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Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

August 2025

August Newsletter

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We're Not Just Talking Safety — We're
Building It

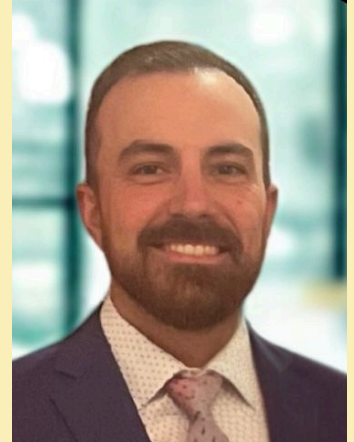
The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of ASSP is elevating safety and celebrating those who support it.

This year, our meetings highlight our amazing sponsors with opportunities to network, present, and get recognized. We're also offering CEU training events and planning a regional personal development conference — packed with leadership, technical training, and networking.

Interested in sponsoring? From branded materials to raffle prizes and meeting visibility, there's a level for every goal.

Let's grow the safety community — together.

Thanks,
Arthur Pennison



Arthur Pennison, CSP
Sponsorships Chair
Westlake Chemical

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President's Message – August 2025

Members,

Our summer planning meetings are complete, and I'm excited to share that we have a full calendar lined up through December—with even more in the works for 2026. The year ahead promises to be one of our best yet, with strong programming, networking opportunities, and professional development events.

Here's a glimpse of what's coming up:

September – Drone Safety & Security in coordination with MOSHEP

October – Networking at the Roco Rescue Challenge with a dedicated area for ASSP members

November – A premier meeting at the Estuary featuring Michael Rubin, OSHA Attorney – one of our biggest and best events yet

December – Christmas Social at Blend, sponsored by CORE Occupational Medicine

Looking ahead, 2026 is already shaping up: we'll kick off the year in **January** with a joint meeting with AIHA sponsored by HASC Louisiana. In **February**, we are planning a **PSM workshop with a focus on P&IDs**. Then, in **March**, our annual Golf Tournament (March 20th), followed by an **Active Shooter Drill** (April), our **Professional Development Conference & Awards Banquet** (May), and family involvement opportunities like a **Hunter Safety Course** and **Boater Safety Course** later in the year.

This exciting lineup is made possible through the commitment of our Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Sponsors. Sponsors are the backbone of our chapter's success—helping us deliver top-quality programming and unique member experiences. If your company would like to support our mission this year, we'd love to connect with you about sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you for being part of ASSP Greater Baton Rouge. Let's make this a year of growth, connection, and impact!

Tyler Traweck

Tyler Traweck, MBA, MS, CSP
President, ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter



OSHA Alliance Meeting Summary

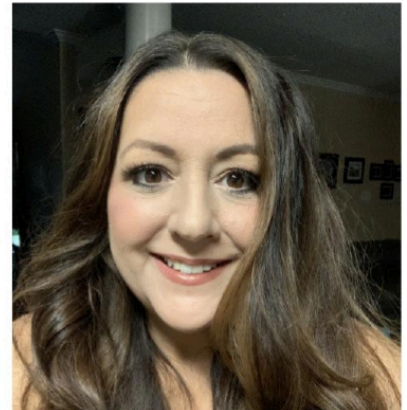
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The Safe + Sound campaign, held from August 11-15, 2025, recognizes workplace safety achievements and provides resources for emergency preparedness, urging companies to 'act not react' through measures like practicing emergency drills.

OSHA Penalty Reductions

OSHA is offering significant penalty reductions to encourage small businesses to invest in safety. The new model for small businesses includes those with up to 25 employees (previously 15). Reductions are available for serious violations (up to 70%) and willful violations (up to 80%). Additional reductions of up to 25% are possible for genuine safety efforts, 15% for quick issue resolution, and 20% for businesses with no serious violations in the past five years. This aims to help small businesses improve safety without being overwhelmed by fines.



Kristen D Selby, M.S., CSP

OSHA Alliance Liaison
Energy Transfer

Louisiana Statistics and Initiatives

Louisiana has a notably low number of OSHA compliance officers, with only seven currently, down from a previous high of 18. The state's leading cause of workplace fatalities is "struck by" incidents, not falls, which is the national number one cause. Since October 2024, there have been 35 male fatalities, with an average age of 41. The state has also seen a rise in hospitalizations from chemical exposure. Due to these trends, OSHA is increasing its focus on the oil & gas, maritime, and construction industries.

Available Resources

OSHA offers various resources to help businesses, especially small ones. The OSHA On-Site Consultation Program provides free, confidential, and non-enforcement assistance to help identify workplace hazards. They also have publications and a newsletter called Quick Takes. Additionally, the agency is promoting a Compliance Assistance Outreach program using VPP (Voluntary Protection Programs) companies to mentor others seeking VPP status.

Upcoming Campaigns

OSHA continues to promote its Heat Illness Prevention campaign and will focus on Suicide Prevention and Disaster Preparedness in the coming month. The agency's calendar highlights monthly topics such as Fall Protection, Construction Safety, and Trench Safety.



Chapter Meetings

2025-2026

September

Chapter Meeting - 9/16/25
Location - MOHSEP Building
Time - 11a-1:30p
Topic - Drone Safety and Security
Speaker - Clay Rives



October

Roco Rescue Challenge -
10/15/25
Location - Roco Rescue
Training Center
Time - All Day



November

Chapter Meeting - 11/18/25
Location - The Estuary
Time - Evening 6p-9p
Topic - Employer Rights
Speaker - Michael Rubin

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December

December Social - 12/11/25
Location - Blend
Time - 6p-9p



January

Chapter Meeting - 1/20/26
Location - TBA
Time - TBA
Topic - Case Management
Speaker - Dr. Tommy Hysler



February

Chapter Meeting - 2/17/26
Location - TBA
Time - TBA
Topic - P&ID Workshop
(Grainger)
Speaker - TBA

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March

Weekly Leadership Webinar
Series - 1 each week
Time - TBA
Topic - TBA
Speaker - TBA

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April

Chapter Meeting
Location - TBA
Time - TBA
Topic - Active Shooter /
Emergency Response
Speaker - James LeBlanc

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May

Local PDC/Awards Banquet
Location - TBA
Time - TBA
Topic - TBA
Speaker - TBA

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Meeting Sponsor:



BARKSDALE
SAFETY SOLUTIONS

September Chapter Meeting

Speaker: Clay Rives
Drone Safety and Security

**For More
Information and
to Register:**



September 16, 2025

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

MOHSEP Building

Baton Rouge, La



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Community Outreach

Free Events in Our Area

TREE STAND SAFETY 101



Event Location Information

Where

Waddill Wildlife Refuge

4142 N. Flannery Rd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70814

When

September 13th 2025: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Branden P Bennett, CSP
Community Outreach
Methanex

About

The class will cover different types of commonly used tree stands. As well as safety gear required to use tree stands. A portion of the class will be held outside for tree stand set up demonstrations. This class will cover everything you need to know to set up and hunt from tree stands safely. This class will not cover saddles

Additional Information

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be hosting a Tree Stand Safety course in Baton Rouge, LA - this course will be held at Waddill Refuge. A variety of topics will be discussed including a demonstration of lock-on stands, climbing stands, ladder stands, and hunting saddles.

Instructor

HUKINS, MITCHELL

OSHA SGE TRAINING COURSE

BATON ROUGE, LA

September 11-12, 2025



Scan the QR code, apply
to the SGE Program, and
register for the training





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You're Invited!

Thursday, Sept. 30 | Noon CT

Have you explored the full potential of your ASSP membership?

If you haven't joined a Practice Specialty or Common Interest Group yet, now's a great time to check out some of the most valuable resources and connections ASSP has to offer.

Not sure where to start? Join us for an exciting and informative Inside ASSP webinar where you'll discover all that ASSP has to offer through these vibrant communities that are now included in the cost of membership!

During this complimentary webinar, you'll meet members from our Practice Specialties and Common Interest Groups as they showcase a wide range of opportunities, including:

- Engaging networking events
- Collaborative online communities
- Educational webinars and technical resources
- Volunteer leadership and mentorship programs

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn and lead within the ASSP community.

To Learn More and to Register:

