



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
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Utah Chapter

May Newsletter

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There is plenty going on this month in your ASSP Chapter. Details and links to reservations are below. Also check our website. Hope to see you at one of our activities! <https://utah.assp.org/>

Regards,
Ed Henkels, CSP
Newsletter Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We finally made it!!

It looks like winter is behind us and spring is turning into summer. With the summer season, families are going on vacation, high school grads are running the roads, and kids are heading to the mall or Lagoon. Driving in the summer presents its own challenges. Drivers are distracted. We all need to stay alert and be aware of the conditions of the road as well as the drivers we share the road with. Watch out for the drivers that aren't watching out for you.

Also remember kids are enjoying the warm weather too. They will be in the neighborhoods walking, on bikes and on skateboards. Kids are easily distracted by friends and phones. Pay special attention while driving in areas where you can expect to encounter kids.

Drive safe, enjoy the warm weather, and have a great summer.

Dave Holland, President-Elect

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 16 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Patricia Jones, CEO of Women's Leadership Institute

Topic: What Leadership is all about.

Place: ACG, 2207 S 1070 W, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84119

Lunch is provided. Donations to our scholarship fund are accepted.

Register:

<https://utah.assp.org/events/chapter-meeting-may-2019/#tkl-slctr-tbl-1007>

May Family Picnic

Saturday, May 18 from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Place: Bicentennial Park, 530 E. 8680 S., Sandy, Utah, 84070

Bring your family and enjoy some wonderful dutch oven cooking by Doug and Dave. This is a no cost opportunity to relax, let the kids play, and network with some of the best people around.

Register:

<https://utah.assp.org/events/2019-assp-member-and-family-spring-party/>

TECHNICAL ARTICLE

Conducting Effective Incident Investigations -Andy Crossland

Most people that are safety and health professionals have conducted many types of incident investigations during the course of their careers. These can range from incidents involving machines and equipment, vehicles, slips, trips, falls, electrical mishaps and many others. Their results can have a wide range of ramifications for individuals and involved organizations.

What is the real purpose of conducting an effective investigation? The goal should be to determine the root cause to prevent an incident from happening once again. These should be done for incidents and near misses. How do I do this?

An effective investigation technique employs using the 5 Whys technique which will help you ask the right questions... Examples of questions could include: (With a machine incident)

- Why did a machine stop running?
- Why was the machine overloaded?
- Why wasn't sufficient regular maintenance conducted?
- Why did the pumping mechanism stop?
- Why was the machine shaft broken and worn out?

These questions will help you more readily determine the more precise root cause of the incident and implement effective preventative measures. Why is the key question to ask.

Remember to Ask The Right Questions To Get the Right Answers!!!!!!

Thank you to Andy Crossland for contributing this article.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Robert Weston, CSP

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Years in Safety & Health: 15

Education: MS Occupational Safety and Health

Why did you become a safety professional?

I started as a part time safety professional and part time drafter, as I started to learn about the safety and health field I fell in love with it and started to learn more and pursue additional training and education. I love the fact that I can help companies and individuals identify the need and importance to safety not only in the workplace but also at home and in their recreational activities.

What do you like most about your profession?

I like the ability to influence how people think and work, having one on one discussions with employees, whether it is a line employee or a member of the management teams. Having people come to me and tell me I am one of the best safety people that they have met and that they are happy to be able to work with me because I listen and make their job safer has been amazing.

What are you most proud of in your career?

I think my biggest achievement so far has been helping companies to really see the value in a quality and meaningful safety program. Even though safety does cost money and it is hard for a lot of companies to see the value without hard numbers, I have been able to turn that thought process around. I am also very proud that when I leave a company, not only do they have better numbers in safety, but all levels of the company are more fully engaged in the program and it can become a lasting safety culture, not just a program.

If you could be anything other than a safety professional what would you be?

I don't know what I would want to be, before getting into the safety profession I worked as a drafter for home designers and architects. I was even considering a profession as a Nurse or other health care related field.

What do you like to do when you're not working?

When I am not working I enjoy my hobby of leathercraft, making items that other people can use, it is a pride in my craftsmanship.



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