



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

September 2025

September Newsletter

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President's Message – September 2025

Members,

Our first meeting of the chapter year was a huge success! A big thank you to Clay Rives and Tara Zachary from MOHSEP for sharing their insight on drone tracking, and to Ken Dunham from ExxonMobil for an impressive demo of their robotic dog in action. The presentations showcased real innovation in safety and security and set the tone for an exciting year ahead.

One of our top goals this year is increasing **Site Owner engagement**, and we're off to a strong start—our September Executive Board meeting was hosted at Georgia Pacific in Zachary, and our October meeting will be held at ExxonMobil in Baton Rouge. This partnership and involvement from our Site Owners are vital to the growth and strength of our chapter.

Next up, join us **October 15–16 at the Roco Training Center** for the **Roco Rescue Challenge**. ASSP will host a tent for members to network and connect while watching elite ERT teams from across the country compete.

We're still seeking **Chapter Sponsors**—if your organization is interested, we'd love the chance to meet and walk through the benefits of supporting our members.

Finally, we're forming two important committees and need volunteers:

- **Professional Development Conference Planning Committee** (for our May 2026 PDC)
- **New Orleans Area Committee** (to strengthen engagement and growth in the region)

This strong start wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our Executive Board and Committee Chairs—thank you for your leadership and service. Let's keep the momentum going!

In service,

Tyler Traweck

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



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

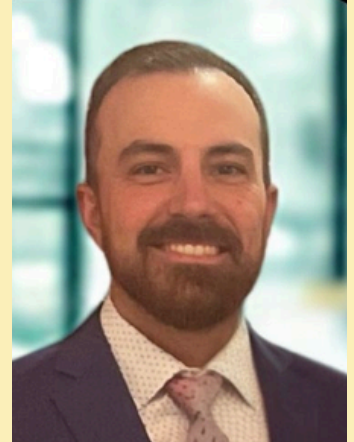
The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of ASSP is elevating safety and celebrating those who support it.

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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Chapter Meetings

2025-2026

September

October

November

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



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



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



December

January

February

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



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



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

SPONSOR NEEDED

March

April

May

Weekly Leadership Webinar Series
Week 1 - Justin Barksdale
Week 2 - Brian Blades
Week 3 - TBA
Week 4 - TBA

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

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

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October Chapter Meeting

Sponsored by:



October 15, 2025
Roco Training
Center (RTC)
Baton Rouge, LA



Free for ASSP Members



**ASSP STUDENT
CHAPTER**

TAILGATE

**SEPTEMBER 27
STARTS AT 12 PM**



vs. UTRGV

**IN FRONT OF THE
POTTLE MUSIC BUILDING
FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED**

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Hi everyone!

I'm excited to share that ASSP Baton Rouge will be hosting our first-ever Professional Development Seminar in 2026. This event is designed to provide value for both early-career professionals and seasoned experts with years of experience.

Our goal is simple: to create a space where newer professionals can gain the tools and resources to grow in their careers, while also giving experienced professionals fresh insights and skills to keep us all at the forefront of improving workplace safety.

To bring this event to life, I'm putting together a planning committee, and I'd love for you to be part of it. Committee members will help shape the program, connect with speakers and sponsors, and establish the foundation for what we hope will become an annual event for our chapter.

Since this is our first year, the commitment will likely be a bit more involved as we build everything from the ground up. But that also means it's an opportunity to make a real impact and leave your mark on the chapter.

If you're interested in contributing your time, ideas, and energy, please reach out to me at ktrail@tesconsult.com.

I look forward to working with all of you!



Keely Trail
Technical Environmental Services
Customer Success Coordinator





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Call to members to help with the New Orleans (or NOLA) Section!

To get the New Orleans Section up and running, we need volunteers to make it happen. If you're interested in helping plan, organize, and grow, join us!

Contact Teddy Young at tyoung@deltapeo.com to get involved.





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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:





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