



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Permian Basin Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, many of us will gather with family and friends to enjoy good company, laughter, games, and meals lovingly prepared. While these festivities bring joy, they also present important safety considerations—especially around food, fire, and travel.

Food Safety

Foodborne illness affects approximately 1 in 6 Americans annually, with nearly half of these cases occurring during the holiday season. To help prevent contamination: Ensure hands are properly washed before food preparation.

- Avoid cross-contamination—keep raw meats, such as turkey, separate from ready-to-eat items like salad vegetables.
- Use meat thermometers to verify safe cooking temperatures. Guesswork isn't enough when it comes to poultry, ham, or turducken.

Fire Safety

Holiday cooking can increase fire risks. Consider the following precautions:

- Keep a fire extinguisher or fire blanket accessible in the kitchen.
- Avoid placing flammable items like tea towels near open flames.
- If frying a turkey, have a clear safety plan in place and discuss it with others beforehand.

Driving Safety

In West Texas, driving fatalities are a frequent concern. Whether traveling near or far:

- Stay alert and recognize signs of fatigue.
- Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained and stocked with emergency supplies.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol or allow others to do so.

By taking a few proactive steps, we can ensure that our celebrations remain safe and joyful.

Warm wishes,

Heather Ferrell, CSP

ASSP Permian Basin Chapter President

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

- Paul Morgigno
- Jason Samp
- Adriano Peixoto Soares
- Dylan Koen

Long Service Recognition of Chapter Members

- Jan M. Simon-Clark, 42 years
- James H. Coleman, 25 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Chapter Meeting

Monday, November 20 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



The flyer for the November Chapter Meeting features a black background with white text on the left and a portrait of Jonathan Whitt on the right. The portrait shows a man with short brown hair, wearing a blue blazer over a light blue button-down shirt, smiling against a white background with a green border.

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Meeting Date: November 20, 2025

Location: Jack E. Brown Building, 3600 N. Garfield St., Midland, TX 79705

Topic: Contractor Management Insights and SIF Data Analysis

Agenda: 11:30 am FREE lunch, 11:45 am Presentation

Speaker: Jonathan Whitt, CSP

Jonathan is a Project Lead on the HSEQ RAWs team at ISN that oversees the review and verification of contractor's global HSE documentation. Jonathan is passionate about people, learning and sharing insights about safety knowledge and culture, and helping others to get home safe. Jonathan is member of the American Society of Safety Professionals, a registered Associate Safety Professional and Certified Safety Professional through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, as well as an Authorized OSHA Trainer.

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Location: Apex Club, 15 Smith Rd, Midland, TX 79705

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

December Chapter Holiday Party

Friday, December 12 from 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Please RSVP to Nicole at Nicole@darkhorsesafety.com by December 1st. We want to make sure we have a good head count for tables.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. For example: Fleet Safety Manager, Director of Environmental, Health and Safety, Risk Manager, etc.

We will post the jobs to our website at southtexas.asse.org. This is done currently at no charge, but the chapter is always accepting donations to help establish our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

Please e-mail the job information to updates@permianbasin.assp.com.

[Visit the ASSP Permian Basin Chapter Jobs Website Page](#)

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