



President's Welcome



Hello Broken Top Chapter Members - My name is Jacob Zollinger, CSP, and I am honored to serve as President of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Broken Top Chapter for the 25/26 chapter year. I like to send out periodic newsletters like this one to keep you informed on our chapter's initiatives, events, and opportunities to get involved. These updates will also be available on our website, so you'll always have a place to reference what's happening within our chapter.

I am looking forward to connecting with each of you, celebrating our shared progress, and continuing to advance the profession we're all so passionate about.

From the President: "The Main Point is the... Main Point." Dale Johns, the Director of Talent at Intuitive Safety Solutions, said this to a table full of my direct reports and business leaders in a strategy meeting back in January. This resonated with me – as someone guilty as charged for having a hard time focusing on "The Why" we do what we do. It made me think of not only my day job, but about ASSP as well. What's the reason that people should come to our chapter meetings? Why even bother being a member? "What is the point?".... As I reflect on this – I think about our chapter members. I have my reasons, with the never-ending pursuit of building as robust a network as possible being the main one. But why do *you* show up when we host a meeting or social event? Is it to build a network, get some training, or something else?

In 2022, hot on the heels of the COVID-19 Pandemic that changed our profession and world, ASSP put out a [member survey to seek these answers](#). No big surprises here, and I think that the main points are... well, still the main points! Here's what they found- and the infographic shows some of what we're doing as a chapter to support these "main points" of being a member.

1. ASSP is one of the best avenues for safety professionals to attain and maintain certifications. This means testing and experience to become certified, and capturing "continuing education credits" (CEU's) to retain that certification.
2. Professional Development is a top priority of ASSP members. "Those surveyed said their #1 reason for joining ASSP is access to professional development and educational events.
3. Members want connectivity to other safety professionals. Almost 50% of members in the survey said that they joined to build a professional network.

Whatever the main point is for you, I'd love to hear about it. Join us for our meetings and events, and let's connect, learn and grow together!

Jacob Zollinger, CSP
President, 2025-2026 Chapter Year

CEU's

Through COSHA events, chapter meetings, and technical tours, Broken Top Members can earn as many as 2 full CEU's each chapter year locally. Thanks to the hard work of our VP Maya, there has never been a better opportunity to earn CEU's this close to home.

Professional Development

Chapter meetings meet the principals of adult learning and technical requirements set by ASSP.

Virtual "Lunch and Learns" highlight new ideas impacting safety. Look for this in the Spring.

Connecting with others provides unique 1-to-1 learning opportunities.

Member Connectivity

Chapter meetings not your thing?

That's cool - join us for after-hours social get togethers, charity events, and the always well-attended end of year social at Wild Ride Brewery in Redmond.

Don't forget to participate in



Key Upcoming Events – For All Events, Go to <https://brokentop.assp.org/events-2/>



Holiday Charity Event at The Bite in Tumalo! Join us in celebrating the season while supporting an amazing cause! The ASSP Broken Top Chapter is proud to host a special evening with Street Dog Hero - a canine rescue organization that envisions a world where every dog is safe, healthy, cared for, and wanted. RSVP forthcoming. Thursday, December 18th 4:00pm. The Bite - 19860 7th St, Bend, OR 97703



Chapter Meeting: OSHA 300 Logs with Craig Hamelund. Craig Hamelund, our favorite OSHA guru, will return to walk us through the process of getting your annual OSHA recordkeeping on point. This is a “fan favorite” chapter meeting each year, so don’t miss it! The session will be held at BASX Solutions, 3500 SW 21st Pl, Redmond, OR 97756 on January 22, 2026 from 4pm-5pm. [Register Here.](#)



Winter Networking Event. Get ready for high-speed winter fun at the Diamond Lake Snow Tubing Hill. Race down one of eight groomed tubing lanes after riding the 470-foot Wonder Carpet conveyor lift to the top. It’s a blast for all ages! January 24, 2026. [Register Here.](#)

Call for Awards Nominees! Did you know that we give out a couple of awards each year? Check out the past winners on our website: <https://brokentop.assp.org/news/>.

Do you anyone who would be deserving of a Safety Professional of the Year Award (SPY), or Peak Leadership Award? Let us know at the next chapter meeting, and we will gladly support you in getting your nomination submitted! Oh, and nominations are now open for the [ASSP Region 1 Safety Professional of the Year \(SPY\) Award](#)! Due February 1st, so you have some time.



Volunteer Spotlight. You should get to know the [Executive Committee](#)! Each newsletter we’ll highlight one of our volunteers. Next up is the man, the myth, the legend – Heath Foott.

Heath has extensive experience in Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Management and Community Relations, with a combined 37 years of service across federal, state, and private sectors. His diverse industry background includes roles at the Department of Defense (DOD), Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA), and in the pulp and paper, semiconductor, and pharmaceutical industries. Currently, Heath is involved in datacenter construction. He holds professional certifications as a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Certified Safety and Health Manager (CSHM), along with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA).

Heath is an Area Loss Control and Safety Manager at Meta, leading a team of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) professionals across Central North America, with responsibilities spanning from Texas to Minnesota and Wisconsin.

As one of the original founding members of Broken Top, Heath takes great pride in witnessing our membership grow and contribute back to the safety community. Developing our safety talent and providing safety professionals with a platform to ask challenging questions to a diverse group of peers is incredibly powerful—especially since many EHS professionals lack a support network at work or have no support at all. Together, we become stronger as a team.