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Incoming President's Message:

I am excited to welcome everyone to a new year with the New Mexico Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals. As we gear up in this new year, I would like to invite everyone who receives this newsletter to forward it on to a peer, as invitations for technical meetings are sent out, forward them to your support teams and extended network, and as we work to stand up a regular member meet-up feel free to in-

vite anyone who may be interested in learning more about our organization or discussing safety concepts or brainstorm regarding specific circumstances.

The NM ASSP will hold a Professional Development Conference in May 2026. We are currently seeking volunteers for the PDC committee. We will be providing a Save the Date as soon as the facility can be booked and the PDC committee will be responsi-

ble for identifying keynote speakers, technical speakers, any additional activities, and planning. This is an excellent opportunity to share experience and to get involved with a strong networking community.

Please feel free to reach out to our executive committee members with questions or concerns.

Jessica Bolduc, CIH, CSP,
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President



ASSP Safety 2025 Conference and Expo Event Impressions:

John and Selina recently attended the ASSP Safety 2025 Conference and Expo in Orlando. The event featured a lineup of knowledgeable and engaging speakers who sparked meaningful discussions and provided valuable insights. The exhibit hall was filled with a diverse array of vendors showcasing innovative products and ser-

vices, offering attendees the chance to explore new solutions. Additionally, the conference provided ample opportunities for networking, allowing for meaningful connections with peers during breaks between sessions. Overall, the event was well-organized, inspiring, and left us with actionable strategies to enhance our

work. We're excited to announce that Safety 2026 will be held in Anaheim, California, on June 15-17. We hope to see you there!

John Wiesenfeld, MS, CSP
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SENMC 1st Annual Safety Conference — Held August 22nd

The 1st Annual SENMC Safety Conference was held in southern New Mexico on August 22nd, and it was a huge success! There were over 75 attendees, 12 vendor tables, and over 10 presenters.

As part of the conference,

they were able to show off their brand-new simulation lab, which includes simulators for mining, CDL, forklift, and so much more.

Breakfast was provided by Devon Energy, and a barbeque lunch was supported by TSI.

The event ran 8:00a to 2:00p, and the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

Plans are in the works to host the 2nd Annual SENMC Safety Conference in the fall.



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Save the Dates — ASSP Technical Meetings Schedule

- ♦ October 9, 2025 — NASCAR: The Fastest Safety Shift, 5:00p-7:00p MDT @ Tractor Brewing Co., Wells Park
- ♦ November 13, 2025 — TBD
- ♦ December 11, 2025 — TBD
- ♦ January 8, 2026 — TBD

October ASSP Technical Meeting — NASCAR: The Fastest Safety Shift

Date: 10/9/25

Time: 5:00p-7:00p MDT

Location: Tractor Brewing Co., 1800 4th St NW

In 2001, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) experienced a profound tragedy during the final lap of a high-speed 500-mile race. In response, NASCAR shifted safety into 5th gear.

Over the past 25 years, NASCAR has implemented numerous safety improvements, largely in response to serious accidents and evolving safety standards. These improvements, driven by tragic events and technological advancements, have made NASCAR significantly safer for drivers, crews, and fans. Improvements to vehicle engineering, track design, and driver personal protective equipment have collectively made NASCAR races safer.

Even with NASCAR's contemporary approach to safety, there are still plenty of accidents hitting the wall, but drivers are consistently walking away from these

events. This education session will discuss the "top six" improvements NASCAR has implemented to drive a positive safety culture into the checkered flag and across the finish line.

This unorthodox session focuses on lessons learned and positive shifts NASCAR to the safety culture based on the outcome of a tragic accident. This multi-level session is geared towards intermediate-career professionals, however is appropriate for all career stages; beginner, intermediate, advanced, and executive. Each carrier group will have different take-aways based on their own experiences.

Learning Outcomes:

- ♦ Identify safety issues contributing to the 2021 Daytona 500 NASCAR accident
- ♦ Discuss "top six" safety improvements implemented by NASCAR as a result of a tragic accident
- ♦ Gain context to the emphasis on NASCAR's positive Safety Culture

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