



Southern Colorado Chapter of The American Society of Safety Engineers

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2018 Spring Chapter Newsletter

Chapter Activity Highlights - Because it's been a while since we did a recap!

2017, January – OSHA Update (**Special Thanks, John Olaechea**, Compliance Assistance Specialist)

2017, March – NFPA 70E electrical safety presentation at Colorado Springs Utilities (Special thanks, **John Crawmer**, Pinnacol Assurance)

2017, May – Industrial ergonomics presentation (Special Thanks, **Kevin Simonton**, Pinnacol Assurance)

2017, July – Understanding the effects of fatigue, nutrition, and wellness in the workplace (*Sleep/Wellness/Safety: Connecting the ZZZ's* – Special Thanks, **Ellen Sarvay**, Pinnacol Assurance)

2017, September – Tech Tour at *Bestway Disposal* Material Recycling Facility (Special Thanks, **Alicia Archibald**)

2017, November Chapter round table discussion of best practices (this went well because different members had unique perspectives to contribute)

2018, January – Pueblo Chemical Depot Training Facility (Special Thanks, **Thomas E. Fritch**)

2018, March – City of Colorado Springs Streets Division (Special Thanks, **Troy Otsuka**)

Special thanks to **Phil Froelich** for helping out with the [Rocky Mountain Safe Conference](#) planning!

And special thanks to our current officers for their service during the 2017/2018 chapter year

Troy Otsuka, Joel Nobles, Jen Owens

[D.A. Weaver Scholarship Golf Tournament](#) is coming up on July 27, 2018

Well, over the last 15 months we have accomplished some neat things for the Southern Colorado Chapter. Our purpose is to serve chapter membership with opportunities to experience what other businesses are doing to keep employees safe on the job, learn from industry experts, and network to expand your professional partnerships. We appreciate all those members and non-members who are able to attend the meetings which add value to the discussion. That's the great thing about our meetings is that anyone is able to attend. We do provide light refreshments and try to find interesting venues to tour. If you have a facility location that would be fun and insightful to tour – let us know! The Southern Colorado market is starting to pick up and with the anticipated influx of population in El Paso county safety and health is all the more relevant for our communities. The Southern Colorado ASSE Chapter aspires to continue our growth and strategies to serve our population. Whether you work in general industry, construction, healthcare, agriculture, trucking, hospitality, food service, or even mining, we know that there are risks and opportunities to control those workers' risks. Some ways to do this is through technology.

After a recent conversation with a CenturyLink technician to upgrade my home internet to a new fiber optic line, we broached the topic of how small our world has become due to the increased use of technology. Indeed. As I write this letter now I am a passenger riding in a vehicle using a cellular data hotspot connection saving my work to cloud-based data storage. With these new-found cyber connection features that digitally infiltrate our lives, they do provide us nearly instant and constant connection. Perhaps Nikola Tesla's vision has finally become realized. There is anticipation about [driver-less cars](#), [augmented reality](#), and [Neuralink](#). I'm unsure what the right approach for technology is and its effects on humanity locally or globally, but I do know that it has helped the occupational safety and health profession to more accurately control risks for workers and businesses. While we don't have time to get into a lengthy discussion about nanoteslas, hertz, [electromagnetic lines of flux](#), frequencies, or inductive reactance – the point is that humans have found these naturally occurring phenomena of our world and harnessed them to produce tools that benefit us in our daily lives (for some that means watching more cat videos on social media!) but all kidding aside, there are some useful applications that you can download from your favorite app store like [iAuditor](#), [GoCanvas](#), and the new [Adobe Scan](#). Indeed, these are just a few of the basic tools that you can download and start customizing for use at your place of business. These features help to take the paper documentation of your safety and risk management program and put them into a cloud-based platform that will help you access what you need almost instantly from your smartphone device or computer. While technology does provide enhanced availability of services and convenience, there is the newly emerged risk of cyber-security. Perhaps you recently saw all of the news about a major social media giant and the company which scraped data from user's accounts. If your company does use cloud-based applications be sure to work with a professional tech firm that will help you set up cyber-security systems like multifactor authentication systems.

We look forward to seeing you at the next chapter event!

All the best, John Crawmer

Southern Colorado Chapter President



Photo: John Crawmer, Colorado Springs Streets Division operations briefing

When: Tuesday, May 22, Noon-1pm

What: Best Practices for Making the Most out of Safety 2018

Join your fellow Region II members. Agenda discussion items include: What are the key takeaways that you want employees to bring back from Safety 2018? If you could learn one thing at Safety 2018, what would it be? What will you bring back to your company to help prevent injuries and illnesses? And how to make the most of your Safety 2018 experience!

Facilitated by John Crawmer, Southern Colorado Chapter President

Meeting Information:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://pinnacol.zoom.us/j/716922818>

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