



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Southern Oregon Chapter

*Next Meeting—July 3rd,
11:30 am at Black Bear
Diner*

July Chapter Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 3rd, 2018

Executive Committee: 10:00 am

Regular Meeting: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Program begins at noon.

Location: Black Bear Diner, 1150 E. Barnett Rd, Medford OR 97504

Topic: Fire Safety Inspections: Is Your Site Ready for a Fire Safety Inspection?

Speaker: John Patterson, Fire Marshal

Program description: The local fire codes are often a blind spot for the new safety professional. You have all your OR-OSHA and best practices under control, and you think you have it all together. Then you find out that you have fire hazard problems that you could be cited for. Find out what the most common fire hazard problems are in Southern Oregon and what you can do today to improve your fire safety in any facility.

Bio: John Patterson was raised in Central Point and graduated from Crater High School in 1992. He then attended Chemeketa Community College in Salem, graduating with an associate of science degree in fire protection technology. John is currently completing requirements for a bachelor's degree in management through the Innovation and Leadership Program at Southern Oregon University.

John was hired at District 3 as the Deputy Fire Marshal in September of 2011 after six years working for Medford Fire-Rescue as a fire inspector. Prior to MFR, he worked at Clackamas County Fire District #1 as a fire inspector for four years. John was promoted to Fire Marshal February 1, 2013.

John is married with five kids and loves the outdoors, mountain lakes, hiking, motorcycles, and restoring old jeeps.



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ASSE is Now **ASSP!**

By Susan Murphey

It's official! Effective June 1, 2018, ASSE officially changed their name to the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP). This important change reflects the organization's representation of the many disciplines and roles of today's safety professional. It also helps to make the organization more inclusive, providing a stronger platform for continuing to provide educational opportunities, lead in the development of standards, and be an advocate for the occupational safety and health profession.

We are a community of safety professionals. The new name tells the world who we are, what we do, and why it matters. Check out the new ASSP Society website at www.assp.org and your very own Southern Oregon Chapter's new website at www.soassp.org.

Many thanks to all who helped make this transition happen. Welcome to ASSP!

www.soassp.org

Getting Ready for Fire Season

Excerpted from Pemco Perspective; April 2018

While we're all hoping this fire season will be a mild one, there's no way of knowing what Mother Nature has in store for us. But there are things you can do to give your rural home or vacation getaway a fighting chance. Pemco Insurance Company's [Don't Get Burned website](#), has tips to "firewise" your property and resources to help you develop a [family emergency plan](#).

For your property:

1. Keep grass mowed and watered within 30 feet of your home. Consider firebreaks as part of the landscape – gravel paths, ponds, and driveways.
2. Prune trees so the lowest branches – the foliage, not just where branches stem from the trunk – are at least 15 feet high, and ensure no limbs come within 15 feet of your home. Eliminate "brush to branch" contact.
3. Mulch with pumice or gravel rather than combustible beauty bark.
4. Stack firewood at least 30 feet away and uphill from any structure (uphill since that's the direction fire tends to burn). Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and barbecues.
5. Ensure tree crowns are spaced at least 20 feet apart. Clear woody debris that can fuel a fire along the forest floor.
6. Make your property firefighter-friendly with your address visible from the street both day and night. Widen your driveway to at least 12 feet so a fire truck can get through.

For your family:

Whether you're faced with the threat of a wildfire, earthquake, windstorm, or flood, get prepared with a [family emergency plan](#) and emergency kit.

Keep grass around
the home short and
green



Limb trees to 15'
from ground and 15'
from your roof



Mulch with pumice
or gravel (not beauty
bark)



New This Year—**Spy Award Reception at the Annual Safety Conference**

By Tanya Haakinson

Reminder—Don't forget to save the date for the Southern Oregon Occupational Safety & Health Conference Reception!



ASSP Southern Oregon Chapter will host a special reception to award our first annual Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) recipient.

This event will be held in the Stardust room on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at the Ashland Hills Inn, 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

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Fire Safety

At Home

By Susan Murphey



The area where we lived in Seattle was heavily treed and often lost power during wind storms in the winter due to falling trees and branches. Because we were on a small private cul-de-sac, we were low priority when it came to restoring power, so it wasn't unusual to be without power for several days. During one such event, we were sleeping in the basement since there was a woodstove there and we would stay warmer. In the middle of the night, I woke up when my husband got up to go to the bathroom and heard the phone ringing upstairs. I thought it strange that the phone would be ringing in the middle of the night, so I got up to answer it. It was our backyard neighbor, saying their neighbor's house was on fire and they were evacuating their neighborhood. I looked out the back window and saw a wall of fire with flames two stories high and fireworks of sparks flying everywhere as the evergreen trees behind us caught on fire.

Sadly, their teenage daughter had lit candles for light, then fallen asleep. Fortunately, there was no loss of life, but the house was a total loss. It was too much for them to bear—the insurance claim got held up in liability logistics. They never rebuilt and ended up moving away and getting divorced.

Consider the impact if we prepared for fire safety at home in the same way we prepare at work. Knowing how to use candles safely, put out a grease fire, use portable heaters and fireplaces safely, and keep your dryer working safely are all part of the preparedness we should be practicing, just as we would perform fire safety exercises at work. Here are some resources to help you update your firewise practices at home:

- Barbeque Safety: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=1218>
- Candle Safety: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=621>
- Clothes Dryer Safety: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Files/Clothes%20Dryer%20Fires.pdf>
- Cooking Safety: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=3059>

Additional topics can be found on the Fire & Life Safety Information page of the City of Medford at <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=250>.

Bob Edwards PDC Course at the **Annual Safety Conference**

By David Hanson

Bob Edwards, the H.O.P. Coach, will be providing a PDC course this year at the Southern Oregon Occupational Safety Conference.

The class, "Human and Organizational Performance Fundamentals," will introduce the participants to the basics of how to improve operational learning. It includes discussion around pre- and post-job briefings, event learning and non-event learning, and how to improve the auditing process. Emphasis is placed on the Learning Team approach and the value of taking time to learn before taking action. Methods and techniques for coaching and facilitating Learning Teams as well as a discussion of what the learning sessions should look like are included. This training also includes a discussion with coaches about things that may hinder learning (i.e. biases, production pressure, etc.) as they attempt to conduct better operational learning at their site.

Understanding the truth behind these questions can help you use the HOP method:

- What influences people to break rules? (It's probably not what you think.)
- What are the common pitfalls of the concept of root cause?
- How have we misunderstood causality?
- Why can't you have a perfect procedure?
- Why are the same corrective actions effective for some people but not for others?
- What is complacency?

Join Bob and fellow safety professionals on October 16th in Ashland to learn more about the HOP method!

Maintaining Defensible Space at Home—A Review

By Susan Murphey

Anyone who has lived in the valley for any length of time has likely seen how quickly a fire can spread within the wildland-urban interface we live in. Maintaining a defensible space and eliminating home ignition hazards around your home can make a huge difference. Defensible space buys precious time that can save your house and your life. It also reduces overall risk to the area. (Consider if all your neighbors also have defensible space.) Defensible space causes the fire to lose momentum by removing ignitable hazards that feed the fire. It's been estimated that up to 80% of homes lost to wildfire could have been saved had there been defensible space around the perimeter of the home.

Here is a review of guidelines for making your home more wildfire resistant:
(Excepted from <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=3181>.)



Your Home

- Have a fire-resistant roof (Class A or B is recommended).
- Remove combustible debris from on top of roof and decks/porches.
- Clean out rain gutters and consider replacing vinyl gutters with non-combustible gutters.
- Install screening on vents using corrosion resistant maximum 1/8" grid wire mesh to prevent embers from entering the attic and underfloor areas.
- Consider installing non-combustible siding, or if not possible, caulk/fill any voids where embers could collect.
- Clean out combustible debris from under decks and consider installing solid skirting around the bottom of decks.
- Trim trees to provide a minimum 10' horizontal clearance to chimneys and any part of the house.

0-5 feet around the Perimeter of the Home

- Eliminate highly flammable vegetation and other combustible items that wind-blown embers could ignite close to the home (shrubs and trees are not recommended in this zone).
- Remove any dead vegetation or accumulation of combustible debris.
- Relocate plastic garbage and recycle containers.
- Consider making this a fire-free zone (non-combustible ground covering or concrete).

5-30 feet around the Perimeter of the Home

- Maintain green landscaping by ensuring it is watered.
- Keep weeds and grasses cut to a maximum of 2" high.
- Trees and shrubs should be in well-spaced groupings and well maintained.
- Reduce or replace as much as the flammable vegetation as possible with fire resistive vegetation.
- Eliminate ladder fuels below trees (vegetation below tree crowns that will spread fire up into the tree crown).
- Trees should have a 15' minimum horizontal spacing between crowns, with the distance of the spacing increasing with an increase in slope.
- Prune limbs or branches to a minimum height of 15', or 1/3 the tree height for shorter trees.
- Relocate propane tanks at least 30' from the home. Create a defensible space around the tank (at least 10' clearance to combustible materials).
- Locate smaller firewood piles at least 30' from your home.

30-100 feet and beyond the Perimeter of the Home

- Thin small trees, keep larger ones, and remove dead or fallen trees.
- Eliminate ladder fuels below trees (vegetation below tree crowns that will spread fire up into the tree crown).
- Locate large firewood piles a minimum of 100' and uphill from your home.
- If you live on a slope or hill, you may need to double or even triple this safety zone.

Safety Down Under

By Susan Murphey

We were fortunate to take a trip to New Zealand recently and found that along with spectacular scenery and lovely people, they were quite clever with their safety signage...although some were a bit cryptic. See if you can guess what these mean:



High winds, I assume...or maybe some of those decorative banners you hang from your front porch each season!



Isn't this cute?! There's a choo-choo ahead!



Couldn't figure this one out. Any guesses? (We finally looked it up; it means "no parking." Really???)



This was my all-time favorite! Be ready for...ANYTHING!

Self-Inspection Form and More!

By Susan Murphey

As with all disaster preparedness, businesses that actively prepare for work-site fires are better equipped to respond in the event of a facility fire. Maintaining a safe working environment and having a well-practiced response plan can help prevent injuries, save lives, and reduce property loss or damage.

The City of Medford website offers several tools for fire safety preparation. Here are just a few:

- Self-Fire Inspection Form: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=697>. Scroll down for downloadable/printable version.
- Fire Extinguisher Training: <http://www.fireextinguishertraining.com/>. Available in both English and Spanish.
- Warehouse Fire Safety: http://www.inventoryops.com/fire_safety.htm.
- School Fire Safety Checklist: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/page.asp?navid=594>.
- Fire Inspection Tips for Apartment Managers and Owners: <http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=2331>.

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Free Trainings Available!



Course	Location	Date
Accident Investigation	Eugene	07/24/2018
Lockout/Tagout and Machine Safeguarding	Medford	09/12/2018
Confined Space Safety	Medford	09/12/2018

Online Courses

Hazard Identification and Control - Online	Online/Internet
Inspections: What to Expect from Oregon OSHA - Online	Online/Internet
Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) - Online	Online/Internet
Lead in Construction - Online	Online/Internet
Lockout/Tagout - Online	Online/Internet
Personal Protective Equipment - Online	Online/Internet
Portable Ladder Safety - Online	Online/Internet

www.orosha.org
click on
"Education"

Mail:

Oregon OSHA Public Education
P.O. Box 14480
Salem, OR 97309-0405
Fax: 503-947-7462

Call:

Salem office
503-947-7443
or toll-free in Oregon
888-292-5247, option 2

Training Opportunities



Fall Protection Competent Person

Eugene, Oregon—October 30-31, 2018

Forklift Safety Train the Trainer

Eugene, Oregon—October 16, 2018

<http://www.d2000safety.com/>

Confined Space Train The Trainer

Eugene, Oregon—November 13-14, 2018

Employment Opportunities

Health, Safety, and Risk Manager—University of Oregon—Eugene, OR

The Global Education Oregon (GEO) Health, Safety, and Risk Manager is responsible for identifying, developing, implementing, and promoting best practices for supporting the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff while abroad on a GEO-sponsored program or GEO business. This position is also responsible for identifying and mitigating risk factors associated with GEO's programming. The Health, Safety, and Risk Manager works collaboratively with all stakeholders (campus, domestic, and international partners) to support GEO's short, medium, and long-term goals related to the health, safety, security, and risk of GEO students, faculty, and staff.

<http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/521848/health-safety-and-risk-manager>

Corporate Claims/Risk Manager—Lithia—Medford, OR

- Supervise the claims management program to ensure appropriate staffing, effective support to operational teams for insurance-related items, timely handling of reporting claims, and cost-effective resolution of claims.
- Build and maintain relationships with claims adjusters, insurers, legal counsel, and other claims-related parties.
- Manage the relationship with the third-party claims administrator to ensure timely handling of reported workers' compensation and property and casualty claims and cost-effective resolution of claims.
- Coordinate communication efforts needed in significant insurable events (hail, flood, fire, earthquake, etc.) with all involved departments and stores to quickly and effectively return stores to operations and manage the related insurance claim.

<https://careers-lithia.icims.com/jobs/42039/corporate-claims-risk-manager/job>

Production Supervisor—Randstad—Medford, OR

Leading manufacturer is looking to hire a 3rd Shift Production Supervisor. This position will be located in the Medford, Oregon area. The ideal candidate must possess at least 3 years of production supervisory experience in a non-union manufacturing environment. Experience with Lean Manufacturing or Continuous Improvement along with clear communication skills and excellent decision making skills and an excellent safety track record is required. This role comes with an excellent compensation plan commensurate with experience ranging from a base salary of \$60-\$65k plus a 5% shift premium and an opportunity to earn quarterly production bonuses. Excellent relocation package for those willing to relocate to the Medford, Oregon area.

<https://goo.gl/tAafBC>

For More Employment Opportunities, Please See Our Employment Page at: <http://soassp.org/employment>.

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Mark Your Calendars



Check out our website at:

www.redwoodsafety.org.

General meeting:

Thursday, July 5th, 2018 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

No-host Lunch

NEW LOCATION

Climate City Brewing

509 SW G Street in Grants Pass

(Just off NW 6th & Hyw 99)

This month's topic:

Functional Testing and Fit For Duty: Finding the Right Fit...

Presented by: Jared Hill

Program description: As the hiring market tightens and the labor pool of applicants decreases, the challenge of finding the right fit becomes more and more critical to the overall success of a company.

The RSA — Providing Quality Safety Training for the Price of Lunch!

PLEASE JOIN US!!

Membership **not** required.

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