

# 2026 Oilfield Safety Day

## An Indiana Oil and Gas Association & Illinois Petroleum Resources Board Workforce Development Program

**DATE:** 4/23/2026

**TIME:** 730AM-330PM

**LOCATION:** Wabash Valley College, Brubeck Arts Center, 200 College Dr, Mt Carmel, IL 62863

**PARKING:** South Parking Lot

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### AGENDA

<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Check-In &amp; Session Assignments</b>	<b>Gallery</b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Kick Off &amp; Welcome</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>8:15AM</b>	<b>Safety Keynote: Stephen Peterson</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Coursework Sessions Begin:</b>	

- ◆ Coursework will begin at 9AM in your assigned Classroom.
- ◆ At the end of your first session, you will move to your next session in a different classroom.  
*For Example: If assigned Session 4 Classroom: Start in 4 Classroom; then go to 1 Classroom; then go to 2 Classroom; then go to 3 Classroom to finish the Oil Patch Safety Day*

	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
<b>Classroom 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Classroom 2</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>12:30 AM</b>
<i>Lunch in the Cafe</i>		
<b>Classroom 3</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>
<b>Classroom 4</b>	<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>

***Pick up your Oilfield Safety Certificates and Hard Hats in Gallery before you leave.***



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### Kick Off Speaker, Stephen Peterson

With more than 20 years experience in private and non-profit sectors, Stephen's focus on leadership and resource development drives his desire to help customers from a variety of industries equip their leaders and team members with the knowledge, skill sets, and talents for organizational excellence.

His current role as Industry Account Manager with Caterpillar Safety Services allows him to blend his science-based, human-focused background to develop the resources and employee talents needed to positively impact workplace safety and culture. Within production, education, and health and human service settings, Stephen has spent the last two decades leading, teaching, inspiring, and equipping leaders and volunteers to embrace a growth mindset, challenge themselves and the organizations they are entrusted to lead, and perform at higher levels.

Stephen holds a Bachelors degree in Biology and a Masters degree in Leadership in Human Services Administration from Bradley University.



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**Wendy Coles** is a dedicated Workforce Education Instructor at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, where she has been shaping the future of workforce safety and compliance training since January 2019. With over a decade of experience in the industry, Wendy specializes in the development and delivery of comprehensive OSHA, MSHA, and EPA compliance courses. Her expertise spans a wide range of critical topics, including Fall Protection, Confined Space, LockOut/TagOut, Respiratory Protection, and more. She has produced custom safety training videos and created OSHA-compliant programs tailored to specific client needs.

Before joining IECC, Wendy worked as a training consultant and co-owned Target Mine Training, where she developed mining-related online training products and managed compliance training programs across the U.S. Her earlier roles included Assistant Director of Mining at Vincennes University and Safety Coordinator at Vigo Coal Company, where she coordinated safety training for miners and contractors and handled extensive regulatory reporting.



**Heat Stress:** Focuses on recognizing, preventing, and responding to heat-related illnesses, emphasizing hydration, acclimatization, and protective measures.

**Slips, Trips, and Falls:** Highlights common workplace hazards, prevention strategies, and best practices for reducing incidents on walking and working surfaces.

With over 50 years dedicated to workplace safety, **Ted Marshall** has built safer environments across diverse industries. Beginning as Safety Committee Chair for a Fortune 500 warehousing operation, he led the team to OSHA VPP STAR status, demonstrating excellence beyond compliance. He later reduced incident rates as a Warehouse, Safety, and Logistics Manager, achieving 439 days without a recordable incident. As Operations and Safety Director for a commercial plastic scrap company, he strengthened risk management across multiple facilities. Since 2016, Ted has been an OSHA Outreach Instructor, delivering safety training and assessments nationwide. Currently, he is a safety instructor for Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Business and Industry Training Department, where he provides businesses and municipalities safety consulting, policy development, and customized training. As a first responder for over 35 years and an Emergency Medical Responder, he also provides OSHA training for his fire district. Ted's career reflects an unwavering commitment to fostering safety-first workplaces that prioritize employee well-being and operational excellence.



**Confined Space:** Training covers hazards, entry procedures, atmospheric testing, and rescue protocols for working safely in confined or restricted areas.

**Hazardous Materials:** Training covers the identification, handling, and emergency response for hazardous substances to prevent exposure and environmental contamination.



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**Wes Taylor** is currently an instructor with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Business & Industry Department. Wes is a retired Fire Chief with 20 years of service for the West Frankfort, Illinois, Fire Department. He is an Army and Army National Guard veteran with combat engineering, artillery, and infantry modes of service. Wes is a certified instructor for MSHA, PEC/Veriforce Oil & Gas, American Heart Association, Red Cross, and Lead EMT Instructor. He holds multiple training certifications through the Illinois Fire Service Institute & Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. Wes has numerous other instructor/trainer certifications including FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness Incident Command System, Illinois Terrorism Task Force Unified Command, Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Illinois Schools, and was a former US National Guard instructor. Wes has an Associate's of Science in Pre-Engineering and attended University of Missouri at Rolla and Southern Illinois University Carbondale for Mining Engineering.



**H2S Awareness (Hydrogen Sulfide):** Educates workers on the dangers of H2S gas, detection methods, exposure limits, and proper emergency response to prevent toxic inhalation risks.

**CPR/First Aid Awareness:** This training will cover essential skills to recognize emergencies, perform CPR, and administer basic first aid, enhancing the ability to respond effectively to life-threatening situations.

**Robert Hollinger CSHO** is a native and current resident of Southern Illinois who first began his oil and gas career in the early 1990's as a roustabout on pulling units and spudders, later spending time in the southern Illinois basins as a well service pumper, rig hand (floor and derrick), and eventually beginning his safety career in the early 2000's.

Robert holds is a Certified Safety and Health Official (CSHO) and adjunct professor for Texas A & M University Extension Services Program for Construction, General Industry, and Oil and Gas. Robert has sat on API advisory boards with other industry partners and has long been an advocate of worker safety training and education.

Robert is currently a full-time EHS Director for an energy and infrastructure company as well as maintaining a consulting and training company of his own.



**LOTO (Lockout/Tagout):** This training will cover procedures for safely isolating energy sources to prevent unexpected equipment start-up during maintenance or servicing.

**PPE (Personal Protective Equipment):** This training will provide guidance on selecting, using, and maintaining protective gear to minimize exposure to workplace hazards.

