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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR GRANITE STATE CHAPTER MEMBERS,

It is an honor to serve as President of the Granite State Chapter. Our chapter has always been built on a foundation of community, knowledge-sharing, and professional growth, and this year I am excited to build on that tradition by focusing on one central theme: connection.

My goal for this year is to increase meaningful networking opportunities for all members. We will be working to create more face-to-face experiences through onsite meetings and tours, giving us the chance to see safety in action, share best practices, and strengthen the professional relationships that make our chapter thrive.

A priority close to my heart is supporting the Keene State Student Section. Many of us, myself included, have benefited from the opportunities ASSP provided when we were students. Today, those same students face budget challenges, and it is our responsibility to help ensure they have the same access to professional development and networking that helped launch our

own careers. By supporting their growth, we are investing in the future of our profession.

We also look forward to expanding collaboration with our neighboring chapters. By working together, we can amplify our resources, expand our networks, and synergistically deliver the value every chapter member deserves.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. I encourage each of you to get involved, attend events, and connect with one another. Together, we will make this year one of growth, opportunity, and strengthened community.

Cheers!

Jeffrey Perkins



Stay Connected With Us on LinkedIn!

Did you know the Granite State Chapter has its own private LinkedIn community just for members?

By joining, you'll get real-time access to chapter updates, job postings, resources, events, and more.

Simply search "ASSP – Granite State Chapter" on LinkedIn and request to join today."

NEWS

SAFETY 2025: A RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS IN ORLANDO

Source: <https://safety.assp.org>

This summer, the global safety community gathered in Orlando for Safety 2025, and the results speak for themselves: more than 6,100 registered safety professionals filled the Orange County Convention Center, with overall participation surpassing 9,700 once livestream viewers and exhibitor representatives were included.

The numbers were impressive, but the story goes beyond the attendance. What really stood out was the energy in the room; the eagerness of professionals to share, learn, and connect. Safety leaders are recognizing that our profession is at an inflection point, and conferences like Safety 2025 aren't just about compliance updates or product showcases. They're about reshaping the way we lead safety in a rapidly changing world.

Highlights from the Event

- **A Record Expo:** The largest in ASSP history, with 683 vendor booths covering 134,000 square feet. Beyond the scale, the expo delivered interactive experiences like tech talks, flash sessions, a PPE fashion show, and a career advancement center.

To learn more, visit: <https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/safety-2025-attendance-soars-in-orlando>

- **New Faces, New Energy:** Nearly 2,800 first-time attendees (almost half of total participants) attended the event. With many also taking advantage of free introductory ASSP memberships, the future pipeline of our profession is clearly growing stronger.
- **Giving Back:** Attendees rallied behind the ASSP Foundation, surpassing their \$15,000 fundraising goal. The matched contributions from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals ensure meaningful investment in scholarships, research, and the next generation of safety professionals.

Why It Matters

Events like Safety 2025 prove that safety is no longer a siloed discipline. The collaboration between practitioners, educators, and solution providers reflects how our profession is becoming more integrated into business strategy and culture. As ASSP President Linda Tapp put it, the record attendance shows just how strong the desire is to network, innovate, and raise the bar for workplace safety worldwide.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars: Safety 2026 heads to Anaheim, CA, June 15–17. With the West Coast's largest exhibit facility and a city built for big experiences, next year promises to build on Orlando's momentum.

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AI IN SAFETY: MORE THAN A TREND — IT'S HERE TO STAY

Artificial intelligence (AI) isn't just a buzzword anymore — it's becoming a permanent part of how we work, and safety is no exception. At Safety 2024 and again at Safety 2025, AI emerged as one of the most talked-about themes, raising both excitement and important questions about its role in occupational safety and health.

The reality is simple: AI won't replace safety professionals, but safety professionals who learn to use AI will have an edge over those who don't. That's why ASSP has launched an AI Task Force, which shared its first findings this summer on responsible integration, ethical leadership, and skill development. This work is already shaping how our profession prepares for the future.

One early example is the new ASSP Safety Trekr AI, unveiled at Safety 2025. By linking directly to the massive Safety Professionals Handbook, Safety Trekr AI gives members instant, citation-backed answers and tools like quizzes, summaries, and training resources — transforming a 6-lb book into an interactive, on-demand guide.

History tells us what happens next. Just as mobile phones went from “workplace distraction” to essential safety tools, AI may

follow a similar path. Our task now is to embrace it, learn it, and lead with it to ensure AI strengthens, rather than replaces the critical role of safety professionals.

To learn more, read the full article published by our ASSP President, Linda Tapp:
<https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/ai-is-here-to-stay>

VEHICLE SAFETY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: BEYOND THE STICKER

It's official — beginning January 31, 2026, New Hampshire drivers will no longer be required to get annual vehicle inspections. The change came when Gov. Kelly Ayotte signed the state budget in June, which included a provision to repeal inspections as part of a larger legislative compromise. Emissions testing is also set to end next September, pending EPA approval of a waiver.

The Debate That Led Here

For years, annual inspections have been defended by supporters to catch safety issues like worn tires, bad brakes, and faulty lights — hazards especially relevant in New England's harsh climate. Auto dealers and AAA have argued the program enhanced safety and ensured quality, particularly in the used car market.

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But critics pointed to abuse, inconsistent application, and the financial burden on working families. Critics argued that inspections had little measurable impact on crash rates. The House ultimately voted overwhelmingly to repeal the program, and the provision became an “absolute condition” for passing the state budget.

What This Means for Organizations

For employers, the repeal changes the landscape but not the responsibility. Whether employees drive company-owned vehicles or their personal cars for work, employers remain liable for ensuring vehicles are safe and roadworthy. OSHA’s General Duty Clause and DOT requirements do not go away just because the state sticker does.

Key considerations for safety professionals:

- **Fleet Safety Programs:** Written maintenance and inspection policies are now even more important. Best practices include pre-trip checklists, mileage-based service schedules, and quarterly safety audits.

- **Personal Vehicles Used for Business:** When employees use personal vehicles for work, require proof of insurance, registration, and documented maintenance. A missing state inspection will no longer be a red flag — employers must take on more diligence themselves.
- **Training and Awareness:** Workers should be trained to identify and report issues early. What inspections once mandated, organizations must now promote through safety culture and education.

Looking Ahead

Auto dealers warn the repeal could impact the safety of secondhand cars and reduce a layer of consumer protection. Mechanics note that vehicles will still break down, inspections or not — meaning preventive maintenance and proactive safety checks are the only reliable defense.

For New Hampshire organizations, the message is clear: vehicle safety is no longer a state-mandated checkbox — it’s an organizational responsibility. The annual sticker may be going away, but the obligation to keep employees safe on the road remains firmly in place.

Call for Presenters – Share Your Expertise!

The Granite State Chapter is launching a series of technical webinars to provide members with fresh insights, practical tools, and professional development opportunities.

We’re looking for safety professionals, thought leaders, and subject matter experts who are ready to share their knowledge with our chapter community. Whether it’s a case study, a new technology, or a best-practice approach, your voice can help shape the growth of our profession.

Interested in presenting? Reach out to us with your topic idea — and join us in delivering high-value education to your fellow members!

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JOB OPENINGS:

GZA Geoenvironmental Inc.: Early Career EHS Professional in Hooksett, NH

Nylon Corporation of America: EHS Specialist in Manchester, NH

Subcom: EHS Specialist in Newington, NH

Reeds Ferry Sheds: Safety Coordinator in Hudson, NH

Prysmain Group: HSE Lead in Manchester, NH

Gaftek, Inc.: Safety Coordinator in Concord, NH

M.J. Electric: Safety & Health Representative in Bow, NH

Coneybeare: Environmental, Health & Safety Manager in Amherst, NH

Colden Corporation: Occupational Health and Safety Consultant in Manchester, NH