

## Space Coast Chapter, ASSP Membership Meeting Minutes

9/14/18 11:30am-1:00pm      Location: Sonny's BBQ, Titusville

### Attendees:

Officers: Brian Wood, Karen Johnson, Steve Johnson, Shaun Lucas, Sherrie Garcia

Members: Gordon Bowling, David Perry, Kenneth Partee, Todd McDowell, Melanie Penny, Raymond McCaig, , Dennis Nolan

Non-Members; Dan Breeze, Pier Nigito, Mark Walker, Donald James Parker

- President Brian Wood called the meeting to order at 11:50am and facilitated introductions with requests for job openings to be placed on our website. No specific openings were identified. Steve Johnson had previously identified several on Indeed, which will be place on our chapter website [www.spacecoast.assp.org](http://www.spacecoast.assp.org)
- Our speaker, Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey was introduced for his topic "Active Shooter Awareness; The 4 A s of Survival"  
Sheriff Ivey described how he had come to the realization after the Pulse Nightclub shooting that the previous law enforcement teaching of "run, hide, fight" was not effective. It was then that he came up with The 4 A s; Awareness, Avoidance, Aim, Attack. He emphasized that this is not a step-by-step approach, but rather that someone in an active shooter situation had to assess the situation and determine which of the steps was appropriate at the time. He discussed each one in some detail. The Sheriff stressed the importance of training and practice for anyone who chooses to carry a weapon. He offered to set up a class for our Chapter members at their shooting range. Brian will follow up with him for further details on this. He urged us to watch his video "Enough is Enough" which can be found on youtube;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Mv9PuvG0w>  
The Sheriff took questions and was warmly applauded by the group. Brian presented him with an ASSP Space Coast branded insulated tumbler.
- Brian informed the group that our Member Needs Survey was completed by 10 people and we are reviewing the results. He reminded attendees of the next two meetings; OSHA Update with Joan Spencer on 10/12 and OSHA Recordkeeping by Karen Johnson on 11/9. Also, that Karen is working on a holiday event for December.
- Information on the Alliance for Central Florida Safety's "Safety Day" was shared. The event is 3/27/19. Our Chapter will have a vendor booth. Early registration until 12/31/18 is \$20 and .5 CEUs will be awarded.
- Brian shared a "Hot Topic" information piece on National Preparedness Month (see below)
- Todd McDowell shared information on a woman's self defense class being put on by the Orlando ASSP Chapter, info here; <https://centralfl.assp.org/events/october-1-s-a-f-e-self-defense-class-for-women/> Brian mentioned that this group, WISE had requested a female representative from our Chapter. Melanie Penny volunteered to contact them and represent Space Coast.
- There being no further discussion, Brian invited anyone interested to stay for the Executive Committee Meeting to follow immediately.

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m.

## *National Preparedness Month*

National Preparedness Month (NPM), recognized each September, provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. This NPM will focus on planning, with an overarching theme: **Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.**

Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornados. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.