

**AGENDA FOR 2023 FALL OKVMA CONFERENCE
Hard Rock Hotel & Convention Center**

ISA TESTING - October 3, 2023 - Tuesday

12:00 pm	ISA Arborist – EXAM (Alanna Cooper, Test Proctor)
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GENERAL SESSION – October 4, 2023 – Wednesday

TIME	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
7:00 – 8:00	REGISTRATION - OSU Conference Services	
8:00	PRESIDENT’S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors, Vendors & Housekeeping	
8:00 – 9:00	<u>Chris Martin</u> Supervisor Vegetation Management, OG&E	<u>“Right Tree, Right Place”</u> IVM professionals consistently face challenges on minimizing the impacts of trees around infrastructure. It is also a challenge to communicate our management objectives to the public. This presentation will focus on the role that IVM professionals have when it comes to Urban Forest Sustainability and promoting “right tree, right place.” What opportunities and solutions do you think will help increase the public’s understanding of our role?
9:00 – 10:00	<u>Jim Beery</u> Senior Safety Lead, Wright Tree Service	<u>Safety 2.0</u> This presentation will discuss these guideposts for a new vision of safety: 1. People are fallible, and even the best people make mistakes. 2. Workers are masters at adaptive problem solving. 3. Context drives worker actions and behaviors. 4. Leadership’s response to failure matters. 5. Blame fixes nothing. 6. Improvement happens through learning.
10:00 – 10:30	BREAK with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	<u>Jim Neeser</u> Business Developer, Davey Resource Group	<u>Key Elements of an IVM Program</u> Managing vegetation along utility, gas line, railroad, or road rights-of-way is a critical component to providing safe and easily accessible ROWs. For many years, vegetation management was limited to mowers and chainsaws as the main tools to accomplish this task. Through innovation and the development of best management practices, there are now countless tools available which can make it difficult to determine the best fit within a particular integrated vegetation management program.
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH PROVIDED	
12:30 – 1:30	<u>Jim Beery</u> Senior Safety Lead, Wright Tree Service	<u>Learning Teams</u> Learning teams can be used for pre-task/pre-job planning sessions, post-work debriefs, routine safety inspections, job hazard analyses (JHAs), near-misses, and more. This presentation will focus on why it is important use learning teams, and who is involved in a learning team.
1:30 – 2:30	<u>Stacie Martin</u> Deputy Director for Parks, Culture, and Recreation. City of Tulsa	<u>Construction Around Trees</u> Trees provide numerous benefits such as shade, air quality improvement, and aesthetic value. However, construction activities can cause damage to trees and their root systems. It is essential to take appropriate measures to protect trees during construction. In this presentation, we will discuss some tips for preserving trees during construction, and how to plan the construction around trees.
2:30 – 3:00	BREAK with Exhibitors	
3:00 – 4:00	<u>Jim Neeser</u> Business Developer, Davey Resource Group	<u>Tree Growth Regulators (TGRs)</u> Tree growth regulators (TGRs) are an effective tool in an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program. They have been around in their current form for over 25 years, yet many utility companies are not utilizing this tool. One of the largest challenges is how to properly integrate TGRs into an existing utility IVM program. This presentation will discuss what TGRs are, what value they have for utility companies and how they can be integrated into an IVM program.

BREAKOUT SESSION - October 5, 2023 – Thursday

Time	SPEAKERS	PRESENTATION TOPIC INFORMATION
8:00	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME – Introduce Conference Sponsors/Vendors & Housekeeping.	
8:00 – 9:00	<u>Stihl</u>	<u>Chainsaw Safety</u> This presentation will cover safety and safe operations of a chainsaw.
9:00 – 10:00	<u>Riley Coy</u> OK Forestry Services	<u>Common Problems and Solutions for Urban Trees</u> This presentation will discuss common problems and issues including environmental and biological origin that impact both deciduous and evergreen trees. Various diseases and environmental situations and their treatments will be discussed.
10:00 – 10:30	Break with Exhibitors	
10:30 – 11:30	<u>Stephen Ford</u> Corporate Safety Representative, Asplundh	<u>Human Performance Traps</u> This presentation will discuss human performance challenges in the workplace. What normal traps makes our workplace more hazardous and what we can do as leaders to help our employees identify and avoid human performance traps.