

Mobile Chapter ASSE  
Regular monthly meeting 11:30AM October 21, 2009  
White- Spinner Construction Co. 2010 S Beltline, Mobile, AL

The second meeting of the 2009-2010 ASSE was called to order by Ms Avis Beasley at 11:39AM, a list of those in attendance is attached, and there was a quorum present.

Officer Chris Shine, ASPA Police Officer and Firearms Instructor made a presentation on firearms safety, a timely topic as hunting season is near and many ASSE members are hunters and have concerns regarding firearm safety as they travel and at home. Officer Shine's presentation opened with the four basic general rules of safe firearm handling.

- 1 Always treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- 2 Always point the muzzle in a safe direction; never point a firearm at anyone or anything you don't want to shoot.
- 3 Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the guard until you are ready to shoot.
- 4 Keep the action open and the firearm unloaded until you are ready to shoot it.

Additionally the following rules were offered for shooters behavior.

- 1 Never pass a firearm to another person, or accept a firearm from another person, until the cylinder or action is open and you've personally checked that the weapon is completely unloaded.
- 2 Prior to handling any firearm understand its operation.
- 3 Never rely on any mechanical device for safety.

This refers to the safety devices on the firearms, and this led to a presentation of LO/TO devices for firearms. It is recommended that firearms be kept in gun safes unloaded and that the ammo be kept locked in another location. If there is a need for firearms to be kept loaded and immediately available for self defense consider a simplex-type locking box.

Firearm owners were also encouraged to assure that their firearms are in good condition prior to firing them as damage or plugging can occur when being transported and in the field. Have there firearms periodically checked for signs of erosion, cracking, or wear by the factory, by a qualified armorer or by a factory certified gunsmith. This is especially important for owners of antique & military firearms and for shooters who shoot a lot and may use "hot" loads. Ammo is also a safety consideration; Officer Shine had demonstration cartridges that have caused unsafe conditions.

His presentation concluded with challenging questions from an engaged audience.

Officer Shine also offered a moving & meaningful testimonial regarding arc flash injury. He was an electrician with a world wide construction company we've all heard of. Then he was a victim of arc flash through no fault of his own. This was a career and life changing event, now his presentation is not as lengthy as that of Charlie Moorecraft but it is certainly as meaningful. So where is your safety program regarding arc flash safety?

Formed a committee, purchased PPE, completed training, written policy, procedures, & best practices?

The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Torrey Garrison at 12:43PM. The next meeting will be a joint meeting of the ASSE & the GCMSA at 8:00AM at the Port of Mobile. The topic will be a high angle rescue executed by the Mobile FD Emergency Rescue Unit.

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