



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE
ASSP Region VIII • New England Area
November 5th & 6th, 2024
 Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel
 One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts, USA, 0114

26th ANNUAL
NEW ENGLAND AREA
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 5th – DAY 1

7:00 AM	REGISTRATION • Grand Ballroom Foyer 3 rd Floor		
7:00 AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST • NETWORKING • Atrium 2 nd Floor		
Room	Grand Ballroom South		
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Opening Remarks		
8:15 AM – 9:15 AM General Session I	Presidential Leadership Linda Tapp, ALCM, CSP, CPTD, ASSP President-Elect		
9:15 AM	EXHIBITION GRAND OPENING • Grand Ballroom North and Center		
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Breakout Sessions I	Using Technology to Accelerate your Risk Management Program Mike Sample, MSc, CSP, ARM & Eric Voight, CSP	Lessons from 100 Years of Safety Miki Alroy, Greater Boston Chapter	How Strong Leadership is the Only Requirement in Transforming a Safety Culture William D'Amico, Ret, Capt. (USN)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Breakout Session II	Important Changes: ANSI/ASSP Z15 Tim McCarty, CSP, ARM, ALCM	Safe and Sound: Creating Your Workplace Mental Health Strategy Alessandra Polizzi, SPHR	The Real Numbers of Safety Donald Olesen, PE, CSP, MBA
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	HOT BUFFET LUNCH • GBC RECOGNITION • 50/50 RAFFLE • Atrium 2 nd Floor		
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Breakout Session III	A Vision for Operational Excellence that Starts with Safety Pete Battrowny	Ergonomics 101 - The What, Why and How of Ergonomics Programming Jeffrey Sheridan, MS,OT,CEAS III	Safety Committee Success Stories Michael Carmody, MS
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Breakout Session IV	Why Should You Have An Athletic Trainer on Your SafetyTeam Shelby Pocius	Selling Safety, Lessons From a Former Front Line Supervisor Patrick Karol, CSP,SMS, CIT	Understanding Your Environmental Responsibilities Salvatore Caccavale, CPEA
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	EXHIBITION CLOSES • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM Breakout Session V	Microsoft 365, AI, & EHS: Toss the tedium! Harrison Grogan	Strategic Amnesia: A Case Study of The Imperial Foods Fire Howard Spencer, CSP, CHCM, CPSI	Health and Safety Audits: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Daniel Bracey, CIH, CSP, CHMM
6:00 PM – 8:00 pm	THE PDC SOCIAL • Mahogany Room 2 nd Floor		



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Wednesday, November 6th – DAY 2

7:00 AM	REGISTRATION • Grand Ballroom Foyer – 3 rd Floor		
7:00 AM	HOT BREAKFAST • NETWORKING • Atrium 2 nd Floor		
Room	Grand Ballroom South – 3 rd Floor		
8:00 AM 9:00 AM General Session II	Understanding the Occurrence of PFAS in Products and Materials Sarah Parker, PhD		
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	EXHIBITION • BREAK • Grand Ballroom North and Center		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
9:10 AM – 10:10 AM Breakout Session VI	Selecting, Designing and Maintaining Exposure Control Devices Lou DiBerardinis, MS, CIH, CSP	Li-Ion Battery Safety and NFPA 70B Ken Andrea	Construction Wrap Up Insurance Programs & Integration of Safety Best Practices Timothy Bergeron, CSP
10:10AM - 10:50 AM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
10:50 AM – 11:50 AM Breakout Session VII	Six Safety Principles to Define and Evaluate Your Safety Culture Michael Coon, CSP, CIT	Communicating Safety: Lessons learned in Airports Richard Flynt, CSP, CIT	The 17 Gaps that Sabotage Your Emergency Plans & How to Fill Them Bo Mitchell, CEM, CPP, CHS-V
11:50 AM – 12:50 PM	COLD BUFFET LUNCH • 50/50 RAFFLE • Atrium 2 nd Floor		
12:50 PM – 1:30 PM	EXHIBITION • NETWORKING BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Breakout Session VIII	Just Calling 911 is NOT an Emergency Plan: Ensuring Safety for First Responders Richard Sarnie, CSP, PE, ARM	On Becoming a "Senior" Safety Professional: Embracing Change and Challenging Ageism Michael Amster, PE, CIH, CSP	Caring for the Industrial Athlete Shelby Pocius, ATC CEAS III
2:30 PM – 2:40 PM	EXHIBITION • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South	King Edward Suite	King George Suite
2:40 – 3:40 PM Breakout Session IX	When Is a Fire Not Just a Fire Scott Herzog, CIH Dennis Francoeur, Jr., CIH, CSP, CMI	Combustible Dust Hazards, Assessment and Mitigation John Martin, ScD, CIH, CHMM	That is Not the Drive-Thru Window! Storefront Crash Prevention James Burke, CSP, ARM, CHMM
3:40 PM - 3:50 PM	EXHIBITION CLOSES • BREAK		
Room	Grand Ballroom South		
3:50 PM – 4:50 PM General Session III	So, you want to speak at a conference... now what? Natalia Olive, CSP, CSHM		
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	CLOSING & RAFFLE • THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!		