



43rd 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
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& 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
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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

Averting the Next Tragedy: Evidence Based Violence Prevention in Action

Douglas Hart

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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Wednesday,
April 9, 2025

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

8:00am -
8:30am

Welcome | Opening Remarks

8:30am -
9:30am
Explorer's
Hall

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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