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## PRESIDENTS/CHAPTER MESSAGE

### Member Appreciation Event!

Wow, what an afternoon...

Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for planning a fantastic Member Appreciation Event this month! We raised funds for our two community support recipients, Friday Food Bag and Food Bank for Larimer County.

Many thanks to High Country Beverage and Flood & Peterson for sponsoring our event, this wonderful location and for hosting our bar – including our top-notch bartender, Kevin Boyer!

I hope everyone had a great time, and gained a lot from our OSHA Updates, presented by Meredith Post, Compliance Specialist. If you weren't able to attend and would like a copy of the presentation, please shoot me an email!

Finally, I am looking for a few members to join our Programs Committee. We will begin meeting monthly starting in December to finish planning Speakers and Sponsors for our Member Meetings, and coordinating volunteers to help with set-up.

Please email me if you are interested in joining this fun group!

Stay Safe and Well,  
[Dona Leonard](#) OT MS CEASII / President  
[president@rockymountain.assp.org](mailto:president@rockymountain.assp.org)

**MEMBER  
APPRECIATION  
EVENT**

**Flood &  
Peterson**

 **High Country**  
BEVERAGE  
*A Colorado Company*





OSHA Presentation



Members with SWAG Gifts



Wonderful Door prizes



Member Prize Winner



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# CHAPTER EVENTS



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Rocky Mountain Chapter



SEPTEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025

## CHAPTER EVENTS CALENDAR

**AUG 21 -  
NOV 21**

**100 SQUARES- WIN A \$1000  
GIFT CARD!**

**20  
SEPT**

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

**MONTHLY LEADERSHIP TEAM  
MEETING**

**21  
SEPT**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**VOLUNTEER TRAIL WORK**

  
**11  
OCT**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT**

- OSHA Updates & Member Appreciation

**14  
NOV**

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING**

- Larimer County - What Should an Employer Do  
When a Natural Disaster Emergency Occurs?

**12  
DEC**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING**

- Technical Tour and Social at New Belgium  
Brewing

**9  
JAN**

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**JANUARY MEMBER MEETING**

- Sleep Health, Shiftwork and Cognitive Behavioral  
Therapy for Industry



## Community Outreach

### Thank you, Members! Larimer County Food Bank Donation

On September 18, 2024, our Chapter President, Dona Leonard, presented a \$630 check to the Food Bank for Larimer County on behalf of the ASSP Rocky Mountain Chapter. This donation, raised during our 2023-2024 Chapter Year, was made possible thanks to the generosity of our members. Your contributions are making a real difference for families in our community!



## Volunteer Trail Day – Thank you Members!

On September 21, 2024, our Ron Bizak, our Community Outreach Chair and members joined to help our community perform work up the Cache La Poudre Canyon on Grey Rock Trail. Thanks to all who participated in this great cause!.









### **November 14<sup>th</sup> – Member Meeting**

Speaker: Val Turner, LETA911 Chief of Staff Office of Emergency Management, Larimer County

Topic: Larimer County – What Should an Employer Do When a Natural Disaster Emergency Occurs?



Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: "High Country Beverage"

Address: 4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown, CO, 80534

Registration and More Info: click [here](#)



### **December 12<sup>th</sup> – Member Meeting**

Topic: Technical Tour and Social

Meeting Format: In Person

Time: 3 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: "New Belgium Brewing Company:"

Address: 500 Linden St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, Fort Collins, CO, 80524



Registration and More Info: click [here](#)

### **January 9<sup>th</sup> – Member Meeting**

Speaker: Natalie Rolle, Occupational Therapist

Topic: Sleep Health, Shiftwork and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia

Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: "High Country Beverage"

Address: 4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown, CO, 80534

Registration and More Info: click [here](#)







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# Square Up for Your Chance to Win!

Purchase a square for just \$25, and you could win a \$1,000 gift card of your choice!

Choose from the following options and join our 100 Squares fundraiser today—every square brings you closer to the grand prize!

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- Apple
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- Best Buy
- Costco
- Doordash
- Fandango
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- Home Depot
- Hyatt Hotels
- Jax's Sports
- Kings Soopers Groceries
- Lowes
- Lyft
- Marriott Hotels
- REI
- Safeway Groceries
- Sams Club
- Scheels
- Sierra Trading Post
- Southwest Airlines
- Tractor Supply Co.
- United Airlines
- Walmart
- Whole Foods
- Uber
- Uber Eats

Entry Details - \$25 per entry until we sell out at 100 entries. No limit on the number of entries you can purchase. This activity is supporting local charities - Larimer County Food Bank and Friday Food Bag Foundation\*

\*disclaimer- If you prefer a different store for your \$1,000 gift card, please email us and we'll do our best to accommodate your request. Note that the gift card must be valued at \$1,000 with no multiple gift cards allowed.\*

Buy your "square" today: [click here](#)

## SAFETY MATTERS

# TRENCH & EXCAVATION: COMPETENT PERSON TRAINING

Please join Contractor Academy, United Rentals, Construction Education Foundation and Iron Woman for a "Trench & Excavation: Competent Person" training.

According to OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Subpart P, every excavation must have a designated Competent Person to manage the safety aspects of the site. To properly carry out Competent Person responsibilities, this individual must have training in, and be knowledgeable about, soil analysis, the use of protective systems and the requirements of the standard. Additional responsibilities include identifying existing and predictable hazards in the work environment and possessing the authority to take prompt corrective action.

Training topics include:

- Introduction to Trench Safety
- The OSHA Excavation Standard
- Competent Person Responsibilities
- Shoring, Shoring, Shielding Guidelines
- Protective Systems Operations
- Soil Analysis
- Job Planning

This class will be offered three times; Spanish translation services available.

### WHEN:

Sept. 6  
Oct. 4  
Nov. 8  
8 am – 12 pm

### WHERE:

United Rentals  
791 E. 64th Ave.  
Denver, CO 80229

### WHO:

Any employees  
involved in  
trenching work/  
underground  
projects

### COURSE FEE:

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## Become a Sponsor

Interested in becoming a sponsor? The RMC is always looking for reputable organizations to sponsor meetings. There are four sponsorship levels with corresponding benefits.

Recently we updated what our Sponsorship Benefits look like. Sponsors can now show their brand and host one of our Member Meetings.

**For More Info:** [click here](#)



- \$400



- \$800



- \$1,200



- \$1,600

## Question and Answer Session with OSHA – October 24

Join us for an insightful Q&A session with OSHA!

This FREE event is open to everyone—members and non-members alike. Want to know what a program inspection entails? Learn directly from OSHA experts about the key areas inspectors focus on when it comes to powered industrial vehicles (POV's). It's a great opportunity to update your knowledge about POVs, programmed inspections and ask the experts your burning questions!

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



**COLORADO CHAPTER**  
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### **Webinar on the Selection and Practical Use of Head Protection in the Construction Industry – October 31**

Presented by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) National Occupational and hosted by the CPWR, this webinar will explore the practical application of concepts discussed in the first webinar on the use of head protection to prevent traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) and selecting appropriate headgear, transitioning from hard hats to helmets, limitations to the current standards, research needs, and factors to consider from the employees' perspective when making decisions about head protection on the job.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



### **27th Annual Flood and Peterson Symposium – November 1**

Since 1998, the Annual Flood and Peterson Symposium has been a premier event across the Rocky Mountain Region. The Annual Symposium is a crucial resource, ensuring leadership remains informed on risk control, health care legislation, cybersecurity, human resources, and safety among a variety of other relevant topics. This event offers the opportunity to attend breakout sessions, earn safety member credits, and network with your peers, insurance carriers, and other valuable industry exhibitors.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



### **2025 ASSP Region II PDC**

Registration is Now Open for the 2025 ASSP Region II PDC on March 4-5, 2025, at The Palace Station Hotel & Casino located at 2411 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)





## SOCIAL MEDIA



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Rocky Mountain Chapter

<https://rockymountain.assp.org/>

**Welcome!**

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### ASSP Unveils New Membership Model and Management System

On Sep 19, 2024 ASSP's membership model has been restructured to add key benefits while a new association management system is simplifying member engagements.

ASSP members can now join common interest group and practice specialty communities at no additional cost. As ASSP expands the value of membership, a modest dues increase will be phased in over the next three years.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



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### EPA Lithium Battery Task Force

Do you have questions about lithium-ion battery fires and what EPA is doing about them? EPA has a national task force compiling lessons learned from previous responses and information from other partners working on this issue.

For questions in EPA Region 8, our contacts are [Eric Sandusky](#) and [Joe Payne](#).

**For More Info:** click [here](#)





## **Overturning Chevron: An OSH Professional Perspective**

Many ASSP members have asked about the anticipated impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on Chevron. A recent article in Professional Safety journal shares an EHS practitioner's perspective.

On June 28, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision to overturn the 1984 landmark case of Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council. The Chevron decision required judges to give deference to federal agencies to interpret ambiguous federal laws including the OSH Act of 1970.

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



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## **Department of Labor Completes Restructuring of OSHA Regional Offices**

On October 1, OSHA completed changes to restructure its regional operations; among the changes includes:

- Creation of a new region based in Birmingham to serve Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle,
- Combined operations that had been designated as Regions 9 and 10 to create a new San Francisco Region,
- OSHA will now also use geographic designations to identify and rename its regions rather than numerals (Region 8 will be known as the "Denver Region").

**For More Info:** click [here](#)



## MEMBERSHIP

### Rocky Mountain Chapter Membership

*No New Updates this Month*



#### Member Accomplishments

**We love to celebrate our Members!**

Have you, your company, or someone you know been recently recognized (award, publication, certification, or degree)?

[Let us know](#) so we can spotlight you or your company in an upcoming newsletter!

#### Get a New Member!

For every member you recruit to our "Rocky Mountain Chapter" you receive a \$10 gift card, so [let us know](#).

Get two (2) or more members for bigger rewards. **For More info:** click [here](#)

#### MEMBER *get a* MEMBER



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



#### Job Openings

*No new postings this; please check back.*



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