



## Central Illinois Chapter

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## October (Virtual) Chapter Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, October 29, 2020  
1:30 p.m. Central Time

**Location:** Virtual Meeting  
Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5108  
Access code: 178610#  
International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/cilassp>  
Online meeting ID: cilassp  
Join the online meeting:  
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cilassp>

Please dial in and log in a few minutes early (1:20-1:25pm) to make sure you are connected properly. We intend to start the meeting and presentation promptly at 1:30pm. The meeting audio will be presented by phone connection and can be viewed online at the online meeting link above. It is recommended that you dial in by phone for audio. Chrome is also the recommended browser for full participant functionality, through the web viewer. Open the meeting link in your browser to load web viewer, on the web viewer pop up window, enter your name and email address and click Join. Click Phone on the meeting dashboard and then follow the prompts to connect. You can also join the online meeting using the FreeConferenceCall.com desktop application, if your IT controls will allow you too, or FreeConferenceCall.com apps for Apple and Android. Please be patient, as this is the first virtual meeting that our chapter has presented! We are looking forward to 'hearing' you at the meeting!

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Help" to the Dial-In number above. Message and data rates may apply.

**Program:** **ASSP Virtual CIL Chapter Meeting**

**Serious Injuries and Fatalities – A New Way to Look at Serious Injury/Fatality Prevention**

Featured Speaker:  
Mr. Don Cooper

Recent trends show that traditional approaches may not be as effective as we think. How do we get off the plateau to improve results? This presentation will summarize recent articles and research results that may change our approach.

# Important CIL Announcements



## Platinum Level Recognition Achieved

Congratulations to Patrick Costello and the Central Illinois Chapter of ASSP for achieving the Platinum Level recognition for the 2019-2020 chapter year!

The Platinum Level recognition is the highest level of recognition from the ASSP. A lot of hard work and dedication goes into achieving the Platinum recognition. The 2019-2020 chapter year has presented some significant challenges for ASSP Chapters and local communities. The Platinum chapter designation is awarded to chapters that meet rigorous standards of excellence as established by ASSP. They are considered to be strong role models for other chapters to emulate. All ASSP chapters are eligible for Platinum chapter status. Generally, chapters are judged on criteria such as member engagement; community outreach; professional development offerings; leadership development to build a sustainable community; among several other criteria in the [Chapter Operations Management Tool](#).

Our chapter is listed on the Chapter Recognition page:

<https://www.assp.org/membership/awards-and-honors/group-awards/platinum-chapter-award/past-recipients> of the ASSP website and includes the Chapter president for 2019-2020.

A formal presentation will be done in June of 2021.

## Society News

# ASSP Shifts SafetyFOCUS 2021 to Virtual Event

Sep 15, 2020

PARK RIDGE, IL — The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is shifting its second-largest annual event to a live virtual experience early next year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. [SafetyFOCUS 2021](#) will move from an eight-day in-person conference in Las Vegas to a 10-day online event. Attendees should mark their calendars for Feb. 8-12 and 15-19 to join the immersive education experience.

“We must continue to support occupational safety and health professionals who are helping their companies keep workers safe throughout the pandemic,” said ASSP President Deborah Roy, M.P.H., RN, COHN-S, CSP, CIT, FASSP, FAAOHN. “Virtual platforms have proven to be a smart and successful education alternative while the future of in-person gatherings remains uncertain.”

SafetyFOCUS is a deep dive into safety education with industry leaders who help participants excel at protecting workers in all industries. ASSP’s Live Virtual Classroom technology will enable SafetyFOCUS instructors to conduct courses in real time from wherever they are located. The courses will take place from 8 am to 4:30 pm CT each day, providing all the benefits of face-to-face instruction without the travel time and hotel expenses. Attendees simply need a computer with a camera, audio and internet access to participate.

“Instructors can see you and you can see them,” Roy said. “It’s an engaging experience that allows you to ask questions and interact with other virtual learners in real time. It’s time well-spent to advance your career.”

SafetyFOCUS 2021 offers workplace safety and health courses on a broad range of topics such as business skills and personal development, certification prep, construction, ergonomics, fall protection, risk assessment and management, safety management systems, and training and education. Attendees also fulfill their continuing education unit (CEU) requirements while making lasting professional connections and absorbing relevant information they can immediately implement in their organizations.

Get more information about SafetyFOCUS 2021 at [SafetyFOCUS.assp.org](http://SafetyFOCUS.assp.org).

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## **Upcoming Chapter Meeting Presenter**

### **Don Cooper**

Don has been an ASSP member since 1974, and Central Illinois Chapter member since 1978. He has held all chapter officer positions and recently served for two years as a Region V Area Director.

Before retiring in 2017 he served as Safety and Environmental Health Manager for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington. His career included both insurance loss control duties, and corporate safety and health roles.

Since 2012 Don has served as an adjunct instructor in the Illinois State University Safety program, teaching a Safety Program Management class, and is also a member of The Illinois State University Safety Program Advisory board. He was also a member of the ANSI/ASSE Z-15 standard committee on Safe Practices for Motor Vehicle Operations.

Don held the CSP designation from 1977 to 2020 (now CSP-retired), ARM (Associate in Risk Management), ARM-E (Associate in Enterprise Risk Management), and CPCU (Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter) designations. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville – BA and MBA.

# *Upcoming Chapter Events*

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**October 29**      CIL ASSP Chapter Meeting (Virtual)

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Mark your calendars for these dates!