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PRESIDENTS/CHAPTER MESSAGE

A Message from our President

Throughout my safety career, I have been involved with numerous safety organizations and committees. Whenever possible, I always tried to attend any safety meetings, especially when there was a guest speaker. However, I never gave it much thought on how much work can go into securing and scheduling a speaker.

Recently, I was part of the Rocky Mountain Chapters program meeting where we discussed upcoming speakers and events. I was amazed at how much thought and discussion went into the process and this was just for 3 months of meetings.

My point is I would like to reach out to all the membership to take advantage of what the chapter offers at our membership meetings/technical tours. Even if the speaker or tour does not fit into your area of expertise, showing support for the chapter goes along way.

Our chapter has almost 400 members but on average we only have 20-25 members attend a membership meeting. This can be embarrassing, especially when a guest speaker puts a lot into their presentation or attendance.

I understand everyone is busy, but please consider attending as many membership meetings as you can throughout this year to show support for the chapter. We always offer in-person attendance (preferred) but we also offer virtual attendance as well. My goal is to increase our participation and have guest speakers wanting to come speak at a Rocky Mountain meeting instead of the chapter having to go out and look for speakers.

In closing, I would also like to ask if anyone has any suggestions for speakers or different things the chapter can do to increase attendance at our membership meetings, please feel free to reach out to myself or any one at leadership.

Steve Monson / President



Steve Monson
ASSP RMC President

CHAPTER NEWS/EVENTS

Rocky Mountain Chapter SPY Award – Joe Martinez

The Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award is a long-established annual award, intended to recognize a deserving Rocky Mountain Chapter member for outstanding leadership and service in the Safety Profession.



Congratulations to Joe Martinez, CHST for being named the ASSP RMC 2024-25 Safety Professional of the Year!



*Joe Martinez, CHST
ASSP RMC 2024-25
Safety Professional of the Year*

Rocky Mountain Chapter – New Vice President

On August 20, 2025 the RMC held a Special Election and unanimously nominated our 2025-26 Chapter Vice President.

Congratulations to Albert Rodriguez for being elected as our Chapter's Vice President!

We look forward to continued growth and success under Albert's leadership!



*Albert Rodriguez
ASSP RMC Vice President
2025-26*

July 22nd – 24th Safety 2025 Conference + Expo



Thanks to everyone who joined us for the annual ASSP 2025 Conference + Expo in Orlando, FL; we enjoyed seeing many of you and other ASSP members at the Society Booth in the Expo Hall, during the Chapter Photo Shoot, and at our social events!

We will see you at ASSP 2026, June 15-17 in Anaheim, CA. **For More Info:** click [here](#)

September 11th – Member Meeting

Topic

“Head Protection Solutions”

Speaker: Marc Malezija, Principal The OES Group

Details

Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Venue: "High Country Beverage"

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

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



Marc Malezija, Principal



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October 9th – Member Meeting

Topic

“Emotional Resilience”

Speaker: Michelle, Zellner, Founder/Owner, Better Beings

Details

Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Venue: "High Country Beverage"

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

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November 13th – Member Meeting

Topic

“NARCAN – Opioid overdosing” (tentative)

Speakers: *David Shapiro, Heather*

Details

Meeting Format: Hybrid

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Venue: "High Country Beverage"

Address: 4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd,
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December 5th – Member Appreciation Event

Topic

OSHA Updates To be Announced

Speaker: *To be announced*

Details

Meeting Format: In-Person

Time: 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Venue "High Country Beverage"

Address: 4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd,
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MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT

SAVE THE DATE



December 5, 2025

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Venue: High Country Beverage

4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown,
Colorado, 80534, United States



High Country
BEVERAGE
A Colorado Company

December 16th – Community Outreach



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Join us for our upcoming volunteer event
supporting the Friday Food Bag Foundation!
Friends and family are welcome.

REGISTER TODAY



December 16, 2025



5:30pm - 7:00pm



Friday Food Bag Foundation

2003 South Greeley Highway, Suite A,
Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82007, United States

VOLUNTEER



For More Info: click [here](#)

SAFETY MATTERS

2025 NSC Safety Congress & Expo – September 12 - 18

This September, the world's largest annual safety event offering safety, health, and environment professionals the opportunity to network, learn and explore the latest safety solutions is coming to Denver at the Colorado Convention Center.

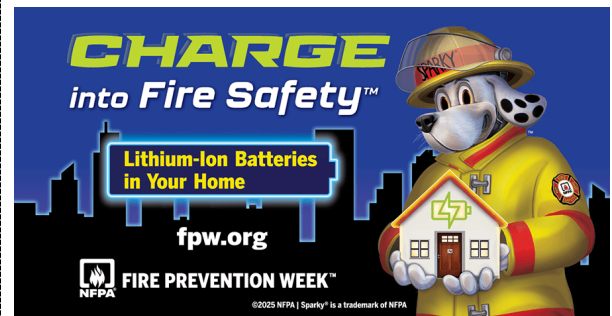
For More Info: click [here](#)



Fire Prevention Week – October 5 - 11

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

For More Info: click [here](#)



2026 ASSP Region II PDC

Join us for the 2026 ASSP Region II Professional Development Conference on March 10-11, 2026, at The Palace Station Hotel & Casino located at 2411 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

For More Info: click [here](#)



CSU study investigates wildfire smoke impact on reproductive health

A group of CSU researchers aims to find out how fire smoke affects the fertility of the firefighters on the front lines of wildfires.

For More Info: click [here](#)



Using Positive Reinforcement to Help Improve Your Team's Safety Performance (Podcast)

Adam Kahn, Chief Business Officer at Netradyne, shares how positive engagement and recognition can help motivate fleet drivers to practice safe driving techniques. He discusses methods for coaching your team on how to operate safely, as well as using rewards to recognize safe behaviors.

To Listen to the Podcast: click [here](#)



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Electric Vehicles – Potential Risk With Firefighting Tactic Involving Fire Blankets

On May 30, 2025 the Fire Protection Research Foundation (FPRF), the research affiliate of NFPA, and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of UL Research Institutes, issued a notice about a potential explosion hazard when fire blankets are used during electric vehicle fire suppression efforts with battery involvement.

For More Info: click [here](#)



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Welcome!

To learn more about what we are doing, please visit our Website, Join Us on Social Media, or [Contact Us](#) to see how you can get involved.

Members in Action

Check out our New Webpage for Member [Photos](#) and [Podcasts](#)



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Interested in becoming a sponsor?

The RMC is always looking for reputable organizations to sponsor meetings. There are four sponsorship levels with corresponding benefits. **For More Info:** [click here](#)

 BRONZE LEVEL - \$400	One Member Meeting (catering) <u>or</u> One Table at the Member Appreciation Event (portion of catering - 5 Tables available for sponsorship) - Brand placement at Event, Introduction at Event, and One-Month Sponsor Thank-You with Logo on our Sponsorship Page - same Month as event sponsored.
 SILVER SPONSOR - \$800	OSHA 10-hour Certification for students (General Industry or Construction) and Two-Month Sponsor Thank-You with Logo on our Sponsorship Page.
 GOLD LEVEL - \$1,200	Premium Placement at Member Appreciation Event and Three-Month Sponsor Thank-You with Logo on our Sponsorship Page
 Platinum Level - \$1,600	Sponsor of the Year- Sponsor a Region 2 Super Meeting hosted by Rocky Mountain Chapter (Brand visibility throughout the Western US) and Twelve-Month Sponsor Thank-You with Logo on our Sponsorship Page

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

OSHA Reduces Penalties for Small Businesses to Boost Safety and Compliance

ASSP released news that on July 14, 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor updated OSHA's Field Operations Manual to ease penalty and debt collection procedures for small businesses and encourage prompt hazard correction.

For More Info: click [here](#)



ASSP and SAIA Form Alliance to Advance Worker Safety

On July 22, 2025, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and the Scaffold and Access Industry Association (SAIA) signed a memorandum of understanding today to advance worker safety and health nationwide. The three-year agreement was finalized by organizational leaders at the Safety 2025 Professional Development Conference and Exposition at the Orange County Convention Center.

For More Info: click [here](#)



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FMCSA Removes Two Devices from List of Registered Electronic Logging Devices

On July 31, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) removed two devices from the agency's list of registered electronic logging devices, or ELDs. WALKER ELD and SR ELD were placed on the Revoked Devices list due to the companies' failure to meet the minimum requirements.

For More Info: click [here](#)



CDPHE invites community nominations for first-of-its-kind environmental health project

On August 1, 2025, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) announced a new research project: the state's first Environmental Equity and Cumulative Impact Analysis. This research will help the state and local communities better understand how multiple environmental factors – such as pollution, extreme heat, and other stressors – affect people's health and well-being.

For More Info: click [here](#)



EPA Announces Workforce Restructuring and Staff Reductions

On July 18, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a major reduction in force (RIF) as part of its comprehensive restructuring plan, projected to deliver approximately \$748.8 million in savings.

For More Info: click [here](#)



Department of Labor Launches Self-Audit Programs to Support Voluntary Compliance

On July 24, 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor announced a suite of new and updated self-audit programs across six of its agencies. These initiatives aim to help employers, unions, and benefit plan officials proactively assess and strengthen their compliance with federal labor laws, reducing the likelihood of formal investigations or penalties.

For More Info: click [here](#)



Whistleblower Protection Upheld

On August 6, 2025, the US Department of Labor ordered a railroad company to reinstate worker, pay over \$300K in back wages, damages, attorney's fees. A federal whistleblower investigation found that Union Pacific Railroad Co. violated the Federal Railroad Safety Act by terminating a railroad engineer after the employee reported and sought medical care for a work-related injury.

For More Info: click [here](#)



MEMBERSHIP

Rocky Mountain Chapter Membership

We have 384 members!

Welcome New Members!

Kyle DeLucero

Tyler Whitmer

Josh Noble

Membership Anniversaries

5-years

Chris York, COSS, COSM

10-years

Mercil Bradley, CSP

25-years

Michael Dodge, CSP

Chris Clasen, CSP



Member Spotlights

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

[Let us know](#) so we can spotlight someone in an upcoming newsletter!

Get a New Member!

For every member you recruit to our Chapter you receive an award; [Contact Us](#) to receive your gift.

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