which is filled by the President Elect from the preceding year), all positions are open to be filled by members of good standing for a year or more within our chapter. Check out the positions and let us know what you're interested in supporting.

"Volunteering for ASSP has been very rewarding for me - be it as the "VP of Special Events" in the San Francisco Chapter, the VP of the Broken Top Chapter, or a host of roles in between. Each position has enabled me to learn new skills, sharpen existing ones, and network with peers that I would never have met otherwise. I highly encourage members to put their hands up and volunteer, and know that they'll get out of the experience ten-fold what they put into it."

Jacob Zollinger, CSP. Current VP of Broken Top Chapter

Career Center

Local ASSP Broken Top Chapter.....	https://brokentop.assp.org
ASSP Jobs / Resume Review / Career Advice.....	https://jobs.assp.org
EHS Job Board.....	https://ehscareers.com

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TRAINING



Education:

Workshop classes are held either in person or virtually, but not both on the same day. All registered participants will receive a confirmation email. For virtual workshops, instructions on how to join will be provided two weeks before the workshop. A minimum of five registrants is needed for each workshop.

Register and Attend

Using the [secure online registration portal](#) you can find and register for a variety of workshop topics.

For more information, visit the [classroom workshops page](#).

Find more information about education resources by visiting Oregon OSHA's [education and training page](#).

Mark your calendars for these workplace safety and health conferences:

Mid-Oregon Construction
Safety Summit
Jan. 29-30, 2024 – Bend

Blue Mountain Occupational
Safety & Health Conference
June 3-4, 2024 – Pendleton

Cascade Occupational
Safety & Health Conference
March 4-5, 2024 – Eugene

Central Oregon Safety
& Health Conference
Sept. 16-17, 2024 – Bend

Northwest safety & Health
Summit by Region X VPPPA
May 14-16, 2024 – Anchorage, AK

Southern Oregon Safety
& Health Conference
Oct. 15-17, 2024 – Ashland