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Quote of the Month

"Tomorrow: your reward for working safely today."
~Attributed to Robert Pelton



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President's Message

One month in and I know we are starting off on the right foot. If you didn't get a chance to attend last month's technical meeting I have included a couple of pictures. We started off by honoring those Presidents who have served the Chapter in the past. We followed it by a heartfelt installation ceremony by Andy Cuthbert for the 2018-2019 Board, and course topped it off with delicious chocolate cake! As I was standing up there receiving recognition for serving as the 2017-2018 President it gave me fuel to crank out my first report of the year. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure to serve on the board there is a certain criteria the board is held to each year known as Chapter Operations Management Tool (COMT). This tool helps guide myself and the board and plan out our direction for the year.

The very first item we as a chapter and board have to take a look at is our goals for the year and submit these and other information in your annual chapter planning report. I want to share those three goals that I with help from the board will commit to this year.

Goal 1 – Member Recognition

It feels good to be recognized for your hard work. Many studies have shown that besides money recognition is just as significant in the workplace in retaining people. That is why I am moving this goal up to my number one spot. We have many opportunities as a chapter to recognize those who volunteer, continue their education and work in the advancement of our field. I look forward to recognizing those that do just that this year.

Goal 2 – Feedback for Growth

I truly don't believe we can grow if we don't keep asking for feedback and find out what drives our members. You're the reason we as a chapter have succeeded. Instead of focusing on increasing our total number of members as a chapter I want to increase our active member's instead. The best way I know I can do this is to see what drives you to be a member and what makes you come back!

Goal 3 – Succession Planning

We are always looking for new volunteers there are all different types of positions and levels of commitment. With that being said we are already working on our 2019-2020 Slate of Candidates. If you have ever thought about stepping up or being a part of our board please join us for our next meeting on August 15th immediately following the Technical Meeting to get a closer look at what we do. This chapter has been successful because of the leadership and the volunteers that make it possible!

If you have any ideas or want to comment after August 15th we will be sending out a survey and we would love to hear from you. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on August 15, 2018 at the American Red Cross. For more details click [here](#).

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Back to School Safety Checklist

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Getting to School

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is vitally important that they – and the motorists around them – take proper safety precautions.

Walkers »

- Walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk and you must walk in the street, walk facing traffic
- Before crossing the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Never dart out in front of a parked car
- Parents: Practice walking to school with your child, crossing streets at crosswalks when available
- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Do not walk while using headphones

Bike Riders »

Always wear a helmet that is fitted and secured properly

- Children need to know the rules of the road: Ride single file on the right side of the road, come to a complete stop before crossing the street and walk the bike across
- Watch for opening car doors and other hazards
- Use hand signals when turning
- Wear bright-colored clothing



Bus Riders »

- Teach children the proper way to get on and off the bus
- Line up 6 feet away from the curb as the bus approaches
- If seat belts are available, buckle up
- Wait for the bus to stop completely before standing
- Do not cross in front of the bus if possible, or walk at least 10 feet ahead until you can see the other drivers

Drivers, Share the Road »

- Don't block crosswalks
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care in school zones
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

Teen Drivers

Teens crash most often because they are inexperienced. They struggle judging gaps in traffic, driving the right speed for conditions and turning safely, among other things. As your teen becomes a new driver, learn more about what you can do as a parent to keep them safe.

Prevent Injuries at School

Following are more discussion topics and resources for parents of school-age children:

- Backpack safety
- Playground safety
- Concussion risk from sports
- Head up, phone down



Looking for a job or a new opportunity in the field of safety?

Please check our new website for current openings at [ASSP Orange County Chapter | American Society of Safety Professionals\[orangecounty.assp.org\]](http://www.assp.org). Our current membership sends us opportunities at their companies and I am actively checking other websites. There have been requests by our student chapter to post internship and entry level opportunities. As a result, I have included several on our website.

One of the numerous benefits of ASSP membership is access to open safety positions which are otherwise not advertised. The Chapter Luncheons are an excellent place to network and learn about employment opportunities from other meeting attendees. Postings will remain on the website for 60 days unless extended by the organization offering the opportunity. If you wish to have an opening posted, send it in Word or PDF format to the Job Placement Director, at jobs@orangecounty.assp.org.

Volunteer at the JTS 10/17/18 Enjoy a \$100 Discount on Registration

The Joint Technical Symposium (<http://www.caljts.com>), to be held October 17 in Carson, is fast approaching! The JTS Planning Committee seeks several volunteers to serve in two hour blocks in exchange for a generous \$100 discount on registration. Volunteers would do things like help with registration, staff the CEU sign in table, moderate breakout sessions, etc. If interested, please contact [Phil Combest](mailto:Phil.Combest@caljts.com).



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Safe + Sound Week Is Aug. 13-19

OSHA's [Safe + Sound Week](#), a nationwide event intended to raise awareness of the value of safety and health programs, is slated for Aug. 13-19. Your organization or local ASSP chapter can participate by planning activities that include core elements of a successful safety and health program: management leadership, worker participation and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in the workplace.

Safe + Sound Week is free to participants. Simply visit OSHA's [website](#) to register your participation. Whether your organization/group hosts a public or private event, as long as it promotes safety and emphasizes its importance in the workplace, your group will receive a certificate and a web badge.

Be sure to check [OSHA's interactive map](#) for public events near you. ASSP also has a [selection of resources](#) that our member communities can use to promote the campaign and elevate awareness of workplace safety.

