



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Gold Coast Chapter

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026

The Gold Coast Chapter invites you to its April meeting. Refreshments will be provided with networking starting at 8:30 AM. Register at <https://goldcoast.assp.org>

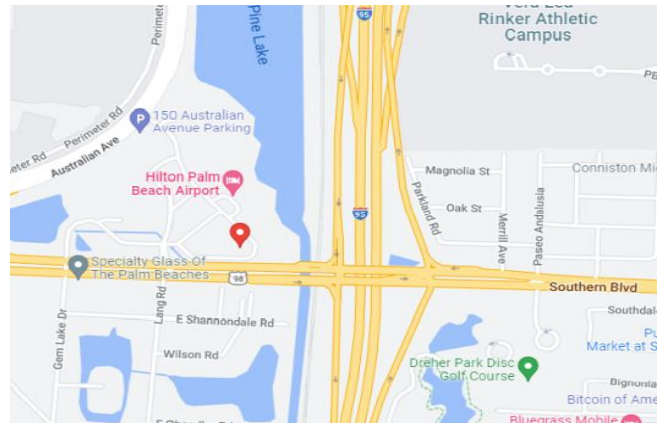
Topic: EV Fires & Facility Safety: What you need to know before the sirens arrive.

Speaker: Bob Kropa

Time: 08:45 am - 10:00 am

Where: Palm Beach County Risk Mgmt. Training Rm.
100 Australian Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

When: Thursday, April 23rd, 2026



District Chief Bob Kropa is the Chief of Special Operations for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue in Florida. In this role, he oversees multiple specialized programs including Urban Search and Rescue (USAR), Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Dive Rescue, and Air Rescue operations. He also serves as the USAR administrator for the county's state recognized Type 3 team and has been closely involved in building and expanding that capability from the ground up.

Chief Kropa has more than two decades of fire service experience and has responded to a wide range of complex incidents, including hurricanes, tornadoes, structural collapses, and hazardous materials events. He was the incident commander for the initial Wellington, Florida tornado response associated with Hurricane Milton in October 2024.

Bob holds a master's degree in Domestic Security from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security and a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Miami. His graduate work has focused on technology adoption and special operations capabilities for disaster response. He remains actively engaged in training, exercise design, and regional coordination efforts aimed at improving readiness for hurricanes and other complex disasters.

Important note: You may RSVP via the www.goldcoast.assp.org website or by responding to this email.

Thank you and we look forward to having you attend!