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## **PRESIDENTS/CHAPTER MESSAGE**

Hello,

Industry is constantly evolving, and I believe it is critical for safety professionals to understand current trends in the modern workforce to be better prepared for risk and safety management challenges. As we begin a new Chapter year, I want to sincerely thank you for placing your trust in me to lead the Rocky Mountain Chapter forward. I am excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to a year filled with collaboration, professional growth, and engaging learning experiences.

I would also like to extend a tremendous thank you to the leaders who work full time while also volunteering to serve on the board. Their dedication and commitment continue to bring tremendous value to safety professionals throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

In addition, I would like to thank Steve Monson for the time and energy he has devoted to the Chapter, as well as the guidance and support he has provided me over the past year. His Hercules efforts will be difficult to emulate, and I am grateful for his leadership. I look forward to continuing our collaboration moving forward.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their engagement and continued support through attendance at monthly meetings, tours, and social events. I encourage everyone to consider volunteering for a position or simply finding ways to help support the chapter.

We are always seeking speakers, and sponsorship opportunities help strengthen our programs and events.

Here's to a great year ahead.  
Albert Rodriguez / President Elect



## Nominations Now Open Through May 30, 2026!

The Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award is a long-standing annual award recognizing a Rocky Mountain Chapter member for outstanding leadership and service in the Safety Profession.

- ✓ **Nominate a Member**
- ✓ **Nominate Yourself**
- ✓ **Nominate a Peer**

Scan to Learn More



To Learn More or Nominate a Safety Professional: click [here](#)

## CHAPTER NEWS/EVENTS



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Rocky Mountain Chapter

# Event Calendar

Join us for our Leadership calls  
following each Member Meeting.  
Contact the Leadership Team today!

04/2026 - 06/2026

**09**

APR, 2026

### APRIL MEMBER MEETING

1. **Presentation:** Critical Fall Protection Concepts Every Safety Professional Should Know
2. **Chapter Elections!**

• 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM • HYBRID - JOHNSTOWN

**16**

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### VOLUNTEER EVENT

Larimer County Food Bank

• 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM • IN PERSON



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MAY, 2026

### MAY TECHNICAL TOUR

Denver Center for the Performing Arts

• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM • IN PERSON

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### 2026 SPY NOMINATIONS OPEN!

JUNE 2026

JUNE - SAFETY 2026 PDC - ANAHEIM, CA  
(6/15-6/16)



This schedule is updated on a monthly basis.

Stay up-to-date with our events by visiting the  
Rocky Mountain Chapter website!

# Larimer County Food Bank Event

Join us for our next volunteer event supporting the Larimer County Food Bank. Friends and family members are welcome to attend!

Event Format: In Person  
When: May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15 – 11:45 am, 2026

Location: Loveland Food Share  
Address: 2600 North Lincoln, Loveland

For More Info: click [here](#)



# ✨ Social Media Chair Opportunity ✨



**Let Leadership know if you are interested before you leave today...**

Looking to get more involved with our chapter in a fun, creative way?

We're looking for a **Social Media Chair** for the **2026–2027 term (starting July)**!

## **What you'll do:**

- Help share chapter updates, events, and highlights
- Bring creative ideas to boost engagement
- Shape how we connect with our members online

## **Why consider it?**

- Only **a few of hours per month**
- Great for anyone who enjoys **creativity + communication**
- Build your network and make an impact in the chapter

Interested or want to learn more? Let us know!

**Let us know if you wish to Volunteer:** click [here](#)

**May Technical Tour – Behind the Scenes  
Denver Center for Performing Arts  
(DCPA)**

Event Format: In Person

When: May 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, 2026

Location: Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex  
Address: 1050 13th St, Denver, CO 80202,  
USA

Cost: \$10

- Learn about the creation of the Arts Complex and the resident companies housed here
- Discover the origins of various public art pieces throughout the complex
- Get an in-depth look at the Arts Complex venues, including the newly renovated Bonfils Theatre Complex.
- Take a peek at Actor's Alley, filled with Broadway show posters signed by touring cast members
- Visit the production shops of the Denver Center Theatre Company, where you will get an insider's look at everything from set model miniatures and costumes-in-progress to up-close set pieces and props galore

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

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS



**DENVER CENTER** FOR  
THE  
**PERFORMING ARTS**



## 100 Squares FUNdraiser

When: October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Join us for our 100 Squares Fundraiser to support our charities- Larimer County Food Bank and Friday Food Bag Foundation! Enter for your chance to win a \$500 Amazon gift card. Entries are \$10 per ticket with no minimum or maximum purchase. Tickets will be on sale until we sell 100 "squares".

Winner will be selected at our October 29th Member Appreciation Event. You do not need to be present to win.

Once the 100 squares are sold, you will randomly be assigned a number(s). Your number will be shared with you via email as the event nears.

To purchase ticket(s): click [here](#)



**100 SQUARES FUNDRAISER**

Support the Larimer County Food Bank & Friday Food Bag Foundation.

Buy a square for \$10 for a chance to win a \$500 gift card of your choice!

Sales end once all 100 squares are sold.

The winner will be selected during the Member Appreciation Event on October 29, 2026.

You do not need to be present to win.

Enter to win

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The graphic features three overlapping 100-square grids in blue, green, and red. A QR code is overlaid on the green grid with the text "Enter to win". The background is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers.

## SAFETY MATTERS

### ASSP Rocky Mountain Chapter Bylaws Revised

The Chapter recently revised its bylaws, and we need our members to review the updates.

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



### Podcast: Preparing for Safety Conversations with the Help of AI Tools

Todd Hudson, president of Maverick Safety Training, shares how AI can help EHS professionals roleplay different conversations and improve their communication skills with those in their organization.

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



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Safety Podcasts

### Publications: Professional Safety, May 2025

Check out one of the articles from our latest issue:

#### [Crane Operator Certification: A Model Renewal Program](#)

By Sharon Lipinski and Roberta Sheng-Taylor

#### [Can Laws Alone Protect Workers? The Synergy of Law & Culture in Safety](#)

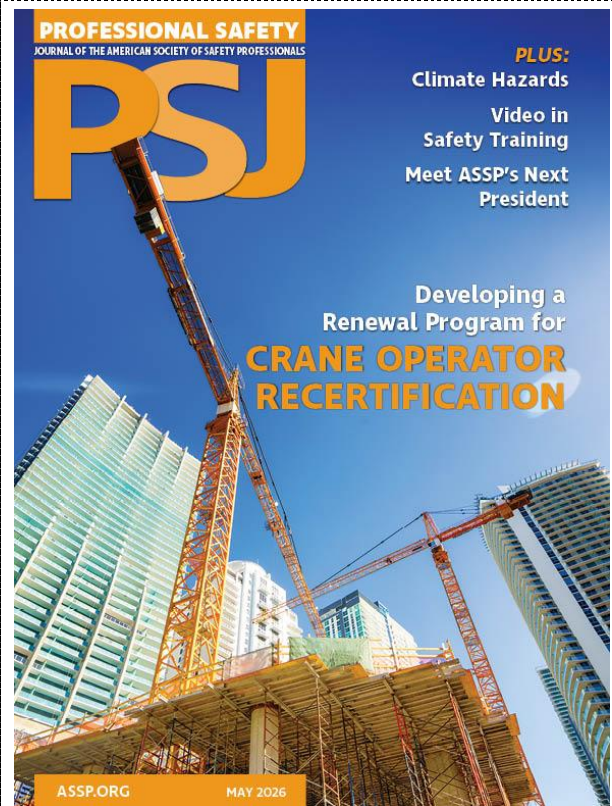
By Andrew Mustain

#### [The Power of Visual Learning: Harnessing Video to Improve Training & Compliance](#)

By Matthew Pierce

#### [Climate Hazard Escalation & Acceptable Risk](#)

By Scott Gunderson



**Education: Train your Team through ASSP**

Did you know that ASSP has group and on-site professional development?

Save 10% for groups of 5-9 and up to 20% for groups of 10 or more for any currently scheduled [safety education courses](#) or [conference](#) ASSP hosts throughout the year and with On-Site Education and Training (10+ Employees).

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



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**Trench Safety & Damage Prevention Stand Down & Expo**

Presented by NUCA of Colorado in collaboration with OSHA

**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** The Ranch – Pedersen Toyota Center, Loveland, CO

**To Register or More Info:** click [here](#)



**ASSP Safety 2026**

Annual Safety Conference Registration is now open!

Safety 2026 will be held June 15-17, 2026. The professional development conference and exposition will be presented at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, CA.

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



*Helpful Links*

Informational Video: click [here](#)

Hotel Accommodations: click [here](#)

Visiting Anaheim: click [here](#)

Flying/Getting to Anaheim: click [here](#)

## SOCIAL MEDIA & SPONSORSHIP



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Rocky Mountain Chapter



### 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 Webpage for Member [Photos](#)



[Join Us](#) on LinkedIn.



[Join Us](#) on Facebook

### Interested in becoming a sponsor?

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



**Option 1 Platinum Sponsor**



**Option 2 Gold Sponsor**



**Option 3 Silver Sponsor**



**Option 4 Bronze Sponsor**

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### **ASSP: What OSHA's Updated Heat Emphasis Program Means for Employers**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, ASSP summarized

OSHA's recent updates of its [National Emphasis Program \(NEP\) on outdoor and indoor heat-related hazards](#), reinforcing that heat illness prevention remains a top enforcement priority.

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



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**OSHA:** The US Department of Labor [highlighted](#) safe construction practices during the 2026 Construction Safety Week

Did you access and download some of the tools and resources? Check out one of the three targeted technical bulletins.

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



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### **EPA: EPA Announces Over \$1.5 Million to Protect Waterways from Sewage Overflows in Colorado**

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of approximately \$80 million through the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant program to help communities address stormwater and sewer infrastructure needs across the country, including \$1.5 million for Colorado.

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



# MEMBERSHIP

## Rocky Mountain Chapter Membership

*We have 333 members!*

### Welcome New Members!

George Gaede, ASP, Fort Collins, CO

### Membership Anniversaries

#### 20-years:

Virgil Palencia, Golden, CO



### Member Spotlights

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

[Contact Us](#) 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.

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

**MEMBER get a MEMBER**

- INVITE**  
Invite fellow OHS professionals to join the ASSP Rocky Mountain Chapter.
- SHARE**  
Share how your ASSP membership has benefited you. Don't forget to mention the educational meetings, networking opportunities and friendships made!
- REWARD**  
The more members you recruit, the more rewards you earn including gift cards, free webinars, and a chance at winning a free trip to Safety 2022!

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



### Job Openings

*No new openings; please check back later.*

ASSP Career Center, Find-a-Job [click here](#)

### No Chapter Activities for June-August

This Newsletter and Meetings will be starting again in  
September  
~ See you this Fall! ~

Working together for a safer, stronger future



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