

SESSION GUIDE

Wednesday Sessions - April 22nd

Hot Topics in Higher Education | *Stacie Kroll, Gallagher*

To be advised on a near future date.

Thursday Sessions - April 23rd

LOTO Programs | *Cap Baxter, Lakeshore College*

This presentation will provide a basic introduction to the OSHA & NFPA standards & codes related to the topic. The importance of fire suppression / protection plans, EAP (emergency action plans), hazardous communication, safety data sheets, and bonding & grounding will be highlighted. Finally, a non-compliant case study situation will be touched upon. Q & A will be offered.

Practical BIT/CARE Team Best Practices | *Phil Schaffer, Kelly Schumacher, Northeast WI Technical College*

This session will draw from Kelly and Phil's hands-on work supporting students exhibiting concerning behaviors and will explore: Key elements that make up an effective team, strategic approaches that have proven successful, common challenges, notable cases, and the critical importance of having a consistent process. Attendees will gain actionable insight to strengthen their own teams and have the opportunity to discuss their strengths and challenges.

Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Actionable Steps to Help Stop School Shootings | *Jill Lemond, Evolv Technology*

As the daily news stories of shootings on our school campuses continue to run across the country, we have learned to respond. We have collectively adopted a learned helplessness and sadly offer our 'thoughts and prayers' after these horrific tragedies mangle so many of our school communities. Our reactions are well-intentioned, but we need to give this gun violence epidemic attention now to prevent the next senseless act. Together, we will review the best practices for violence prevention and mitigation at your schools looking at real world examples. You will walk away with actionable steps to take to help with prevention efforts in your community, regardless of your role at your college. Together, we can make an impact and protect our schools.

DMI Insurance 2026 | *Steven Stoeger-Moore, Districts Mutual Insurance and Risk Management Services*

Review 07/01/2026-27 insurance program including challenges exclusions, limits, and coverages of the seven (7) DMI issued policies. It will address types and limits of coverage for Drone Use, Auto Liability, Workers' Comp., Buildings and Contents, Auto Damage, and Slips and Falls as examples. Attendees are encouraged to bring their questions and "what if" scenarios for in depth discussion.

Fusion Center – Intelligence Sharing | *Special Agent Andrew Schoeneck, Dept. of Justice (DOJ)*

To be advised on a near future date.

Cyber | *Jeremy Gillespie, Gallagher*

To be advised on a near future date.

Workers' Comp. Best Practices | *Robert Schneider, Colett Mitchell, Jeff Lynde, Michael Tschudy, UnitedHeartland*

This session provides a clear overview of how workers' compensation premiums are calculated and offers practical strategies to manage and reduce costs. Participants will learn how the experience modification factor works and how to influence it, explore best practices in claims management, and review available loss control resources. The session also includes an analysis of leading accident sources to help focus safety efforts and prevent injuries leading to better long term premium outcomes.

Role of AI in the Safety Profession | *Joey Sylvester, Gallagher*

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly reshaping how organizations identify, assess, and mitigate risk. This session explores the evolving role of AI across the safety profession, from predictive hazard analysis and real-time incident monitoring to automated compliance tracking and enhanced safety training. Attendees will examine practical AI applications already in use by safety professionals and emerging capabilities. Participants will walk away with a clearer understanding of how AI can add value in safety operations and how to evaluate and implement AI tools responsibly, ethically, and with a risk manager's mindset.

Free Speech in Higher Education: Rights, Exceptions, and Reducing Risk | *Josh Vollendorf, Gateway Technical College*

This workshop reviews First Amendment protections for free speech on public college campuses, explains why strong safeguards are vital for academic inquiry, and outlines narrow exceptions like true threats, severe harassment, or substantial disruption. Participants will explore key Supreme Court cases, analyze campus scenarios via case studies, and learn practical strategies to develop compliant policies, prevent viewpoint discrimination, and minimize costly legal and reputational risks.

Friday Sessions - April 24th

Confined Spaces Requirements | *James Lange, Fox Valley Technical College*

To be advised on a near future date.

In Their Darkest Hour: How Leaders Support Survivors and Families | *Jessica Storm, Empathia*

When tragedy strikes, leaders play a critical role in supporting survivors and families. This session explores the essential components of family and survivor assistance. From immediate response and reunification to long-term support, all while emphasizing compassion, coordination, and best practices for guiding people through their darkest hours.

Threat Landscape and Update | *TBA Representative, Beazley*

To be advised on a near future date.

Legal Issues in Higher Education | *Kirk Pelican, Michael Best*

Kirk will address a variety of legal issues currently facing WTCS colleges, including updates on Act 10 (if they exist), open meetings/records, and free speech. The discussion will reference considerations for the College when addressing each.

Higher Education Risk Management Issues | *Craig McAllister, Former URMIA President, University of Miami*

To be advised on a near future date.

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