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## 2024 SURVEY RESULTS

Greetings to all ASSP Pensacola Chapter Members. As Linda Tapp (2025-2026 ASSP President and ASSP Foundation Chair) said in her August President's Letter: *"Artificial intelligence (AI) emerged as a central theme at Safety 2024 in Denver, CO, sparking conversation across concurrent sessions and informal networking events. AI adoption is moving fast. What started as something many of us were just dabbling in has quickly become a major force in business operations. It is very clear that AI is something we cannot ignore."* Taking that to heart our Chapter Executive Committee decided that the first technical presentation for this chapter year should cover this subject. We chose the technical presentation available on the main ASSP website. Maralee attended the live presentation during the most recent ASSP Safety Conference, so she gets to present it. This year we will have FOUR Technical Meetings and TWO other meetings. One of the other meetings will be Spring Picnic Social at Sanders Beach Community Center (a great place to come with your family and enjoy the beautiful Pensacola Bay in a lovely park setting AND network with fellow Safety Professionals in Pensacola). This year we will again be asking for YOUR INPUT. You pay dues as a chapter member (costs are rising – so will your chapter dues next year). As President, I am going to find a way to make your dues work for you. ALSO, OUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU !!! This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time that I have served as Chapter President over the past 20 years and at age 75 – I cannot promise to be around another 20 years. We need you to serve in any of our Chapter Leadership positions. All of us currently in office have served multiple times in various positions – we know what chapter business has to be done and how to accomplish it and are glad to share that knowledge and expertise with you all. Contact any of us for getting involved with Chapter Leadership, it starts with you being willing and me appointing you as an Office-At-Large on the Executive committee or as a program Chairperson. LET'S HAVE A GREAT CHAPTER YEAR !!!

### REFERENCE:

Lakhani, K.R. (2023, Aug. 4). AI won't replace humans—But humans with AI will replace humans without AI. *Harvard Business Review*. <http://bit.ly/4neKPlt>

## ASSP CLEAR values:

- Community: We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
  - Leadership: We exemplify integrity and empower others.
  - Excellence: We strive always to deliver our best.
  - Accountability: We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
  - Respect: We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.
- Together, they form the acronym CLEAR, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem.

## 2025-26 Planned Meetings:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

**Topic:** ASSP Webinar: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Importance for the Safety Professional

**Speaker:** Maralee Sartain, CSP  
Sartain Safety Solutions

**Location:** TVTC Training Center  
1125 Chemstrand Road, Cantonment

and

VIRTUAL via ZOOM

**Time:** 11:30 until 12:30 PM (social time from 11AM to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 1 PM)

OCTOBER 14, 2025

**Topic:** TBD

**Speaker:** Francisco Garcia, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

**Location:** TVTC Training Center  
1125 Chemstrand Road, Cantonment

and

VIRTUAL via ZOOM

**Time:** 11:30 until 12:30 PM (social time from 11AM to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 1 PM)

APRIL 14, 2026

**Topic:** Hurricane Preparedness

**Speaker:** Scottlin Wilson, Escambia County Meteorologist

**Location:** 6575 North W Street, Pensacola FL 32505

and

VIRTUAL via ZOOM

**Time:** 11:30 until 12:30 PM (social time from 11AM to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 1 PM)

## A WORKER'S TRAGEDY

D-Y-K: Bureau of Labor Statistics Report: A report released on August 14, 2025, indicated that weather contributed to 100 workplace fatalities in 2023, with ice, sleet, snow, or hail being factors in nearly half of those deaths.

*"Death...is everywhere. Most of us try to avoid it, others can't get out of its way. Every day we fight a new war against GERMS, TOXINS, INJURY, ILLNESS, and CATASTROPHE." "The human body is remarkably resilient..." "The fact that we survive at all is a miracle..." "Because every day we live..." "We face 1000 WAYS TO DIE."*

### **Safety Tip Of The Week:**

1. *Always wear a seatbelt while operating mobile equipment.*
2. *Perform thorough pre-operational inspections of mobile equipment.*
3. *How do you document your checks?*

**“DO NOT RESENT GROWING OLD – MANY WERE DENIED THE PRIVILEGE.”**

### **Leading vs Lagging Indicators**

Eliminating workplace accidents is the goal of any safety program, but it is easier said than done. To embark on this journey, it is crucial to understand the distinction between lagging and leading indicators. Lagging indicators gauge the effectiveness of your

The story you are about to read is true and based on actual events. Here are the latest episodes from a list of funky things that happen to fine people when they ignore guidance, bend rules, and convince themselves they're immune to the laws of physics and probability. This handful of folks who wish life had a rewind button.

“Truly unbearable,” was how Jonathan Baudilio Ramirez Salazar described Florida’s weather when he spoke to his wife on the phone the night before. He’d worked one day in the thick July heat as a temporary laborer on a Fort Myers landscaping crew for TruScapes Industries Inc. His coworkers discovered him on his knees in a wooded area behind the complex around 4:40 p.m. He appeared to be seizing. His skin was hot. His heartbeat faint. Vomit lodged in his throat. When paramedics arrived, his body temperature was above 110 degrees. Ramirez died of heatstroke, according to medical examiner records. From his exposure on the job.

### **SAFETY QUIZ:**

**1. A RATE OF RISE DETECTOR TRIGGERS THE FIRE ALARM WHEN THE RATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ INCREASES ABOVE A CERTAIN RATE.**

- a. Temperature
- b. Pressure
- c. Smoke Particles
- d. Decibels

**2. DURING AN EMERGENCY INCIDENT WITH MANY AGENCIES, WHO IS IN CHARGE ON-SITE?**

- A) Facility Emergency Coordinator
- B) Incident Commander
- C) Plant Manager / Facility Owner
- D) The Police Chief / Sheriff

**3. WHERE SHOULD EMPLOYEES LOOK FOR DETAILED EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES USED IN THE WORKPLACE?**

- A) DOT Emergency Response Guidebook
- B) Incident Action Plan
- C) Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- D) Employee handbook

safety program by measuring past events such as injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. They provide valuable data that allows companies to analyze trends, update processes, and enhance safety. However, lagging indicators are reactive in nature and only offer actionable insights after an incident has occurred. In contrast, leading indicators take a proactive and preventive approach toward safety. They provide real-time information about the current safety status of a company, enabling proactive measures to prevent future injuries. For example, if safety audits reveal a consistent lack of proper fall protection among employees, this serves as an early warning sign that a fall incident may be imminent.

If you are looking for a cost effective Safety Conference, I recommend:

# Safety Connect 2025

October 21-23, 2025 - 9AM - 5PM CT

[https://register.safeopedia.com/safetyconnect2025?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Eloqua&utm\\_campaign=PSD-SafetyConnect2025-US-OTH-OTH-2025\\_06-C&utm\\_content=PSD-202507-en\\_US-ONE-Email-SafetyConnect2025&utm\\_elokuvacontactid=5366372](https://register.safeopedia.com/safetyconnect2025?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=PSD-SafetyConnect2025-US-OTH-OTH-2025_06-C&utm_content=PSD-202507-en_US-ONE-Email-SafetyConnect2025&utm_elokuvacontactid=5366372)

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