



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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## Congratulations!

Megan Thacker was the inaugural recipient of the Frank Gradisek Scholarship from the Louisville Chapter. This was presented at the October chapter meeting and she was very appreciative of this \$2,500 scholarship. Megan is the ASSP ECU student section president. She said, "The student chapter has given her the ability to make many precious relationships within the safety community." This semester she "planned to advance this student section to the top and give the members advancements in their safety paths." Use the following link to view her receiving this scholarship: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=123zpJa3-Dw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=123zpJa3-Dw)

This scholarship will be awarded each fall, so if interested, follow the link for the next application deadline: <https://louisville.assp.org/scholarship/>



**Left to right:** Cindy Brown, Mike Page, Frank Gradisek, David Stumbo, Megan Thacker, Bill Boehm, Brad Hart, Barry Spurlock

## Referral Incentive Program

Get a \$50 gift card by successfully\* referring a guest speaker for a monthly Chapter meeting!

Parameters\*:

1. Your ASSP membership must be in good standing.
2. The referred guest speaker's presentation topic must be applicable to EH&S.
3. Gift card will be issued following the guest speaker's presentation.
4. Chapter Officers are ineligible.

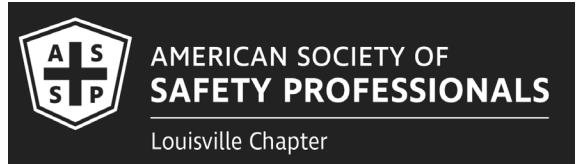
Send your referrals to: David Stumbo, VP of Programs [David.Stumbo@eku.edu](mailto:David.Stumbo@eku.edu)



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## Upcoming Meeting

**Date** January 20 | Noon - 1:30 pm Eastern  
**Topic** The Importance of Having a “Competent Person”  
**Speaker** Ronnie Perkins, CHST  
**Register** <https://louisville.assp.org/events>



The importance of a competent person on a construction site will emphasize their role in identifying existing and predictable hazards in the workplace. Ronnie will show a couple of examples where the lack of a competent person led to fatalities and one very expensive OSHA citation. He will focus on fall protection, scaffolding, and trenching for reference.

Ronnie has over 30 years of safety and construction experience. As Director of Safety and Education for the Associated General Contractors of Kentucky (AGC of Kentucky), Ronnie provides specialized safety consulting services and training to the Commonwealth's leading commercial construction firms. This is a position he has held since 2007.

Prior to joining the AGC of Kentucky Ronnie spent nearly a decade with Kentucky OSH, Division of Education and Training. During this time with KYOSH he was responsible for developing and leading initiatives to include:

- Kentucky Construction Partnership Programs – Team leader for \$1.3 billion United Parcel Service Hub 2000 Project and 2002 Churchill Downs Renovation Project.
- Creation and implementation of joint federal/state Construction Health and Safety Excellence (CHASE) and Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) partnership programs.
- Kentucky Voluntary Protection Plan for Construction (VPPC) program.
- Numerous other construction public/private partnerships, training priorities and awareness campaigns.

Ronnie received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Kentucky State University. He has also received construction safety certifications from the OSHA Training Institute in Chicago, University of South Florida's OSHA Institute and Eastern Kentucky University's OSHA Training Institute. Ronnie received his Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certification from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals in 2012.

In addition to his responsibilities across Kentucky, Ronnie is an active leader nationally. He is currently on the AGC of America Safety Committee, has served as the vice-chair of the Municipal and Infrastructure Safety sub-committee and the Chapter Safety Leadership sub-committee chairman. He has also served as a preliminary judge for the Willis Towers Watson Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) for the last 7 years.



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## Opportunity Resources

Whether you are new to the safety profession, looking for a new opportunity or searching for the best candidate for an opening, the American Society of Safety Professionals has resources for you.

Check out <https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>

### Save the Date!

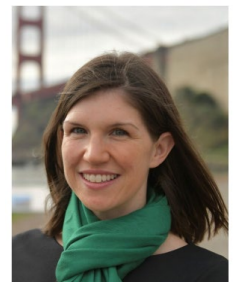


# WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

Join us on February 2, 2022 at 9 am for a virtual roundtable as we discuss the ASSP report Women and Safety in the Modern Workplace: *Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Workplace Can Boost Safety, Productivity and Profitability*, the outcome from a summit of ASSP and its' Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Common Interest Group. Our chapter's very own Wells Bullard\*, President and CEO of Bullard in Cynthiana, KY, was a delegate to the summit and will share her experiences. Cindy Brown, past President of the Louisville ASSP chapter, will moderate the roundtable discussion. Click [here](#) for the report and join us as we discuss the three challenges and solutions brought forth in the report: 1) Increasing the number of women who work in the occupational safety and health profession and who obtain industry leadership positions; 2) Improving women workers' access to personal protective equipment designed specifically for their different body types; and, 3) Addressing workplace violence, which disproportionately affects women, and is consistently a leading cause of death for women in the workplace.

\*Wells Bullard is the President and CEO of Bullard, a 123-year-old, fifth-generation, family-owned company that designs, develops, manufactures, and markets high-quality personal protective equipment and systems. Bullard's products are sold globally and include hard hats, fire helmets, thermal imaging cameras, and respiratory protection. With a focus on protecting workers in hazardous environments around the world, Bullard's innovative products serve a wide variety of industries including firefighting, emergency response, pharmaceutical manufacturing, healthcare, energy, and infrastructure.





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## **Winter Safety: Carbon Monoxide – The Invisible Killer**

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that often goes undetected, striking victims caught off guard or in their sleep. More than 400 people in the U.S. die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized.

This "invisible killer" is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators or furnaces. When the gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned. Ventilation does not guarantee safety.

### **How Can I Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?**

Anyone can be at risk. The CDC says infants, the elderly, and people with chronic heart disease, anemia or breathing problems are more prone to illness or death, but carbon monoxide does not discriminate.

Winter can be a prime time for carbon monoxide poisoning as people turn on their heating systems and mistakenly warm their cars in garages. So as the weather turns colder, it is important to take extra precautions.

The National Safety Council recommends you install a battery-operated or battery backup carbon monoxide detector in the hallway near each separate sleeping area in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall and replace the detector every five years.

### **The CDC offers these additional tips:**

- Have your furnace, water heater and any other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors.
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year, and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished.
- Never use a gas oven for heating your home.
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes, even if doors and windows are open.
- Never run a car in a garage that is attached to a house, even with the garage door open; always open the door to a detached garage to let in fresh air when you run a car inside.

Article excerpt from: <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/other-poisons/carbon-monoxide>