



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alaska Governor's Safety & Health Conference

LEADERSHIP | EXCELLENCE | INNOVATION

THE FUTURE OF ALASKA'S WORKFORCE

Tuesday,  
April 8, 2025

7:00am Exhibit Hall Open | Conference Hall Open | Breakfast

8:00am -  
8:15am

## Opening Ceremonies

8:15am -  
9:15am  
Explorer's  
Hall

## Leading Without a Title: Empowering Alaska's New Workforce to Drive Safety Culture

*Brian Walden, SLP Alaska, LLC, Founder & CEO*

Community Safety & Health  
Summit Hall Room 1

Technical Safety  
& Innovation  
Summit Hall Room 2

Leadership & Communication  
Summit Hall Room 3

Regulations and Policies  
Summit Hall Room 4

10:00am -  
11:00am

### Recruitment, Retention and Engagement Oh My!

*Paula Bradison  
CEO, People AK*

### Developing Exposure Assessments to Comply with EPA ECELS

*Matt Harper, CIH, CSP  
& Gina Agron, MS, MBA*

### Let's 'Talk' About Safety. ICE...

*Jeff Jaworski  
Operations Manager, Homer  
Electric Assiciation*

### Understanding Enforcement Priorities and Emphasis Programs

*SueLynn Watts*

11:15am -  
12:15pm

### Successful Strategies for Supporting the Health and Safety of a Young and Transient Workforce

*Katia M. Costa-Black  
& Naomi DuCharme*

### Industrial Hygiene in Alaska's Welding Industry - What You Need to Know

*Anthony Barnard, CIH, CSP*

### Leadership Rewired: Unlocking the Power of Manipulation

*Joshuah "Shu" Shumelda*

### Understanding Federal Youth Employment Laws

*Julie Tredway & Tucker Owen*

12:30pm -  
1:15pm  
Explorers  
Hall

## Buffet Lunch with remarks from Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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2:00pm -  
3:00pm

### New Toolkit for Protecting Workers from Reproductive Hazards

*Nancy Simcox*

### Digitizing the Workforce

*Jeffrey Kilfoyle*

### The Safety and Financial Benefits of Employee Retention

*Tanner Link*

### Legal Aspects of Practicing Professional Safety

*Brian Walden*

3:15pm -  
4:15pm

### Occupational Fatalities and Common Occupations Involved in Violent Deaths

*Ashley Hannigan*

### Advancements in Fire Extinguishing Agents

*Erik van Elburg*

### Crisis Response and Contingency Planning: Avoid "Flying by the Seat of Your Pants" When It Matters Most

*Daniel Hoffman*

### Protected Activity, Retaliation, and Building an Anti-Retaliation Program

*Sean Eichrodt  
Investigator, AKOSH*



## Conference Reception

Join us for drinks and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate safety with colleagues!  
All attendees are welcome.

April 8 • 4:30pm  
outside the Explorer's Hall



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8:30am

Welcome | Opening Remarks

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9:30am  
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General Session Presentation: **Leading, Developing, and Training Younger Generations**  
*Chief Jason Beran*

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9:45am -  
10:45am

Sleep Deprivation: An Unseen  
Hazard in the Workplace

*Jennifer Hines*

Strengthening Workplace  
Violence Prevention:  
Leveraging Behavioral  
Threat Assessment and  
Management Practices

*Caleb Lovelace*

Building and Maintaining  
Rapport - Eliminating  
Maladaptive Behavior

*Sean Eichrodt*

Workers' Compensation and  
You

*Charles Collins  
& Michele Wall-Rood*

11:00am -  
12:00pm

Construction Industry  
Apprenticeship Programs in  
Alaska

*Suzanne McCarthy*

Using Microlearning to  
Improve Training

*Rick Peterson*

Leadership Styles and  
Effective Communication

*Jason Beran*

NFPA-70B Mandatory  
Electrical Safety  
Maintenance Requirements

*Joseph Gierlach*

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Governor's Award Luncheon

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Well-being in the Workplace:  
AM I OK?

*Christine West*

You & Who Else? Is AI Part  
of Your Team?

*Mary M. Rydesky, DBA*

Ahhh, SPEAK OUT! Public  
Speaking in Industrial  
Settings

*Kumiko Helming*

Safe Digging Practices:  
Protecting Employees and  
Communities from Utility  
Hazards

*Dave Mulligan*

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