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Greater Chicago Chapter

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Chapter Members,

I hope you all had a great 2018 and are ready to 'kick it through the uprights' this year! We are starting 2019 strong by holding more and diverse events closer to home such as a February technical talk at the CTA Loop headquarters featuring the implementation of the groundbreaking FTA Safety Management System Pilot Program. The following month, we will welcome past and future ASSP Safety speaker and HR expert Julius E Rhodes, SPHR to deliver a talk on critical safety leadership. Be sure to check out our events on our webpage linked in this newsletter for a snapshot of future events. With the New Year inevitably comes Chicago winter. As we 'bear down' against freezing rain and snow, I hope we need no reminder to keep our facilities and sidewalks free of ice and snow to protect our workers, our neighbors, and ourselves from potentially costly and debilitating injuries. Speaking of injuries, now is also a good time to start posting OSHA 300A Annual Summary in the workplace (Feb. 1-For the board, January also reminds us that the Chapter year is halfway through and that we should start thinking about executive committee succession. If you would like to contribute to your Greater Chicago Chapter or would like to nominate another member to join the leadership team, drop us an email at [updates@chicago.assp.org](mailto:updates@chicago.assp.org). Thank you and here's to start of a great year!



Stay Safe,  
Eric Dangoy, MPH, ASP  
President, Greater Chicago Chapter

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Welcome to our newest members:**

- Sydney White
- David Atkins
- Raul Martinez

**We hope to see you at a Chapter meeting soon!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February Chapter Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, February 12, 11:30-2:00

Safety Management System Implementation (Federal Transit Administration)

Chicago Transit Authority Headquarters

with John Eckblad, CTA SMS Implementation Officer

**RSVP by Noon Monday, February 11th**

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### March Chapter Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, March 12, 11:30-2:00

Increasing Your Leadership Awareness and Application

Brought to you by Julius E Rhodes, SPHR

**Tickets available February 12th**

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### April Chapter Meeting

ASSP Student Section Presentations and Social

Details Pending

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### May Chapter Meeting

OSHA Update

Details pending

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## CHAPTER UPDATES

We are currently considering new meeting places within the city limits so that we can serve all members of the Greater Chicago Chapter. Have a place you think we should

check out? Then contact us with your hot tip at [updates@chicago.assp.org](mailto:updates@chicago.assp.org) today!

## AROUND THE WEB

### **Everything you need to know about the government shutdown**




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Many federal workers are going without pay — many missing their first paycheck Friday — and [the effects on Americans who rely on the federal safety net are growing](#). Here's everything to know about this shutdown. If we missed anything, or if you have a tip, there is a form below for you to ask us a question.



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### **Metra says new speed policy adopted after November near-miss in Mokena**

[Metra](#) on Wednesday said it had implemented train operation changes more than a month ago after a harrowing incident in early November in Mokena in which a commuter train nearly struck vehicles at a grade crossing.

The agency also said that gates at the 191st Street crossing had malfunctioned two times earlier on the morning of Nov. 9, before the near-miss captured on a Mokena police squad's dashboard camera and posted on social media in late December.



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### **Department of Labor Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Annual Adjustments for 2019**

Below are the adjusted maximum penalty amounts that will take effect in 2019 upon publication in the Federal Register (Publication delayed due to lapse in appropriations funding to the Office of the Federal Register).



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## **Your responsibility in removing snow and ice from the sidewalks**

Many people rely on walking and transit as their primary way to get around, and without a wide, clear path through snow and ice, it is especially difficult for people with disabilities, seniors, and children to walk safely. According to the Municipal Code of Chicago ( [4-4-310](#) & [10-8-180](#)), property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice.



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