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## PRESIDENTS/CHAPTER MESSAGE

Greetings, Rocky Mountain Chapter Members!

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the holidays with friends and family!

As we wrap up our 7th year running as a Platinum Chapter, I want to thank our Leadership Team for their commitment and camaraderie. Planning Member Events takes time, and it's a pleasure to work with a team that keeps things fun as we get things done!

I am pleased to announce that we have a fully-staffed team!

Congratulations and Welcome to Steve Monson, our new Vice President/President- Elect! Steve has been a tremendous help over the past couple of years, stepping in to help with member meetings and fundraising events. I am looking forward to working closely with him over the next 6 months to prepare him to take the lead next Chapter year!

Welcome also to Joe Martinez, our new Governmental Affairs Chair. Joe has extensive experience working with OSHA and has already taken the lead by generating ideas on how we can leverage our OSHA Alliance this coming calendar year.

Finally, I am so happy to announce that we have a new Faculty Advisor for our CSU Student Section! Ruoliang (Rio) Tang is Assistant Professor of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, and will work with our Chapter to grow our student engagement. Welcome, Rio!

As always, please reach out to myself or anyone on our Leadership Team if you would like to share ideas about how we can enhance YOUR member experience.

Stay Safe and Well,  
Dona Leonard OT MS CEASII / President  
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## CHAPTER EVENTS

### Congratulations New ASSP Vice President! – Get to Know Steve Monson



My name is Steve Monson, and while I am somewhat new to the Rocky Mountain chapter, I am not new to transportation/workplace safety. I have dedicated my career to finding ways to improve safety within the transportation/workplace. Since I have been with the Rocky Mountain chapter, I have been very impressed with the chapter's dedication to all types of safety and if I am elected as Vice President I will use my knowledge and experience to continue the chapter's excellence in promoting safety. My background is over 20 years as the CDL program manager for the State of Colorado and the last six years as a Third-Party consortium agent for drug and alcohol testing. Currently, I feel that transportation safety is kind of the unheard part of workplace safety. With my experience, I feel that I can bring these issues to the forefront. Working with the current leadership team and with my experience and contacts I will use the next two years to continue to increase membership, as well as explore new internal and external fundraising events and educational sessions. I also believe that partnerships are a very effective way to increase our voice, so I will also promote finding ways to search for partners within our industries that we can work with.

### January 9th<sup>th</sup> – Member Meeting / Region 2 Super Meeting

Speaker: Natalie Rolle, Occupational Therapist

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

Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: "High Country Beverage"

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



Join us and Natalie Rolle, MOT, OTR/L, Occupational Therapist and Expert in Chronic Insomnia Treatments for a presentation on "Sleep Health, Shiftwork and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Industry".

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

## November 14<sup>th</sup> – Larimer County Emergency Management Free Handouts

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a presentation on “What Should an Employer Do When a Natural Disaster Emergency Occurs? From Val Turner, LETA 911 Chief of Staff Office of Emergency Management, Larimer County and Robert Carmosino, Battalion Chief and Loveland Emergency Manager



*Val Turner*



*Robert Carmosino*

This presentation described the role of communications and emergency response for Larimer County Emergency Management for a Winter Storm and Tornado which included interactive group exercises that were both fun and instructive.



We have many handouts which they left to help in preparing an emergency plan at home or work.

Please use the [Contact Us](#) page if you would like to obtain some of these materials.

## December 12<sup>th</sup> – Fun at the New Belgium Technical Tour

On December 12<sup>th</sup> we had fun toasting at New Belgium, in Fort Collins, CO!

This was a social event where we were able to tour the plant, vote for a new Vice President, and held our 100 Squares drawing for a \$1000 gift card to a lucky winner with the remaining proceeds being donated towards [Community Outreach](#) program.



*New Belgium Brewery Tour and Member Participation*




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# DECEMBER 2024 TECHNICAL TOUR & SOCIAL

Join us Next Time!





*ASSP Rocky Mountain Chapter*



December 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday Food Bag Foundation



## Make A Real Change In Someone's Life

We had another great year at the Friday Food Bag Foundation with their biggest event-filling bags. The Friday Food Bag Foundation will deliver these bags of single serve, nutritious, non-perishable food each week to schools in Larimer County School District for to children who may not eat well – or at all – on the weekends.

Our mission is to partner with the community and to financially contribute donations towards our chapter [Community Outreach](#) program.



## SAFETY MATTERS

### 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

### 2025 ASSP Region II PDC

Join us for the 2025 ASSP Region II Professional Development Conference 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](#)



### Working Safely in Cold Weather

As temperatures drop, make sure workers have proper protection from [cold stress](#) and other [winter weather hazards](#).

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



### Winter Driving – Travel Alerts & News

Receive traffic and travel alerts via email or text for my saved routes and areas in Colorado. Special trucker alerts are available for width restrictions, chain law enforcement, and other CMV information across the state.

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

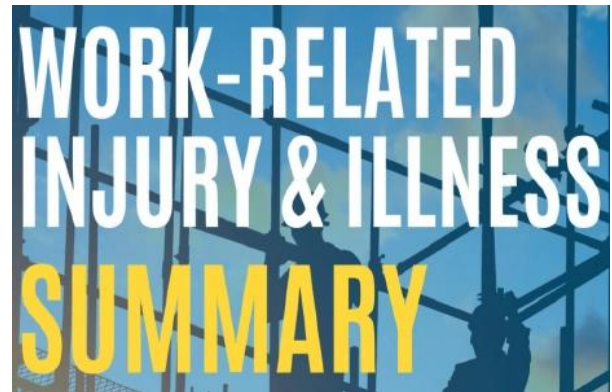


### Public Access to Safety Information

OSHA updated its publicly-available 2023 Injury Tracking Application (ITA) Data. The updated Case Detail Data and Summary Data sets reflect additional reports submitted to OSHA and include additional fields describing the details and circumstances of workplace injuries and illnesses reported.

To learn about the resources available, watch this 2-minute [informational video](#)

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



### National Incident Management System – Turns 20 years old

For the past 20 years, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) has served as the nation's standard for managing all-hazards incidents to all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector on how to work together most effectively to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents.

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



**FEMA**

### December is Leading Month for U.S. Home Fires

Christmas trees, holiday decorations, and festive meals – hallmarks of the holiday season – present potential fire hazards that collectively contribute to an increase in U.S. home fires each December. According to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), Christmas Day/Eve were the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires, respectively, in 2022.

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





## SOCIAL MEDIA



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### Welcome!

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## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### Heat Comment Period Extended

OSHA has [extended the public comment period](#) for the proposed rule to protect workers from heat until January 14. An informal public hearing on the rule will begin June 16, 2025.

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



### PPE Final Rule

OSHA issued a final rule updating its personal protective equipment (PPE) standard for construction (29 CFR 1926.95(c)), to explicitly require that PPE fit properly.

This revision aligns the language in the PPE standard for construction with the corresponding language for general industry and shipyards, and it affirms OSHA's interpretation for construction to require properly fitting PPE.

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



### Biden-Harris administration announces over \$140M for water infrastructure in EPA Region 8 states

On October 23, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced over \$140 million in new funding for the Region 8 states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming under the Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to upgrade water infrastructure and keep communities safe.

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



## EPA Updated List of Lists

Major changes have been made to the October 2024 version of the List of Lists. The list now includes the addition of the Clean Water Act Hazardous Substances.

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



## New Colorado Hands-Free Law

The facts about the new cellphone ban while driving will include a new law going into effect on January 1, 2025.

In a move to enhance road safety and reduce distracted driving crashes, the law prohibits drivers from using a mobile electronic device while driving, though hands-free accessories are permitted.

The new law expands the ban on using cellphones beyond just texting. Adult drivers must use a hands-free device to make phone calls or use GPS. It now includes holding or manually using a phone or other mobile device for voice calls or any other reason, requiring all drivers to use a hands-free device.

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



## MEMBERSHIP

### Rocky Mountain Chapter Membership

*We are at 409 members and growing!*

#### Welcome New Members!

Johnny Taylor II, Casper, WY  
Calvin Allen, Kersey, CO  
Arrash Yazdani, Boulder, CO  
Elvis Adjei, Fort Collins, CO

#### Membership Anniversaries

**5-years**

*Jeremiah Demuth, Littleton, CO*



#### 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

[EHS Summer Internship](#)

**Working together for a safer, stronger future**



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