



National Burn Awareness Week Feb 1-7, 2026! [See free resources here.](#)

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GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2024-2025

CALL FOR CANDIDATS

It is election season once again! Please see details on page 5 and email us at mountainvalleyasspcomm@outlook.com with nominations or questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

REGISTER AT [MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT](https://mountainvalley.assp.org/event)

Feb 9 th	Volunteer Cheers – Make Up Event
March 9 th	Virtual Chapter Meeting
April 13 th	Chapter Meeting
May 11 th	Chapter Meeting

MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Jan 12th, 2026: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

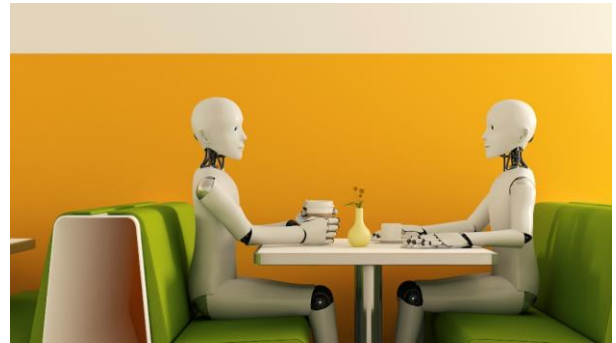
Address: Branch Group Headquarters 3635 Peters Creek Rd Roanoke, VA 24019 McAfee Knob Training Room

Details: Mountain Valley ASSP Vice-President Carlton Davis will present on OSHA Record Keeping, Reporting, and Data. Lunch provided



Carlton gave a fantastic presentation on reporting metrics and recordkeeping. A big thank you to the Roanoke Branch office for hosting!

If you are interested in hosting a future meeting, please reach out to mountainvalleyasspcomm@outlook.com.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

REGISTER AT [Events - Mountain Valley ASSP](#)

Feb 9th, 2026: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Address: Feeding Southwest Virginia 1025 Electric Road, Salem, VA

Details: Volunteers working in Quality Assurance (QA) evaluate donated food products by inspecting and sorting packaged food products to control for such issues as shelf life (dates), dented cans, crushed boxes, or other superficially damaged food. The purpose of QA is to ensure the food is safe for consumption as required by both Federal Government and Feeding America guidelines.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

March 9th, 2026: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Address: Virtual

Details: Join us for a virtual Executive Committee check in call and podcast discussion. The following link will take you to our focus episode to listen to as your convenience prior to the call: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0dM6yTWU7MHZYRW0HPLq2J?si=DOes4Jj0RoyGFYx8jjRJ-A>

A promotional poster for a volunteer event. The title "VOLUNTEER Cheers!" is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, it says "Come volunteer with Mountain Valley ASSP this holiday season!". The date "02.09.2026" is highlighted in a red box. The time "1PM-4PM" and location "FEEDING SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA-SALEM 1025 ELECTRIC ROAD SALEM, VA" are listed. A red button says "JOIN US". An illustration of a man in a red cap and green shirt holding a large red heart is on the right side of the poster.

UPCOMING EDUCATION

HOW CROSS-INDUSTRY COLLABORATION CAN FINALLY MOVE THE NEEDLE ON SIF PREVENTION

Date: February 19, 2026, from 11:00 am To 12:00 pm CDT

Format: Webinar

Credits: 0.1 Continuing Education Units

Register at [Event Information - ASSP](#)

Course Description

Falls from height have been the leading cause of workplace fatalities in the UK since 2020, accounting for 28% of deaths in 2024/25. In the US, OSHA consistently identifies fall protection as the most frequently violated standard across all industries. Despite decades of awareness and well-established control measures, serious injury and fatality rates remain stubbornly high. The question is no longer what works?—but why aren't we learning from each other?

This thought-leadership webinar challenges traditional approaches to safety knowledge management and examines how cross-industry data sharing, standardized reporting frameworks and collaborative learning can help break the cycle of repeated incidents. Drawing on recent Verdantix research that identifies poor knowledge transfer as a key barrier to SIF reduction, industry leaders will explore why safety lessons remain siloed, how modern EHS platforms can enable secure data exchange, the role of AI in revealing patterns invisible to individual organizations, and practical models for cross-sector collaboration. Ideagen will demonstrate how integrated EHS platforms can provide the technical foundation for this collaborative future while preserving data security and governance.

What You Will Learn

- Identify key systemic barriers to cross-industry safety knowledge transfer, explaining how these gaps contribute to persistent SIF rates, despite well-established hazard controls
- Evaluate practical collaboration models for secure, standardized safety data exchange that balance organizational protection with industry-wide learning from incidents, near misses, and leading indicators.
- Analyze how integrated EHS technology platforms can facilitate knowledge sharing through standardized incident taxonomies, AI-powered pattern recognition and secure data aggregation across organizational boundaries
- Develop a strategic roadmap for championing data-sharing initiatives within their organization, including specific steps to assess technology readiness, engage industry partners and measure the impact of collaborative safety intelligence on SIF prevention

Speakers



Jeb Lowder, Director, Operational Excellence - Safety Management System, NiSource - Jeb has 15 years in EHS with a diverse industrial background in nuclear enrichment, fertilizer production and Electric & Gas Utilities. He is responsible for the oversight of NiSource Safety Management System, EHS Digital Tool, Corrective Action Program & Industry Knowledge Sharing. Prior experience includes industrial safety oversight for TECO Peoples Gas and The Mosaic Co. He is a CSP Certified Safety Professional with a B.S. in Environmental Engineering.



Pamala Bobbitt, Vice President - Practice Lead - EHS, Ideagen - With more than 12 years of executive experience in EHS technology, including Verdantix, Pamala specializes in software solutions that enhance safety programs and drive measurable improvements. Previously, she spent 15 years as an EHS manager in pharmaceuticals, automotive and specialty chemicals manufacturing, mastering the complexities of diverse industries. Known for her deep knowledge and approachable style, Pamala is a trusted guide for safety pros seeking to elevate their programs.

CHAPTER AWARDS

NOMINEES FOR ROBERT P CALHOUN SERVICE AWARD

This award is special to our local chapter. Created in 2024 and named for one of our own, who gave what seemed endlessly to the chapter, while never seeking any recognition. This award is always open for nominations; a formal process has not yet been developed. Currently, nominees should be submitted to the executive committee for consideration.



2026 ELECTIONS

The 2026 Society Elections Final Slate of Candidates is available for review at [ASSP Elections](#). We highly encourage participation in the upcoming elections which run from March 1st to March 30th

“When you vote in an ASSP election, you help shape the future of our Society, including our priorities, our direction and the leadership that will guide decisions for years to come. Your vote is not about choosing who you like most or who you know best. It is about selecting leaders whose skills and experience best match what ASSP needs right now and into the future.” - Linda M. Tapp, CSP, ALCM, CPTD, 2025-2026 ASSP President and ASSP Foundation Chair

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

UPCOMING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE IN A VARIETY OF CHAIR POSITIONS IS CRUCIAL FOR A ROBUST CHAPTER AND ALLOWS SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Please consider nominating yourself or others; reach out to
Jesse Phillips
 (jphillips@clinchfield.com).

Want to know more about a specific position? See the summaries below for additional insight!

Position	Summary
Chapter President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preside at regular and special meeting of the Executive Committee and the membership. • Represent the Chapter at meetings of other organizations. • Be a member of the Area / Regional Operating Committee. • Provide leadership for programs and activities for the Chapter. • Appoint committees necessary to implement objectives of the Chapter. • Submit an Annual Report of Chapter activities. • Submit the names of Chapter officers and Advisory Group Members
Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Succeed to the office of the President and carry out its duties If the President Is unable to serve. • Assume responsibilities for the work of committees as assigned by the President.
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Chapter records. • Record and distribute minutes of meetings. • Notify Chapter members of meetings. • Assume the duties of the Treasurer as necessary.
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain all financial records of the Chapter. • Supervise the receipt and disbursement of funds. • Maintain Chapter funds in a depository. • Transmit to Society Headquarters the audited income & expenses. • Submit to the IRS any required tax documents. • Assume the duties of the Secretary as necessary.

Full descriptions are available in the [Chapter Bylaws](#)