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The ASSE was founded in 1911 and is the oldest and largest professional safety organization in the U.S. Its more than 32,000 members manage, supervise and consult on safety, health, and environmental issues in industry, insurance, government and education. The Southern Nevada Chapter was chartered in 1965 and has almost 250 members. As safety professionals we have the following suggestions for the Commission:

1. Evaluate the County building permit system to identify where safety can be made a part of it. It may include a requirement for a written site-specific safety plan and the identification of a qualified safety person to oversee its implementation on the job. The county plan review staff should be trained to recognize and evaluate the adequacy of the plans provided.
2. On a regular basis, train building inspectors to recognize and evaluate safety hazards on the jobsites they inspect. The inspectors should periodically meet and become familiar with Nevada OSHA personnel and be informed of means for communicating with them regarding safety issues they identify on jobsites. This could also be done with the Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management, Fire Department, and other applicable branches of County government.
3. Recommend to the Nevada legislature that the OCIP/CCIP laws be re-evaluated to address more owner and contractor accountability and compare those requirements to those of other states. This should also include a re-evaluation of the qualifications and duties of the required on-site safety professionals.
4. Recommend providing incentives to Nevada OSHA compliance officers to assist with retention. For example, bring their compensation at least to the level of their peers in the Federal government and in other states (e.g., California).