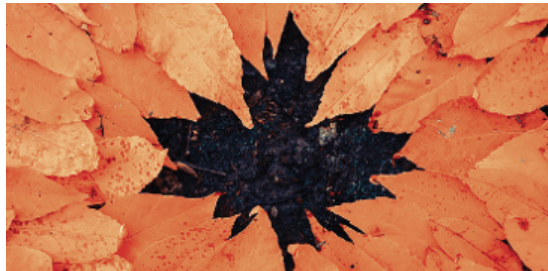




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter an exciting new chapter for the Columbia-Willamette ASSP, I'm proud to share our Strategic Plan and the steps we're taking to strengthen our safety community. This year our focus includes:

1. Launching a mentorship program to connect members
2. Continuing to improve chapter operations and technology
3. Building stronger collaborations with fellow Oregon chapters

Together we're creating a more connected, innovative and inclusive network of safety professionals. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to protecting people, advancing professional excellence and shaping the future of safety across our region.

Warm Regards,



Nicole Guilfooy
President, ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter

SIGN UP FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING!

Topic: Using AI to Role-Play Uncomfortable Safety Conversations

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

November 13, 2025 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | [Brix Tavern Tualatin](#)

- Doors Open/Networking 11:00 a.m.
- Buffet Lunch Served 11:15 a.m.
- Introductions/Announcements 11:40 a.m.
- Presentation 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Effective interpersonal communication is crucial, yet many safety professionals put off uncomfortable conversations.

Role-playing with artificial intelligence can revolutionize the way they improve their communication and negotiation skills to deal with difficult topics.

In this session, attendees will observe and participate in live role plays with artificial intelligence on a variety of safety-related conversations.

Presented by Todd Hudson. President, Maverick Safety Training

Registration Closes: Thursday, November 6th @ 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER NETWORKING SOCIAL



Let's Throw Down -- Axes, That Is!

Join us for an evening of **axe throwing, networking, and good brews!**

When: Thursday, November 20th | 5:00 – 7:30 PM (Arrive 4:45 for Axe Throwing)

Where: [Hopworks Urban Brewery @ 2944 SE Powell Blvd, Portland](#)

Parking: Front parking lot and larger parking lot down below (enter on SE 29th Ave)

Not into axe throwing? No problem! The networking and socializing will be happening in the same space—so you won't miss a thing. Enjoy a fun night out! There will be a networking activity with **prizes**.

[REGISTER NOW - FREE FOR MEMBERS!](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TODD HUDSON

Meet Todd Hudson, President of Maverick Safety Training, and the driving force behind ASSP CWC's brand-new Mentorship Program. Learn how he's helping shape the future of safety leadership—one connection at a time.

[**Read Full Interview Here**](#)



WHAT IS YOUR SAFETY STORY?

Share your experience and advance safety's future!



[Safety Professional Survey Link](#)

Our chapter is participating in a nationwide research study in collaboration with the student section at Oregon State University. Together, we are exploring how safety professionals grow and evolve throughout their careers, and **your insights are vital** to this effort.

We are seeking input from ASSP members and safety professionals at **all stages of their careers**, from students to senior safety leaders, aged 18 to 90.

Your feedback will help shape future learning models, professional development programs, and emerging leadership theories in the safety profession.

The survey is entirely anonymous and does not collect any personal identifying information.

You will answer basic demographic and career-related questions, followed by 24 multiple-choice items assessing locus of control.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Student Scholarship Money (2025 - 2026)

[Applications open Oct 15, 2025 - Feb 15, 2026](#)



Scholarships are available to qualifying students attending universities and community colleges in Oregon and Washington. They are made possible by the generosity of our local CWC-ASSP members, individuals, corporations, and local sections.

Our chapter awards two scholarships directly:

- **\$750** | [ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter Leadership Award](#)
 - **\$1,500** | [Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship](#)
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We offer one scholarship via the ASSP Foundation:

- **\$1,500** | [ASSP CWC Academic Scholarship](#)

OREGON YOUNG EMPLOYEE SAFETY CONTEST

Graphic Design Contest

Do you know any creative teens? They could earn \$500 by creating an “ad” for Oregon OSHA’s Heat Illness Prevention Online Course!



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections Are Coming Up - Get Involved!

Interested in shaping the future of our organization? Elections are just around the corner, and we're looking for members who want to get involved! Whether you're ready to dive in or just want to start with a lighter commitment, there's a place for you. Everyone is welcome.

[For more information, contact:](#)

Brittany Johnston | Nominations and Elections Chair | brijoh@saif.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE FALL UPDATE

Chelsea's Closet



Thank you to everyone who brought costumes or donated to the Chelsea Hick's Foundation at our October meeting.

If you missed the meeting, you can still bring costumes to the November meeting (wait until after Halloween and get them on sale!)

SCAN to DONATE!



December Volunteer & Donation Opportunities

Doernbecher Children's Hospital

Bring new toys to the December meeting or purchase toys from their Wish List. We will post the link on the Community Service page on the CWC website.

Oregon Food Bank

Stay tuned for a link that will take you directly to a donation page dedicated to ASSP CWC.

Sunshine Division

Volunteer to deliver food boxes in December. We will put the details up on the Community Service page on the CWC website as the date gets closer.

To submit a community service suggestion, or to learn more and get involved, please contact communityservice@cwc.assp.org to connect with Deb and Paula.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Learning Opportunities

ASSP's Practice Specialty and Common Interest Groups offer free webinars with free CEUs—and now you can join as many groups as you'd like at no extra cost!

Free Webinars

[Preventing Overexertion Injuries by Reducing Manual Materials Handling in Construction](#)

Friday, Nov. 7 | 11 a.m. CT | Complimentary Education

[WISE Book Club: November](#)

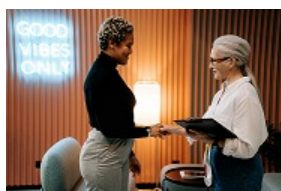
Thursday, Nov. 13 | 2 p.m. CT | Networking

Fire Protection Practice Specialty

[When Green Meets Flame: Designing Sustainable & Fire-Resilient Buildings](#)

Friday, Nov. 21 | 11 a.m. CT | Complimentary Education

NEW MENTORING PROGRAM



New Chapter Mentoring Program

Our chapter mentoring program is off and running and we're seeing great results! Many thanks to both the mentees and mentors for their diligent efforts.

Current mentee & mentors focus on specific career areas including:

Leadership | Industrial Hygiene | Job Search | Total Worker Health (TWH)

[read about their experiences](#)

New Mentors

- Manish Gooneratne (job search, career building)
- Doug Pettyjohn (OSHA 10/30, construction, consulting)
- Dan Getschow (semiconductors)
- Thomas Price (hazmat environmental)
- Mike Cave (numerous topics)

Interested in joining? No long-term commitment required!
Contact: Todd Hudson mentorship@cw.assp.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Job Postings



Working together for a safer, stronger future



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