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Greater Chicago Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Chapter Members,



How have you been managing this intense winter season? I myself have taken advantage of our arctic wonderland by snapping shots of ice-fishing eagles, songbirds with ice crystal-lined eyes, a steaming Lake Michigan, and solar phenomena I learn are called 'sun dogs'.

But spending time outside in (near) polar vortex weather has also reminded me of the need to provide our workers with additional PPE when conditions demand it. Take our Chapter Secretary, Angela Chiappone. On behalf of her company, she bought ski goggles for their utility workers to wear over their safety glasses when making sure that the heat stays on for gas customers. Talk about keeping an eye on cold weather safety goals!

Just as eye-opening as this unpredictable winter was February's Chapter Meeting at the Chicago Transit Authority. CTAs John Ekblad shared the agency's pioneering approach to total safety management in public transit that is set to become the benchmark for public transit agencies across the US.

To continue the mission of bringing a range of new and exciting safety-related topics to our chapter, we are excited to bring Julius Rhodes, SPHR to our next chapter meeting on March 12 at Park Tavern near the United Center! I knew of him from attending his incredible talk at Safety 2018, San Antonio-TX, but you may know him as a longtime Chicago member and

professional speaker who delivers energetic and uplifting motivational speeches on safety and leadership. At this next meeting he will be delivering these key topics and promoting his latest book- **Brand:YOU**. For more event details, check out our [Upcoming Events](#) below.

With this winter drawing to a close, we hope to see YOU at the next meeting. Stay safe and stay warm!

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

Welcome to our newest members:

Jim Allivato
Anday Babala
Justin Cathey
Daniel Flynn
Brad Harbaugh
Eric Kluempers
Tracey Malone
Josh Mrozowsky
Rapheal Powell
Anthony Rosa
James Washington
David Wroth
Stella Wu

We hope to see you at a Chapter meeting soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Chapter Meeting and Luncheon

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

Topic: Increasing Your Leadership Awareness and Application

Park Tavern by United Center (click link for location)

*Both free street and validated garage parking options

\$25/member; \$0/first-time attendee!

Brought to you by Julius E Rhodes, SPHR of [mpr group](#)

[Tickets now available!](#)

April Chapter Meeting

ASSP Student Section Presentations and Social
Details Pending

Other Events

Managing Respiratory Protection Programs: The Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) Administrator

Date: March 28, 2019: Time: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Location: 7575 Plaza Court, Willowbrook, IL 60527

Cost: \$295.00

For details and flyer, contact Dennis Terpin, PhD, OHST at Ua446@aol.com or 630-699-7171

CHAPTER UPDATES

The Chicago Chapter is actively seeking Chicago members to serve in the ASSP House of Delegates where they act as a liaison between our chapter members and ASSP Society for the next Chapter Year beginning in July. If interested contact [Ryan Cole](#). See description and qualifications [here](#).

We are trying a handful of 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 today!

AROUND THE WEB

African American Achievements in Safety

These safety pioneers had a vision and made life safer for others. Their inventions in rail and traffic safety, chemical and electrical safety, aerospace safety, communications and health greatly improved how we work and live today.

They were innovators and inspirations—and they made a difference.



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No business can be completely prepared for violent events such as an active shooter or armed assailant, but smart workplace strategies go a long way in reducing threats and saving lives.



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