



The Safety Connection

The President’s Message—October 2024



Chris Malicki

Fellow Safety Professionals:

Recently, the San Diego construction community was shocked when an employee of WA Rasic Construction (Long Beach) was killed on a pipeline project being built for the City of San Diego in Scripps Ranch. The event occurred on August 27, 2024 at 4:00 AM. The worker, Joel Olea Gomez, was 27 years young. He didn’t go home that day. A sad situation for so many people whose life he impacted.



This tragedy reminds me that what we do every day is very important. Sometimes it seems redundant, hectic, never ending, and stressful. But, WE MUST continue to coach our younger workforce to never be afraid to bring things that seem wrong to our attention.

It is rumored that the deceased had made numerous posts on social media concerning the dangerous conditions in which he was required to work.

The effects of this event are endless.



I hope that rumor is not true. If true, it only reinforces my and other people’s opinions that the social medial distraction is hurting us, more than helping.

Chris Malicki
2024-2025 President
San Diego ASSP Chapter

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SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Committee met over Zoom on Tuesday, September 3rd. Chris Malicki welcomed Wesley Williams, David Ferguson, Erica Baird, Lee Donahue, Scott Simerson, and EC Emeritus Member Teresa Bonilla. Isaac Szmuiłowicz, Avery Fox, Monica Netherly, Brad Dodson, and Tom Jolliff did not attend.

1. Congratulations are in order for Dan Hopwood, the 2024 recipient of the Society’s highest honor, becoming the 147th Fellow since the world’s oldest professional safety organization was founded in 1911!
2. Dan Hopwood has volunteered to track chapter progress on awards (SPY and others).

OLD BUSINESS (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

1. ***Review/approve minutes of August 5, 2024**, David motioned to approve, Erica seconded, all present stated Aye, no Nays or Abstentions.
2. **Treasurer’s Monthly Financial Report** (Wesley Williams), Wesley and Chris are transferring documents and changing account information at Wells Fargo.
3. Discussion regarding sending someone to the Southern California Joint Technical Symposium (Los Angeles, Long Beach, Orange County ASSP and AIHA Chapters), October 10, 2024, in Carson, concluded with the decision that no-one was available to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Advisors** — Wesley Williams, Lee Donahue — Nothing to report at this time, next committee meetings are Sept. 12 and Dec. 5.
2. **Government Affairs** — Monica Netherly, Absent — Monica forwarded the current newsletter to the EC on Monday September 2 2024 at 11:36 am PDT, which covered Indoor Heat Illness Prevention legislation as well as other timely topics.
3. **Job Line** — David Ferguson— 35 openings on the job line, quick turnover continuing. *All job line opportunities are validated before publishing.*
4. **Membership** — Brad Dodson, Absent — 319 active members, 38 in grace period. 0 new members, 0 transfers, 5 mem-

(see ExCom Minutes, Page 3)

NEW BUSINESS (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

GOT A QUESTION? VISIT
<https://sandiego.assp.org/>
OR REACH OUT AT
<https://sandiego.assp.org/contact/>



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berships expired in the last 30 days.

- 5. Newsletter** — Lee Donahue — Working on newsletter, considering ideas for size and content, feedback is welcome.
- 6. PDC** — Lee Donahue — Next meeting is September 17.
- 7. Programs** — Erica Baird — Carmen Cisneros (San Diego Cal/OSHA Consultation Services Branch), Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment, September 10. Rick Fine-man (Berkshire Hathaway) Risk Identification and Mitigation, October 8. Kelly McKay (DEA Public Affairs Specialist), Shastity Urias (DEA Community Outreach Specialist), William Pernay (Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego Senior Prevention Specialist), Opioids, November 12. No speaker in December. Brittany Russell (Mindful Synergy Solutions), Self-Awareness/Mindfulness as the Root of Change, January 14.
- 8. Public Affairs** — Isaac Szmuiłowicz, Absent.
- 9. Social Media and Website** — Tom Jolliff, Absent — Lee mentioned recent success with posting on LinkedIn and Tom re-posting to gain circulation. Lee is working with Tom on Magnet Mail. Website is updated as needed, notify Tom if anything looks amiss .

10. Student Liaison — Avery Fox, Absent.

11. Succession Planning — Lee Donahue — It’s time to get ahead of the curve and start planning officer roles for next year. Please let Chris and Lee know your plans for next year and if you will not renew, please scout for a successor. Interact with other members and invite them to join the EC, and offer to mentor them if possible .

Open Floor & Important Upcoming Dates:

If anybody knows of events where we can provide a presence, IH related, safety, risk management, please bring it up. An example of outreach not tied to safety is helping an organization called Monarch School in San Diego that provides educational services to homeless children. Helping in the community is good for our organization as well as for our own personal and professional growth.

- **Next Chapter Meeting:** 0730-0830 September 10, 2024, in-person, Admiral Baker Clubhouse.
- **Next PDC Planning Meeting:** September 17, 2024 — via Zoom
- **Next EC Meeting:** October 1, 2024 — via Zoom

Chair: Adjourn meeting.



Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sister-organization meeting, special accomplishment, or other newsworthy article that you would like shared with your fellow San Diego ASSP members? Submit it for consideration via e-mail no later than the 15th of the month! Please e-mail all submissions along with your contact information, including name, e-mail address, and phone number, to newsletter@sandiego.assp.org.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Membership Chair

by Brad Dodson

Welcome to our newest member!

Thomas Morrison



And congrats to Social Media Chair Tom Jolliff on achieving his CHST!

Do you know someone who should be a part of ASSP? Check out the Member-Get-A-Member Program and get perks for referring them!

https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member

Job Line

by David Ferguson, CSP, CEA, REPA

Looking for a new job? Local employers are looking for you! Visit our job line at sandiego.assp.org/openings/ to see the latest opportunities.

Looking to fill a position? We can help there too! Notify David Ferguson at jobline@sandiego.assp.org and get it posted on our website.

Check us out on social media!

by Tom Jolliff



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ASSP Career Center

The ASSP Career Center is a free comprehensive resource available to all ASSP Chapter members who are looking for a job or those who are employed and want to advance their safety careers. The Career Center’s Job Seeker Resource Center offers resume writing tips, tools to build your resume online, and a Resume Bank where you can post your resume anonymously for employers to view, except for your name and contact information. But that’s not all! You also get interview preparation and follow-up strategies, such as how to bring up and negotiate a salary.

The Job Board lets you to search for job postings throughout the US and internationally by applying filters that fit your criteria, and save them by keyword, location, industry, or job function. The Job Alert automated search sends new postings that meet your criteria right to you, instead of having to log in to search for new jobs. You also get help with career advancement to move your career forward or change industry sectors, including using social media for networking, how to work effectively with recruiters, how to give notice, and negotiating salary and benefits. And you have access to expert coaching!

Employers can post and manage job openings, search and manage job candidates, create a company profile, upload position templates, consult a Resume Bank, and much more. This is a great free resource designed with you in mind—visit the ASSP Career Center and Job Board at jobs.assp.org/.

Calendar of Special Events

October 2024

Dates	Event
1-31	National Domestic Violence Awareness Month https://is.gd/ecKudC
1-31	Home Eye Safety Month https://is.gd/ul7CCE
6-12	National Mental Illness Awareness Week https://is.gd/NkddrA
6-12	National Fire Prevention Week https://is.gd/s4d79C
20-26	National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week https://is.gd/A22r3H
21-25	National School Bus Safety Week https://www.napt.org/nsbsw
29	World Stroke Day https://is.gd/gzuSaB

October 2024						
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Click on an event to learn more!

Always find the latest San Diego ASSP events at sandiego.assp.org/event!

Links have been shortened for easier accessibility.



MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, NOVEMBER 12

The Risk of Fentanyl and Opioid Use

Kelly McKay, Public Affairs Specialist, DEA

Shastity Urias, Community Outreach Specialist, DEA

William Perno, Sr. Prevention Specialist, Social Advocates for Youth SD

At our November breakfast meeting, Kelly McKay and Shastity Urias from the DEA and William Perno from SAY will speak to us about the dangers of fentanyl and opioid use. Attendees will learn about the risks of fentanyl, how to recognize an opioid overdose, and how to use Naloxone (Narcan) to attempt to reverse an overdose. People attending the meeting will receive FREE Naloxone/ Narcan Nasal Spray (\$45.00 Value). The opioid epidemic has resulted in record overdose deaths across the United States. Fentanyl can be found in any illicit street drug, including counterfeit prescription pills/tablets, powders, liquids & vapes, blotter paper, and sprays. San Diego County Fentanyl-related deaths increased from 22 deaths in 2015 to 815 deaths in 2022, a 3,750% increase. Teens as young as 13 years old have died from fentanyl poisonings in San Diego County. Join us to learn more about the opioid epidemic. What you learn could save a life!

Read more about our presenters at <https://sandiego.assp.org/events/meeting-nov-12-2024/>

Admiral Baker Clubhouse
3604 Admiral Baker Road
San Diego, CA 92120

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m.

Welcome and Speaker begins at 7:30 a.m.

\$10 Students, \$20 all other Attendees

RSVP/Registration: Please RSVP or register with payment by credit card on the San Diego ASSP Chapter website events page using the GREEN BUTTON link.

Please note: Pre-registrations and RSVPs are very helpful in determining the head-count for the breakfast catering. Those who RSVP may still pay by check, credit card, or cash at the door. Pre-registration closes at noon the Friday before the meeting.

PDC News

by Lee Donahue

Our 2025 Professional Development Conference will be held on October 14th, marking a shift from our historical springtime scheduling. The PDC Committee meets over Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00am. Interested in helping plan the event? Reach out to any ExCom member or contact Lee at president-elect@sandiego.assp.org.



The San Diego Chapter ASSP is accepting recommendations to recognize our Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)

This award recognizes contributions between July 1, 2023, and Oct. 15, 2024

The SPY is the Chapter’s way of recognizing a Chapter Member or Professional Member for their contributions, dedication, and accomplishments on behalf of the Chapter, ASSP, the community, and the safety field in general. The Chapter SPY recognition is awarded annually at our Holiday Luncheon to a member who has made meaningful contributions to San Diego ASSP and the safety field, primarily at the local level.

You can nominate someone for recognition by sending the following information to Dan Hopwood at dhopwood@sompo-intl.com.

Please include the following in your nomination:

- ◆ Your name and contact information
- ◆ Name of Chapter Member being nominated; include certifications and designations

Suggested topics to include in your submission that will be helpful:

- ◆ Narrative (up to 2 pages) discussion of why the Chapter Member is deserving of recognition – suggested input includes:
 - ◇ Examples of contributions (such as speaking, publishing, training, teaching, community engagement),
 - ◇ Other contributions to the safety field and ASSP in 2023/2024 that assist in evaluating the Chapter Member being nominated (examples, but certainly not limited to, may be contributions to the Chapter, Society-related, committee activities, personal safety development and achievements),
 - ◇ Recognition received by other organizations in 2023/2024 if applicable,
 - ◇ Other comments you feel important to the review of your nominee.

The final date nominations will be accepted is October 15, 2024.

We appreciate your engagement, and the Chapter looks forward to recognizing one of our deserving members in December!

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OSHA News Releases

U.S. Department of Labor
OSHA, Office of Communications

USDOL launches Severe Injury Report dashboard, providing interactive view of injuries across states

September 4, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration today unveiled an online tool giving users the ability to search its severe injury report database and view trends related to workplace injuries occurring in states covered by federal OSHA.

The Severe Injury Report dashboard allows users to search and download data by year, industry, state, establishment name, and Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System codes. The dashboard includes information on all severe injuries reported by employers covered under federal OSHA since 2015.

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OSHA encourages workers and employers to use the dashboard to learn how severe injuries happen in their industries and use the agency’s available resources to help prevent workplace injuries. A [brief instructional video](#) is available to demonstrate how to use the dashboard.

Federal law requires employers to notify OSHA of a work-related in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye within 24 hours of the incident. The agency’s [compliance assistance specialists](#) and [on-site consultations](#) are available across the country and in U.S. territories to help employers.

[Learn more about OSHA’s severe injury report data, and the severe injury reporting requirement.](#) ■

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

OSHA issued the following statement regarding its emergency response rulemaking and volunteer emergency responders

September 17, 2024

OSHA’s rulemaking on Emergency Response is focused on providing long overdue protections to emergency responders. The agency has tremendous respect for both the work that emergency responders do and their unique role providing essential public safety services to every community in America. This statement describes the rulemaking’s applicability to volunteer responders. ■

To learn more, go to <https://is.gd/auBRNv>

USDOL: \$12.7M in grants awarded to promote workplace safety, health training, education

September 19, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor today awarded \$12.7 million to 102 nonprofits nationwide to fund education and training initiatives designed to create safer workplaces.

Administered by the department’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration, funds from the Susan Harwood Training Grants Program will support the delivery of training and education on hazard awareness, avoidance and controls, and inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. This round of funding was awarded to programs in the categories of targeted topic training, training and educational materials development, and capacity building. ■

To learn more, go to <https://is.gd/825iBx>

USDOL seeks nominations for membership on Federal Advisory Council on OSH

September 23, 2024

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor is seeking nominations for one federal agency manager and four labor representatives of federal employ-

ees on the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health. Those selected will serve three-year terms, beginning Jan. 1, 2025, and ending Dec. 31, 2027.

The 16-member council advises the Secretary of Labor on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees. FACOSH members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary unless the member is no longer qualified to serve, resigns, or is removed by the Secretary.

Submit nominations to the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), Docket Number OSHA-2024-0006 by Oct. 11, 2024. [Read the Federal Register notice for submission details.](#)

Learn more about [OSHA](#) and [FACOSH](#). ■

OSHA announces meeting of Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health on Oct. 17

September 24, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration has scheduled an online meeting of the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health on Oct. 17, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT.

FACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees. These matters include providing advice on how to reduce the number of injuries and illnesses in the federal workforce and how to encourage federal executive branch departments and agencies to establish and maintain effective occupational safety and health programs.

The agenda will feature remarks by Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Douglas Parker, regulatory updates from OSHA, a report from FACOSH’s Subcommittee on Best Practices and Lessons Learned, and input from the department’s Wage and Hour Division. The agenda may also include presentations on job classifications and Bureau of Labor Statistics data input.

Public and member attendance at the meeting is online only. Members of the public may [attend online](#) and will be in listen-only mode. [Read the Federal Register notice](#) for participation details.



Trends in Workplace Homicides in the U.S., 1994–2021: An End to Years of Decline

Study authors: Scott A. Hendricks, Kitty J. Hendricks, Hope M. Tiesman, Harold L. Gomes, James W. Collins, and Dan Hartley

Why is this [study](#) important?

The number of homicides both within and outside of the workplace decreased from the mid-90s through 2014. While the frequency of workplace homicides did not change from 2014–2021, homicides outside the workplace increased from 2014–2020. Understanding these trends is critical to preventing homicide.

How did you do the study?

We applied advanced statistical methods to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We then identified rates and patterns of workplace and non-workplace homicides

What did you find?

During the study period, 16,497 workers in the United States lost their lives due to homicide in the workplace while 456,494 homicides occurred outside the workplace. Workplace homicides that occurred during a robbery began to increase in 2015. Similarly, shooting-related workplace homicides also increased beginning in 2014.

By occupation, the highest rate was in protective services, with 2.74 homicides per 100,000 employees in 2021. Taxi drivers and chauffeurs were second highest, followed by retail sales. By industry, gasoline stations had the highest rate with 5.55 homicides per 100,000 employees. In 2021, men were more than three times as likely as women to die of workplace homicide. The rate of workplace homicide was highest among Black people, followed by Hispanic and White people.

What are the next steps?

These results highlight the importance of identifying and evaluating methods to prevent workplace homicide, particularly those that occur during a robbery or other crime

Celebrate National Work and Family Month With Two Free Webinars From NIOSH TWH!

- *Designing Workplaces That Value Worker and Family Well-being, Now and Beyond*

[Register now](#) to join us on October 17, 2–3 p.m. (ET). This webinar will share the results of a study that followed more than 370 lower-wage, working-class families over 10 years.

- *Public Policy and Employer Support to Improve Family Health and Well-being*

[Register now](#) to join us on October 31, 12–1 p.m. (ET). This webinar will describe how employer support and public policy contribute to the well-being of workers and their families.

Meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, Subcommittee for Procedure Reviews, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

The [notice](#) was posted on September 20. Comments must be received by November 1. The meeting will be held on November 8.

Request for Public Comment on the Draft Hazard Review: Wildland Fire Smoke Exposure Among Farmworkers and Other Outdoor Workers

The [notice](#) was posted on September 13. Comments must be received by November 12.

FACE Reports

- [Ironworker Working in a Trench Dies When He Is Crushed by an Adjacent Retaining Wall That Fell on Him—California](#) for details, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/stateface/ca/23ca003.html>
- [Poultry Processing Production Worker Drowns in an Open Offal Wastewater Pit—California](#) for details, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/face/stateface/ca/23ca002.html>

Subscribe to [NIOSH eNews](#) for updates.



HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association

www.aiha.org

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

American Society of Safety Professionals Main Website

www.assp.org

ASSP Center for Safety and Health Sustainability

www.centershhs.org

ASSP Learning Library

www.safetybok.org

ASSP Risk Assessment Institute

www.assp.org/advocacy/risk-assessment-institute

Cal/OSHA

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

www.cpsc.gov

Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety & Health

www.elcosh.org/index.php

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

www.epa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

www.fema.gov

FEMA “Be Ready” Website

www.ready.gov

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov

Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

www.msha.gov

National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH)

www.niehs.nih.gov

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

www.cdc.gov/niosh

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA)

www.cdc.gov/nora

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

www.osha.gov

OSHA Silica Fact Sheets

www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=Controlling+Silica+Dust+in+Construction+&pSearch=

OSHA Silica Frequently Asked Questions

www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/generalindustry_info_silica.html

San Diego ASSP Website

sandiego.assp.org

US Chemical Safety Board (CSB)

www.csb.gov

The COVID Corner (not for much longer!)

City of San Diego

www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus

Status of City Services: www.sandiego.gov/status

County of San Diego

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

211 San Diego: 211sandiego.org

Sheriff's Department: www.sdsheriff.net

Office of Education: covid-19.sdcoe.net

State of California

covid19.ca.gov

Employment Development Department: www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm

Cal/OSHA: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html

Department of Public Health: cdph.ca.gov/covid19

Federal Government

www.coronavirus.gov

The White House: www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america

OSHA: www.osha.gov/coronavirus

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Global/Nongovernmental Resources

ASSP: www.assp.org/covid-19

Johns Hopkins: coronavirus.jhu.edu

United Nations: www.un.org/en/coronavirus

World Health Organization (WHO):

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

AIHA Back to Work Safely: www.backtoworksafely.org