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Our mission is to offer an opportunity for safety professionals to meet other professionals and to share their experiences and knowledge with one another in an effort to strengthen the reputation of safety throughout the area.



Front Page News –

Message from the SOCO Chapter President

I cannot believe it is October already. This year has flown by fast (at least for me): the kids are back in school and the weather is getting cooler...a wonderful time to be in beautiful Colorado. As I think back on everything that has happened this year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect upon some of the community service, outreach, and other activities the [Southern Colorado ASSE Chapter](#) has accomplished during 2014.

2014 SOCO ASSE Golf Tournament

June 13th was the date of the 5th annual SOCO “Safety-Tee-Off” Golf Tournament, held at the prestigious [Broadmoor Mountain Course](#) in Colorado Springs. This event provides members and community partners a chance to network and support the SOCO scholarship fund (SOCO ASSE offers a \$500 scholarship to students seeking a degree in environmental safety & health). This year was the first year we filled the tournament (72 players). Thanks to the Golf Committee for making this event a success.



Photo: Chapter Treasurer – Bill Tuten showing off the awards

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Regulatory News – Updated to OSHA’s Recordkeeping Rule

On September 11, 2014, OSHA announced changes to the list of industries that are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep OSHA injury and illness records, and to the list of severe work-related injuries and illnesses that all covered employers must report to OSHA. These new requirements will go into effect on January 1, 2015 for workplaces under Federal OSHA jurisdiction.

<https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/index.html>

Table 2: Industries That Include Establishments Newly Required to Keep Records

NAICS Code	Title of NAICS Code
3118	Bakeries and tortilla manufacturing
4411	Automobile dealers
4413	Automotive parts, accessories, and tire stores
4441	Building material and supplies dealers
4452	Specialty food stores
4453	Beer, wine, and liquor stores
4539	Other miscellaneous store retailers
4543	Direct selling establishments
5311	Lessors of real estate
5313	Activities related to real estate
5322	Consumer goods rental
5324	Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment rental and leasing
5419	Other professional, scientific, and technical services
5612	Facilities support services
5617	Services to buildings and dwellings
5619	Other support services
6219	Other ambulatory health care services
6241	Individual and family services
6242	Community food and housing and emergency and other relief services



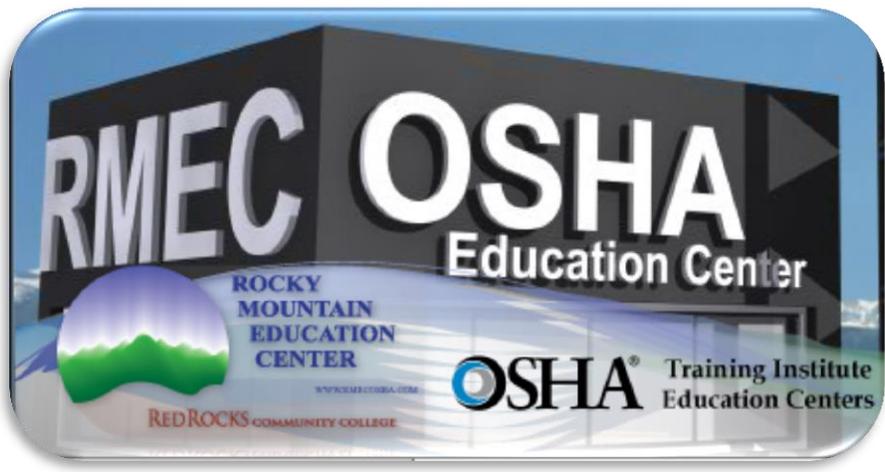
Special Announcement – Member Discount

Receive 20% off Your Next Safety Class

Exciting news for those aspiring safety professionals or those who seek further education! SOCO ASSE Chapter now has an agreement with the Rocky Mountain Education Center (RMEC), OSHA Training Institute (OTI) <http://www.rmecosha.com/>.

The 20% discount would be valid for all Colorado ASSE members. To receive the discount the students should not use the online payment. Instead, request an invoice and indicate in the comment field they are with Colorado ASSE to receive the 20% off classes.

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2014 Southern Colorado Construction Career Days

September 18th, over 500 students from all over southern Colorado took part in the [Southern Colorado Construction Career Days](#) event hosted by **TAB Construction** in Colorado Springs. This event introduces high school kids to the construction industry and building trades. Various trades, associations, and government entities spent time with these kids to teach them the benefits and challenges of working in the construction industry. Chapter Secretary – John Crawmer helped with the **Independent Electrical Contractors** booth: where students learned basic electrical systems and had fun wiring an electrical circuit to light a light bulb. Chapter President – Troy Bridges discussed the importance of safety within the construction industry and demonstrated hazard recognition and the use of personal protective equipment. This is the 4th year the SOCO ASSE Chapter has participated in this event.

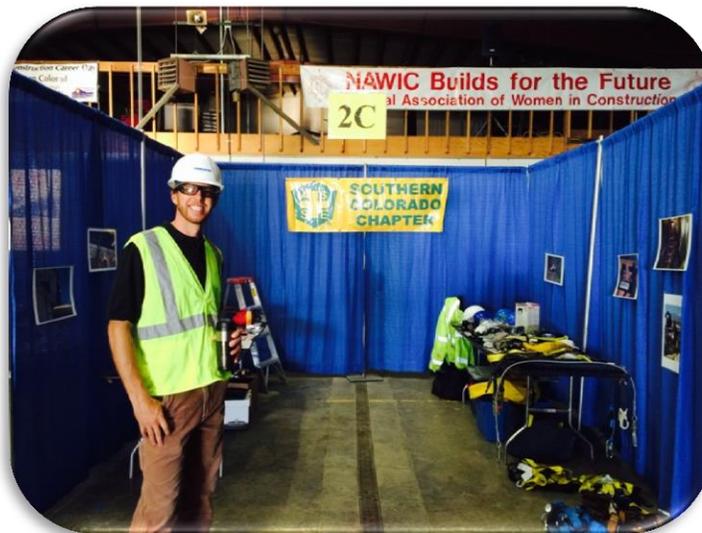


Photo: Chapter Secretary – John Crawmer at the AGC Construction Career Days



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2014 Regional Operating Committee (ROC)/Professional Development Conference (PDC)

May 1st -3rd was the Region II ROC/PDC held in Golden, CO. Attendance was good at the first-ever regional conference (this was the first year Region II held a PDC), drawing ASSE members from across the region (CO, WY, NM, AZ, UT, ID, MT, NV). This three day event included a full-day professional conference and regional officers meeting; hosted by the Colorado Chapter, Southern Colorado Chapter and the Rocky Mountain Chapter. The PDC covered topics on active shooters and emergency response, updates in fall protection and ladder equipment, OSHA proposed silica standard updates and process safety management.



Photo: OSHA Compliance Assistance Officer – Megan Meagher discussing the proposed silica standard

It is through events like these that the American Society of Safety Engineers continues to promote environmental health and safety in the workplace and the community; while building and developing the next generation of professionals. According to the [ASSE Mission Statement](#): ASSE is a global association of safety, health and environmental professionals dedicated to the advancement of its members and the profession through education and advocacy. SOCO ASSE has been working to create opportunities to give back to the community and extend professional help to those who need assistance for years. It is because of the dedication of the chapter officers and membership that area schools have received assistance with their safety efforts, students have learned the importance of safety in the workplace, college students have received assistance with tuition, and communities have increased safety awareness. All of these efforts are not the work of just a few people, but the collaborative effort of a group of professionals working to make the world a safer place.



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I encourage you all to look for opportunities to become more involved in your chapter, profession and community. The SOCO ASSE Chapter offers a multitude of options for involvement including; student mentoring, golf committee, scholarship review committee, membership/recruitment, social media & website, community outreach, construction career days, and officer/leadership positions. If you have a passion and a desire to become involved, please let a chapter officer know. There are always opportunities to become more involved (if we have to create a position we have that ability).

Being a part of this global community, of like-minded individuals, has given me the opportunity to expand and develop my professional and personal skills, learn key leadership strategies, help build safety into my local community (Denver-Colorado Springs and beyond), and mentor others. I hope to continue serving my chapter and the society for years to come. I truly believe that you get as much or more out of your ASSE membership as you put into it. ASSE membership has been invaluable to my career and I have met many amazing people through the various networking and leadership events. I am happy to be a part of this association and would welcome the opportunity to share my experiences with others. If you ever have a question or concern, or wish to learn more about ASSE, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and be safe.

Sincerely,

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Chapter Information

Next SOCO ASSE Chapter Meeting

El Paso County Citizen’s Service Center

[1675 W. Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, CO 80907](#)

Enter through the **Pikes Peak Workforce Center** lobby (look for their logo)
Room 1120

Date: November 21st, 2014

Start Time: 1:30 pm

End Time: 3:30 pm

Price: \$0.00, Free parking garage



Chapter Officers

President
• Troy Bridges

Vice President
• Gary Barsness, CSP

Treasurer
• Bill Tuten

Secretary
• John Crawmer, CHST

Membership
• Mike Hawkins, CSP

The Southern Colorado Chapter Meets every other month in Colorado Springs and when possible meetings are held at a local business. Usually, Chapter Meetings are held at the *El Paso County Citizens’ Center* and a technical topic presentation is given. Or, we share industry best practices, network with professionals to develop contacts and build business relationships – it’s fun!

The Southern Colorado Chapter (SOCO) of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) was formed on June 5, 1962 and is one of the older chapters in the ASSE. We are proud of our heritage and legacy as we have had two **ASSE Fellow’s** (George Huber, D.A. Weaver) that have come from our chapter and the National ASSE president in 2002-2003 year, Mark Hansen, was a member and past president of the Southern Colorado Chapter. The Southern Colorado Chapter is located in Region II of the ASSE society structure.

Changing Your Contact Information: If you have a change of address, e-mail, or telephone number and you want your ASSE friends to find you, please call the Society office of ASSE at 847-699-2929 or e-mail them at customerservice@asse.org .

Get Involved with ASSE SOCO!

- Do you have a business for our members to tour?
- What can we learn from your safety best practices?
- Everyone is invited to share their stories of safety success. Please contact the ASSE SOCO officers to schedule your onsite facility tour, or present your story at the next chapter meeting.

Call now: 719-243-5611