



## AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Star Valley Chapter

# Newsletter

## April 2021

**APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH! SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.**


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### Upcoming Events

May-June	Chapter Officer Elections
June TBD	A Night Out at the Ballpark with the Lynchburg Hillcats 

### In this Newsletter

- April Meeting Details
- Newsletter Contribution Contest
- Executive Committee Notes
- Virtual Meeting Topic Request
- SV Student Section Update
- Two Position Openings
- Distracted Driving Awareness Month!



**RUN FOR OFFICE!**  
**Throw your hat in the ring!**



**All positions need candidates!**

*Our best to **Bob Drane** who recently spent some time in Lynchburg General Hospital.*

### APRIL VIRTUAL MEETING:

**Our own Bob Drane speaks on  
2021 Critical Electrical Safety  
Update--Key Issues Q & A.**

**When: Monday April 12 @ 6:00 pm**

**Registration information is found on our  
webpage <https://starvalley.assp.org/>**

- The **link and information is located at the top of the page in the right column.**
- Upon login and registration, an **accompanying email** will be sent with the details needed to access the event.
- The registration link will be available up to the meeting time.

### Newsletter Contribution Contest

*The Chapter newsletter contest is still in progress. Don't miss the opportunity to win an original abstract painting created by our own **Glenn Hargrove**. The painting, titled "Can You See Me Now" is a 14" X 14" stretched canvas painting.*



*Hats off to Glenn for providing the awesome painting and best of luck to all contest participants!*



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## Executive Committee Virtual Meeting

A meeting of the Executive committee of the Star Valley Chapter of ASSP was conducted virtually on March 29, 2021. The following members participated Stuart Bowman, Carlton Davis and Glenn Hargrove.

The meeting provided an opportunity to "test drive" the GoToMeeting App. Some room for improvement was evidenced by one participant who (me) had difficulties gaining access but the overall experience was good. The following observations and lessons learned were noted:

1. Glenn indicated that we should make sure that people know the new process of going to the Star Valley-ASSP web page and then registering will take a couple of minutes as well as they will get an email with the log-in details. If they don't get the email, as always check their "spam" folder. If they register in advance (days or even weeks) they can get a calendar reminder (.ical) which will have the meeting details in it as well.
2. Stuart was able to log in from his smartphone, but did not have full functionality. Whoever hosts the event should be on an actual computer rather than a tablet or phone. The host can pretty easily give presentation control over to anyone else on the meeting, so the guest speaker can move through their presentation just by sharing their screen - which is also pretty easy.
3. Even though it is pretty easy to share screens & "present" it would be best to have 5-10 minutes prior to the "official" presentation to get them set up & let them practice sharing their screen etc.
4. Glenn's internet was a little slow & the lag or drop out of vocal or picture can be pretty rough. A good internet connection is essential to a good presentation.
5. Bob had issues participating in the test drive as emails providing the registration details were delayed. As the instructions were received the event was also over and contact could not be made.

Plans are being made to perform another "test drive" in the near future.

Bob Calhoun, Star Valley Chapter Secretary

## ! Virtual Meeting Topics !

In the age virtual meetings, experts offer prepared meetings on a variety of topics in a virtual format. We as a chapter need to identify such speakers and topics. From the list below, please identify those topics you are interested in or recommend your own. ASSP Region 6 offers a method to distribute such information virtually.

Send your comments or discuss with Bob Calhoun at [rpcalhoun@bwxt.com](mailto:rpcalhoun@bwxt.com) or 434-382-9212.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asbestos dangers</li> <li>• Back injury prevention</li> <li>• Behavior-based Safety</li> <li>• Being observant</li> <li>• Best practices</li> <li>• Bloodborne pathogens</li> <li>• Chromium hazards</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Concrete hazards</li> <li>• Construction Safety</li> <li>• Covid-19</li> <li>• Distracted driving</li> <li>• Drug abuse on the job</li> <li>• Ergonomics</li> <li>• Eye injury prevention</li> <li>• Financial planning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire prevention</li> <li>• Food allergies</li> <li>• Forklift safety</li> <li>• Hand Safety</li> <li>• Hierarchy of Controls</li> <li>• Home safety</li> <li>• Industrial Ventilation</li> <li>• Insect safety</li> <li>• Ladder safety</li> <li>• Lead hazards</li> <li>• Lifting &amp; rigging</li> <li>• Line of Fire Hazards</li> <li>• Machine Guarding</li> <li>• Manual Lifting</li> <li>• Motor vehicle safety</li> <li>• Nationally Recognized Test Labs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise hazards and Nutrition</li> <li>• Office safety</li> <li>• OSHA Standards</li> <li>• OSHA Update</li> <li>• Personal Protective Equipment</li> <li>• Pressure safety</li> <li>• Proactive v. reactive</li> <li>• Professional Certifications</li> <li>• Silica Hazards</li> <li>• Slips trips and falls</li> <li>• Top OSHA Violations</li> <li>• Unsafe acts</li> <li>• Weather hazards</li> <li>• Zero injury workplaces</li> <li>• Your suggestion</li> </ul> |
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## Star Valley Chapter Student Section Update

From Dr Diana Schwerha, Student Faculty Advisor:

The first meeting of the Star Valley Student Section was conducted the week of March 8, 2021. There are currently six students interested and efforts are being made to obtain at least four more students that will meet the magic number of 10 required to meet Section Status.

Since the semester is about halfway complete Diana's goals are to get the minimum number of students engaged and get the Section paperwork submitted and hold officer elections next year. It is anticipated that an active Section will be ready for the Fall!

Diana is interested in obtaining speakers for meetings and arrange for any tours that may be available. So the call is out for speakers. Perspective speakers may contact Diana at [dschwerha@liberty.edu](mailto:dschwerha@liberty.edu).

Bob Calhoun will be presenting at the April 15<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting of the Student Section. The topic will be *Space Shuttle Ground Operations Safety, A Unique Occupational Safety & Health Experience*.

## Position Opening: Safety Manager Eastern NC

A Fortune 500 Industry Leader is searching for a site Safety Manager. Ideal candidate will have a BS and a minimum 5+ years' experience. Strong preference for candidates who have experience leading programs and have managerial experience. The position will report to the Plant Manager and will sit on the site Leadership Team. This is a world class company with great pay and benefits. A generous relocation package is available for the successful candidate. Please forward an MS Word resume to Tom Harrell at [tharrell@selectsearchllc.com](mailto:tharrell@selectsearchllc.com)

## Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The National Safety Council (NSC) reports that though traffic has dropped significantly since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, our roads have only gotten more dangerous. On a typical day, more than 700 people are still injured in distracted driving crashes. Talking on a cell phone – even hands-free – or texting or programming an in-vehicle infotainment system diverts your attention away from driving. Keep yourself and others around you safe and #justdrive.

FREE downloadable Distracted Driving Awareness Month materials include posters, a fact sheet, infographics, social media posts and more can be accessed at this link: <https://cloud.safe.nsc.org/ddam>. The materials are designed to engage workforces and the community to help save lives.

About the NSC. The NSC has a long history of convening a network of safety leaders to make people's lives safer on and off the job. This network has produced research and ready-to-use toolkits to help companies tackle important issues affecting their workers. The NSC uses research and data to enable people to drive better, smarter, and utilize more personal safety programs. From perception surveys and assessments to tracking the trends, the NSC uses their insight to create real, usable, experiential education, training and tools to mitigate risk. The NSC also engages government across national and local levels to advocate awareness and drive policies that will create a culture of safety.

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## Career Opportunity in Virginia Government

<b>Working Title</b>	District Safety Manager
<b>Role Title</b>	Compliance/Safety Officer IV - 69034
<b>Job Open Date</b>	03/29/2021
<b>Job Close Date</b>	04/16/2021
<b>Hiring Range</b>	\$57,884 – \$72,355
<b>Agency</b>	Dept. of Transportation (501)
<b>Agency Website</b>	<a href="http://www.vdot.jobs">www.vdot.jobs</a>
<b>Location</b>	Lynchburg - 680
<b>Job Type</b>	Full-Time (Salaried)
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>The Lynchburg District of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is seeking a District Safety Manager to help reduce losses to the agency, its people and property, and within the working environment of the assigned region by implementing hazard control programs, evaluating the effectiveness of the programs, and ensuring compliance with all federal and state OSHA standards, codes, laws, regulations, and agency safety policies/procedures by all agency personnel. This position is responsible for delivering safety messages and training employees on safe work practices, and to investigate close-call situations and accidents, incidents, and injuries occurring during work performed by VDOT employees. Will monitor and review work zones for compliance and investigate work zone accidents with fatalities, serious personal injuries, and equipment damages in compliance with the Virginia Work Area Protection Manual. The Lynchburg District covers ten counties in Central Virginia; Halifax, Pittsylvania, Campbell, Amherst, Appomattox, Nelson, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland and Prince Edward. A state vehicle will be provided for travel throughout the District. This position is eligible for telework opportunities; availability, hours, and duration are at the sole discretion of the Manager in accordance with VDOT's Teleworking policy.</p> <p>Position must respond to emergency call-outs after hours, as needed, 24/7/365, including during inclement weather, to investigate accidents involving VDOT and contractor equipment and employees.</p> <p>VDOT employees have Shared Values and a Code of Ethics. <a href="http://www.virginiadot.org/about/missionandvalues.asp">http://www.virginiadot.org/about/missionandvalues.asp</a> We encourage all those who apply to review these values and ethics. If you share our values, we invite you to apply. Your success in our organization depends upon sharing these values and keeping this Code of Ethics.</p> <p>In addition to a rewarding work experience, VDOT offers excellent benefits including competitive</p>



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## Minimum Qualifications

health and life insurance programs, pre-tax spending accounts, state funded Short and Long Term Disability Program, a state retirement plan with options for tax-deferred retirement savings including employer matching,. Miscellaneous benefits include paid holidays, tuition assistance, wellness programs, etc. Click Here for additional information.

The ideal candidate shall have knowledge of industrial equipment, construction equipment, motor vehicular operations, and accident investigation techniques, OSHA, EPA, and DEQ standards, and safety testing equipment. Experience interpreting and applying codes, laws, standards, regulations, and agency policies, procedures, and guidelines related to safety. Ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally while presenting information to small and large groups during required training courses; meet and work effectively with all levels of internal/external customers. Analyze data and information, prepare technical reports, and make oral presentations. Experience with occupational safety and health standards, industrial hygiene fundamentals, DOT regulations, and safety equipment. Computer skills including but not limited to Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Vehicle operator license required. Successful completion of an accredited accident investigation and reconstruction course [e.g. Virginia University System Transportation Safety Training Center (VUS-TSTC)] or the ability to successfully complete at next course offering.

## Preferred Qualifications

Experience performing safety and/or code compliance inspections and reviews, and investigations in construction and/or general industry environments. Experience supervising others, including planning and overseeing work, monitoring, and evaluation. Nationally recognized certification(s) such as: CSP, OHST, CHST, and OSHA 10 and/or OSHA 30 certification or VDOT-12 and/or VDOT-32 courses. Experience in confined spaces, excavations, and fall protection. Certification in Standard First Aid/CPR with Defibrillator. VDOT Basic or Intermediate Work Zone with flagger certification or American Traffic Safety Service Association (ATSSA) Traffic Control Technician/Supervisor certification. Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) certification. Undergraduate or graduate degree in health, occupational safety, or related field.

## Special Requirements

This position is designated as essential and, as such, all duties associated with this job are required during emergency situations which may include but are not limited to inclement weather, disaster response, and emergency operations. Will be required to work outside normal hours in emergency situations. Fingerprint-based background check required. References, work history, and DMV records will be verified. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of records check conducted by the agency. Applicants must be eligible to work in the United States. H1B VISA Sponsorship is not available.

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