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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

How to Convince Others that Safety is Important

Date: December 1st at 12pm EST

Speaker: Jim Kaufman from Lab
Safety Institute

On Zoom

SafetyFOCUS 2022

Registration Open!

Date: Feb. 21 - March 4, 2022

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President's Message

Hello Granite State Members!

The Granite State E-Board and I are excited to share some chapter updates with you all!

On November 15th & 16th members of the Granite State E-board as well as Safety Professionals across Region 8 attended the New England Area PDC at the Equinox Resort in Manchester VT. Our members had a great time attending sessions, talking with vendors/exhibitors, and networking with Safety Professionals and students from multiple student section chapters.

The Fall Scholarship submission period has ended, and the Awards & Nominations committee is currently reviewing the submissions, the winners for the scholarship will be announced soon and we will highlight the winners in next month's newsletter. The scholarship fund is still open, donations can be made using the link found on Page 1. If you would prefer to write a check please reach out to me using the contact information on Page 7.

On December 1st at 12pm EST on Zoom the Granite State will be hosting Jim Kaufman from the Lab Safety Institute. Jim will be presenting on How to Convince Others that Safety is Important. The zoom Invite can be found in my email with this newsletter or on our Social Media pages.

If you are interested in speaking at one of our meetings this year please reach out to any of our E-Board members our contact info can be found on Page 7.

Please check out the Granite State ASSP website and our social media platforms for the most up to date information in upcoming events!

Thank you,
Danielle Cobleigh

Granite State Welcomes our New Members From September!

Daniel Lynch
Lou Grainger
Blake Johnson

Riley O'Hanlon
Jonathan Podlaha
Corey Arias

Hailey Haddock
Ryan Emerson

ASSP Granite State Membership Anniversaries!

5 Years
Matthew Foster

10 Years
Brian Bohannon
Nicholas Greene
Erika Pouliot
Ed Zimmer (Region 8 RVP)

25 Years
Richard Daisy
Paul Thibault

Thanks for your commitment and congratulations!

Look for us on Social Media!

Facebook:
American Society of Safety Professionals Granite State Chapter

Twitter:
@gscASSP

Instagram:
@granitestateassp

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ASSP Granite State Chapter

News & Events

Check Out our Websites for Updates!

<https://granitestate.assp.org/>

New England Area PDC

Author: Danielle Cobleigh - ASSP Granite State President

The Granite State E-Board would like to thank the New England Area PDC Planning Committee for putting on a great conference for the Region 8 Safety Professionals. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the Safety Profession.



From L to R: Joe Orazio, Robin Gibson, Steve D'Alessandro, Daren Canfield, John Spath, Mike Sample, Troy Gonyon, Jim Fraser

Job Openings Near You!

- Sr. EHS Specialist @Becton in Plainfield
- Safety Director @ New Frontier Materials in Wolfeboro
- EHS Specialist @ Central Rivers Power in Manchester
- EHS Specialist @ Kelly in Hinsdale
- Safety Technician @ NH Ball Bearing in Peterborough
- Safety & Occ. Health Manager @ the VA in Manchester
- EHS Manager @ Smith's Medical in Keene
- Safety Coordinator @ The Planet Group in Bow
- EHS Specialist @ UNH in Durham
- EHS Manager @ Watts in Franklin
- EHS & Security Leader @ GE in Hooksett
- EHS Supervisor @ Hubbell, Inc. in Littleton
- EHS Coordinator @ Alene Candles in Milford
- Area EHS Manager @ Walmart in Raymond

Upcoming ASSP Educational Events

[Click here](#) to view ASSP's educational calendar and for class registration!

It's the Dose That Makes the Poison: The Cumulative Effect of Exposure to Hazardous Substances

12/1/2021
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Live Virtual Classroom: Math Review for Certification Exams

12/6/2021
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM CT

Live Virtual Classroom: ASP Exam Prep

12/7/2021 - 12/9/2021
3 day - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM CT

Live Virtual Classroom: CSP Exam Prep

12/7/2021 - 12/9/2021
3 day - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM CT

Bringing It All Together: Serious Injury and Fatality Identification, Assessment and Control

12/8/2021
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard: What an OSH Professional Needs to Know

12/15/2021
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Live Virtual Classroom: Implementing ISO 45001

2/21/2022 - 2/23/2022
3 day - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM MT

Implementing ISO 45001

2/21/2022 - 2/23/2022
3 day - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM MT

Analytics for Safety: A New Approach to Performance Measurement

2/21/2022
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM MT

Incident Investigations

Conducting a quality investigation to reduce risk

Author: Ashley Arnold - ASSP Granite State Newsletter Editor

As a safety professional, we constantly strive to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses caused by occupational hazards. Although the objective is to eliminate all injuries and illnesses associated within our distinguished industries, we must take the opportunity to conduct a thorough investigation when an incident occurs in the workplace. Performing a root cause analyze will uncover contributing factors, permitting the development of innovative solutions and hazard mitigation techniques. Thus, allowing us to implement corrective actions to reduce the risk associated with work-related procedures and limiting the possibility of similar occupational incidents.

Steps in an Investigation Process:

In getting started, remind everyone involved, especially workers, the investigation is to learn and prevent, not find fault.

1. Call or gather the necessary person(s) to conduct the investigation and obtain the investigation kit.
2. Secure the area where the injury occurred and preserve the work area as it is.
3. Identify and gather witnesses to the injury event.
4. Interview the involved worker.
5. Interview all witnesses.
6. Document the scene of the injury through photos or videos.
7. Complete the investigation report, including determination of what caused the incident and what corrective actions will prevent recurrences.
8. Use results to improve the injury and illness prevention program to better identify and control hazards before they result in incidents.
9. Ensure follow-up on completion of corrective actions.

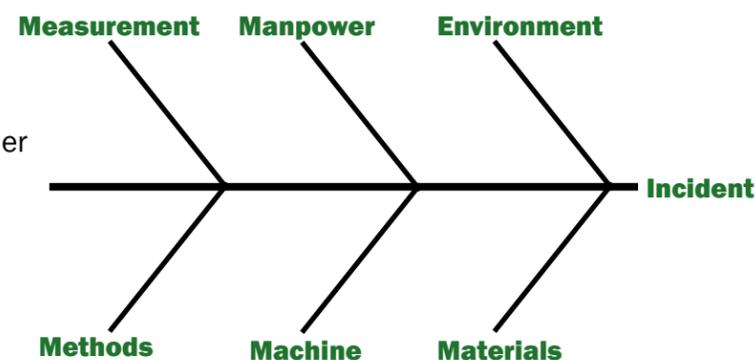
Who is involved:

- **Injured worker's supervisor**
 - The individual(s) who oversee the daily operations of the injured worker.
 - Ex. Superintendent, Foreman, Captain, Floor Manager, Operations Supervisor, etc.
- **Safety team**
 - Company appointed division dedicated to managing safe operations in the workplace.
 - Safety Manager, Site Safety Manager, Fire Safety Manager, Review Committee, Safety Practitioner, etc.
 - In severe cases, Senior Management, Executives, Engineering Staff, Legal Counsel, etc.
- **Witnesses**
 - Bystanders to the incident or events preceding such as co-workers, partners, supervisors, etc.
 - Workers participating in similar operations to the injured employee may be helpful in explaining routine procedures of the task performed.
- **Injured Employee**
 - Employee who obtained the injury due to work-related procedures
 - May request employee representative during investigation

What to have on hand:

Ensure you have a prepared investigation kit ahead of time.

- Investigation forms
- Interview forms
- Barricade markers/tape
- Warning tags or padlocks
- Flashlight
- Camera or video recorder
- PPE
- A pen
- Voice recorder
- Measuring tape
- Sample containers



Information to collect:

- **Worker characteristics:**
 - Age, gender, department, job title, experience level, tenure in company and job, training records, orientation records, and type of contract (Full-time, part-time, seasonal).
- **Injury characteristics:**
 - Describe the injury or illness, part(s) of body affected, and degree of severity.
 - In the case there is an on-site medic, it may be helpful to communicate with them about the injuries and treatment received by the employee.
- **Narrative description and sequencing of events:**
 - Location of incident and nature of the work environment
 - Complete sequence of events leading up to the injury or near miss
 - Objects, equipment, or substances involved in event
- **Characteristics of equipment associated with incident:**
 - Type, brand, size, distinguishing features, condition, specific part involved, correct accessories used, guards in place, etc.
- **Characteristics of the task being performed when incident occurred:**
 - General task, specific activity, posture, and location of injured worker, working alone or with others
- **Time factors:**
 - Time of day, hour in injured worker's shift, type of shift, phase of worker's day such as performing work, break time, mealtime, overtime, or entering/leaving facility
- **Supervision information:**
 - Was the injured worker was being supervised directly, indirectly, or not at all and whether supervision was feasible?
- **Corrective actions:**
 - Immediate measures taken, interim or long-term actions necessary.



ASSP NEWS

SafetyFOCUS 2022 Registration Open! Join Us Feb. 21 - March 4, 2022

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The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) developed SafetyFOCUS as an immersive educational event where you can take a deep dive on topics significant to you, your industry and your organization. Unlike a traditional safety conference, where you get an overview of several important safety concepts, SafetyFOCUS instructors spend more time on each subject. It's a more focused way to learn what you need to know and get back to business.

Connect in person or online with your peers for insightful discussions on leading issues facing the safety profession. Our world-class instructors deliver safety training that you can immediately apply to your most challenging issues.

Professional Education Grants Available Through ASSP Foundation

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Since 1990, the ASSP Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in academic scholarships and professional education grants to occupational safety and health students and professionals working towards their educational goals.

Thanks to the generosity of the safety community, nearly \$328,000 in 130 scholarships and grants are awarded this year. Congratulations to the 2020-2021 scholarship and grant recipients!

Through the support of the ASSP Foundation scholarship and grant programs, more than 1,300 safety students and professionals have advanced their careers, including students like Misha Griffis, a recipient of an ASSP Foundation Scholarship, funded by Liberty Mutual. Learn how this scholarship impacted Misha's life.

Brush Up on Your Math Skills

Click [here](#) for more information

Math Toolbox is a regular column in PSJ written by Mitch Ricketts, Ph.D., CSP, an associate professor in the Environmental Health and Safety Management program at Northeastern State University. It aims to help occupational safety and health professionals apply STEM principles to everyday safety issues and overcome apprehension about math and science. The series employs various communication strategies to make the learning process easier and more accessible.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The ASSP Granite State Chapter is grateful for our members and the occupational safety and health workers everywhere! Have a happy holiday!



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