

Southwest Florida Safety Professionals Plan for an Active Season and “Safe Florida 2010” this Fall

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The Florida Suncoast Chapter of the [American Society of Safety Engineers](#), an international organization of safety professionals now celebrating its 100th anniversary, has announced the establishment of a new informative website at www.assesuncoast.org and plans for an even more active season in 2010-2011.

“Our mission is to preserve and protect people, property and the environment through good planning, improved communication and effective training,” says [Robert Andres, Chapter Director of Government and Public Affairs](#). “As part of that mandate, we will present ‘Safe Florida 2010,’ a comprehensive safety conference and exposition, in Fort Myers on October 29, 2010.” Last year’s conference and exposition drew an attendance of over 100 and featured notable speakers including former OSHA head John Henshaw, former Florida chief medical officer [Dr. Marion Thorpe](#), and [“Stay Alive – Just Drive”](#) director Jay Anderson, addressing a variety of safety and health-related topics.

The Suncoast Chapter Calendar will also include monthly meetings and programs, most open to the public, held on the third Thursday of every month at the Tri-County Apprenticeship Academy on Jet Port Commerce Drive near the Fort Myers regional airport (RSW).*

“In this sluggish economy, safety is often given too little attention,” says Andres. “We will concentrate our efforts on improving safety in our prime area industries of healthcare, construction, hospitality/tourism and agriculture, and intend to organize and present a series of free informative webinars on such topics as building and highway construction safety, machine guarding, risk assessment, hazardous material management, distracted driving, and pre and post-disaster preparedness, starting in January.”

As [Suncoast Chapter President Dean Ramineh](#) assumes his role for the second year, he reminds us that “we must constantly seek out and use new, cost-effective ways to serve our members and our community. I am fortunate to have very talented professionals serving on our board and as members - to meet not only our chapter’s goals, but take a leading role in promoting safety in southwest Florida. These kinds of investments will produce long-term gains for our chapter and our community.”

For more information on ASSE and the Suncoast Chapter, to review the interactive *Calendar of Events or register for any event, visit the [chapter website](#).