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## 2025 NM ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC)

Our last NM ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) in 2024 was a success for our attendees. We had approximately 100 attendees who had an opportunity to participate in over 20 presentations and earning CEUs.

We partnered with two sister organizations as co-sponsors, which helped bolster funding for hosting the PDC. Both the New Mexico Society of Hazardous Materials Managers (NMSHMM) and the NM System Safety Society (NMSSS) helped to significantly fund the event.

Unfortunately, costs associated with hosting the PDC at the Sandia Casino Conference Center annually are greater than NM ASSP can afford. The NM ASSP Board has decided to host the PDC every two years – but still at the Sandia Casino Conference Center as requested numerous times by our members.

Our next PDC is slated for March 2026. The Board is also working on ways to increase our funding such as finding corporate sponsors, increasing our vendors, raising the attendance fee to reflect costs,

and improving our numbers of attendees. The Board also requests member input into planning the PDC as well as requests support for our NM ASSP organization. We continue to meet monthly and always need interesting speakers.

Thanks for your continued support. Please let our Board know if you want to participate in the NM ASSP organization.

Tim Stirrup, CSP, CHMM, REM Advisory Group Member/  
Immediate Past President



## 2025 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge

The [2025 Central New Mexico STEM Research Challenge](#) is being held on March 19,-21 & 23, 2025 at the [EXPO New Mexico](#), 300 San Pedro Dr NE, Albuquerque in the Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit Hall.

The NM ASSP Chapter continues its many years of support to this event by providing volunteer Display & Safety (D&S) Inspectors for the student science exhibits. This means that we need you!

D&S Inspectors assist the students as they set up their science board displays by using

a checklist to ensure the displays meet International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) guidelines and to promote student success.

The time commitment is small. Inspectors are only needed on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 p.m. An instructional Power Point presentation has been developed to provide Inspectors with the necessary information to conduct the inspections, and the UNM Science Fair staff are readily available to assist.

Please reach out to Tim Riley at [tgriley@sandia.gov](mailto:tgriley@sandia.gov) or (321) 890-4979 to help us out with this very rewarding and impactful community outreach event. ASSP's support of this event is needed and very much appreciated by the event organizers, and our participation showcases how ASSP serves in the community to promote safety!

Tim Riley, CEP, CSP, PMP Advisory Group Member/  
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## Update — Fundraiser for The Storehouse of New Mexico

As part of our December 2024 membership appreciation event, we also set up a link as a fundraiser for The Storehouse of New Mexico. As it turns out, our link is still live, so you are still able to donate if you are interested in doing so.

The Storehouse of New Mexico is a foodbank located in Albuquerque, New Mexico that became a nonprofit organization in 1976 and has continued to help New Mexicans solve their food insecurities ever since.

The Storehouse can turn every \$1 donated into five meals for people in need. Donations can be made using this link. <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/5929356>

## Save the Dates — ASSP Technical Meetings Schedule

- ◆ **January 9, 2025 — Cancelled**
- ◆ February 13, 2025 — We Have to Talk: Strategy and Approach to Difficult Conversations, 5p-7p MST @ the 377 Brewery
- ◆ March 13, 2025 — Training for a Safer, Greener Future: Extended Reality (XR) in Fire Training, 11:00a-12:00p MDT via Zoom
- ◆ April 10, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ May 8, 2025 — TBD
- ◆ June 12, 2025 — TBD

## March ASSP Technical Meeting — Training for a Safer, Greener Future: Extended Reality (XR) in Fire Training November ASSP Technical Meeting

**Date:** 3/13/25  
**Time:** 11:00a—12:00p MDT  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting

### Learning Objectives

- Identify key challenges in traditional fire training.
- Understand the health and safety benefits of XR training.
- Assess the cost and accessibility advantages of XR training.
- Evaluate XR's adaptability for different skill levels.
- Appreciate the role of XR in performance assessment and improvement.

**Speaker:** Ryan Kirk is a workplace safety professional with a focus on extended reality (XR) training solutions that enhance safety, reduce costs and address environmental challenges. As a sales representative at FLAIM Systems, he collaborates with organizations to implement innovative XR-based training for safety needs. With a degree in fire science and hands-on fire-fighting experience, Ryan leverages his expertise in fire science and safety protocols to deliver measurable safety improvements

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