



# ASSE News

## Colorado Chapter

### October 2009

## Meeting Notices:

### October Chapter Meeting October 13, 2009

- Board Meeting 10:30-11:30am
- Lunch & Learn 11:30am-1:30pm

**Speaker:** Doug Perryman

**Subject:** Have You Check Your Clearance Yet?

**Garcia's Mexican Restaurant**  
5050 S. Syracuse St.  
Denver, Colorado.

11:00 a.m. Meeting Registration  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 p.m. Guest Presentation

RSVP to: [hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com](mailto:hmerchant@ehsdocuments.com)

## Have You Check Your Clearance Yet?

*Have You Check Your Clearance Yet* is not about Security Issues. Check your clearance is knowing what is going on around you and staying out of trouble. *Have You Checked Your Clearance Yet* emphasizes Doug's Two Laws of Clearance. This presentation will be informative and thought provoking.

Feedback from a participant in this presentation last fall in Canada:

**"I wish I had had this training a few weeks ago, it would have saved my granddaughter's life."**

### Doug Perryman, P.E., CSP

Manager, Health Safety Environmental Protection  
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Doug has over 37 years of safety, multiple construction activities (US and Canada), forensic engineering (fire cause/origin, arson, w/comp fraud, product liability and expert witness experience. Author, "Case Management, Searching for the Truth"; speaker, safety/training development and implementation.

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## Message from the Chapter President:

September 29, 2009

Dear Colorado Chapter Members,

Hello there! In this month's president's message I wanted to take a few minutes and acknowledge our Northern Colorado chapter. They have been doing a great job for our chapter members that live in Fort Collins, Wyoming, Greeley, Longmont and surrounding areas. They do quarterly meetings at various restaurants around the area and have recently completed topics on Business Continuity and Workplace Violence. They are looking for new ideas and different speakers, so contact Clyde Serna, NOCO President at [clyde.serna@pinnacol.com](mailto:clyde.serna@pinnacol.com) with your suggestions.

See you on October 13<sup>th</sup>!

Holli Merchant

ASSE Colorado Chapter President

## Upcoming Education & Professional Development:

# SEMINARFEST

**February 14-20, 2010**  
**Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel**

[SeminarFest](#) is an excellent opportunity to earn up to 5.0 CEUs/COCs in one week. With over 50 seminars ranging from one to three days in length, [SeminarFest](#) offers essential technical, management, and skill development topics for the Safety, Health, and Environmental professional. Whether you join us for one day or the full week, this event will satisfy your continuing education needs in safety and health. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Webinars

[Behavioral Methods for Boosting Hand Safety](#)

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 – 11am-12:30pm CDT

[Changes to the ASSE/ANSI Z117.1 Standard - Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces](#)

Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 – 11am-12:30pm CDT

[Overcoming "Organizational Barriers" To Safety and Health Excellence](#)

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – 11:00am – 12:30pm CDT

[Sustainability: An Emerging Force in Business and its impact upon the Safety Profession](#)

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 - 11:00am – 12:30pm CST

[Focus on the Leading Indicators to Transform your Safety Culture](#)

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 11:00am – 12:30pm CST

## Job Postings:

Check out [www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php](http://www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php) for details on local job listings or visit [www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org). With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary.



## George Wolf Awarded 2009 Region II Safety Professional of The Year



**DENVER, CO** (October 1, 2009) – The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently honored eight ASSE members with the annual Region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award from each of the Society geographical regions for their ongoing contributions to their chapters, the Society, and their commitment to protecting people, property and the environment. This year's recipient of the Region II SPY award was the Colorado Chapter's own **George Wolf**.

The Region SPY awards, voted on by peers, are given annually to the most outstanding safety professionals for contributions to service and leadership within their regions and chapters.

George has 27 plus years of professional safety training and loss prevention consulting experience. He graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth Master of Industrial Safety (MIS). He has held positions in public and private industry sectors including a municipality, manufacturing companies, a fully integrated petroleum company and an insurance carrier with construction clients representing approximately 48% of their book of business. George is the Principal and safety & health manager of Rule Engineering, LLC an environmental engineering, safety and health consulting firm located in Lakewood, Colorado. A long term client is the Colorado Contractors Association for whom Rule provides a CDOT approved training for Traffic Control Supervisors and several competent person training courses for contractors.

George has served in several capacities of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) including Colorado chapter President '91-'92, Area Director in Region II '97-'98 and Colorado Delegate to the annual National ASSE member meeting and Professional Development Conference (PDC) '90-'98. He is a Professional Member of ASSE and a Board Certified Safety Professional in comprehensive practice (CSP # 9994).



September 16, 2009 -  
ASSE Region II Vice  
President Jim Gallop  
presenting the 2009  
Region II SPY award to  
George Wolf at the 2009  
AIHA/ASSE Fall  
Technical Conference.

## Mike Lorenzo Awarded 2009 Colorado Chapter Safety Professional of the Year



**DENVER, CO** (October 1, 2009) – The Colorado Chapter ASSE recently honored Michael F. Lorenzo as its 2009 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year. The Chapter Safety Professional of the Year award is given to an ASSE member that has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments as a safety professional and has made significant contributions to the advance the safety profession.

Michael F. Lorenzo has over 20 years experience in safety. His employment includes work as an Army medic, security and safety officer for NCAR, safety engineer at the IBM Boulder campus for IBM contractors, and safety engineer, compliance safety and health officer (CSHO) for OSHA in Denver. He is currently a construction safety specialist for Pinnacol Assurance servicing Northern Colorado.

Lorenzo has two baccalaureate degrees, one in biology and the other in kinesiology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He also holds a master's degree in environmental, health, and safety policy and management from the University of Denver.

Lorenzo's contributions to the community and the safety profession:

- Provides loss prevention services to five industry associations including:
  - Steel Erectors Safety Association of Colorado (SESAC)
  - American Subcontractors Association (ASA)
  - Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
  - Contractors Elite Safety Association (CESA)
  - Colorado Safety Association (CSA)
- Colorado Chapter ASSE Membership Chair in 2004-2005
- Colorado Chapter ASSE Treasurer in 2005-2006
- Colorado Chapter ASSE President-Elect and Programs Chair in 2006-2007
- Colorado Chapter ASSE President and Delegate of the CO Chapter in 2007-2008
- Served on the 2008 ANSI – ASC A14 Ladder Standards committee
- Speaker and chair of the content committee for Safety West since its inception in 2000
- OSHA outreach trainer at the OSHA Training Institute
- Partnered and served with the local Rocky Mountain Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA-RMS) holding a position on the local section board of directors as Legislative Affairs Chair for 2003-2004



September 16, 2009 – Colorado Chapter ASSE President Holli Merchant presenting the 2009 Chapter SPY award to Michael Lorenzo at the 2009 AIHA/ASSE Fall Technical Conference.

## Mark Semonisck and Lockton Company Donates 'Safety' to Needy Students

AURORA - Brendan Franklin is learning a trade he hopes he can use for a lifetime. He's learning construction at Pickens Technical College by building a real house, but he couldn't afford the proper protection.

"Stuff's expensive cause it all adds up, cause you got to have different tools for different needs," Franklin said. "I live on my own, and I pay my own bills, and I work full-time."

Franklin, Marvin Nichols, and Jesus Corral are three students who have been wearing tennis shoes while working on a home for their construction classes.

"I was using my tennis shoes because the board boots were too expensive for my mom to buy," Corral said. "The nail can go through your shoe. Something could fall on your foot."

Several months ago, **Mark Semonisck** was visiting the construction site and noticed that several students had the same problem. He's a senior-loss control consultant for the Lockton Company, an insurance and risk-management consultant group. Semonisck organized a program to raise money to get steel-toed work boots to needy students in the construction and automotive programs at Pickens Tech.

"It's not a job. It's helping people protect their lives and their livelihoods and things like that," Semonisck said. "Serious injuries to your feet and to your arms and your body can haunt you, your whole career."

Semonisck was able to raise enough money to purchase 70 pairs of boots for students at a discounted price of \$75 per pair. This type of footwear can easily cost more than \$100.



"Steel-toed boots are expensive and hard to come by, and I'm really grateful to have them," Franklin said.

Nichols is excited his feet are now protected from impact and from the weather.

"They feel great," Nichols said. "I might wear them all day."

Now, the students can concentrate on their "home" work which will eventually be sold and lived in like any other house.

"So, it's always good to be prepared and have a good, solid pair of work boots," Franklin said. "Especially when you're 15, 20 feet up, you want to make sure you're safe and stable."

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**Mark Semonisck  
Lockton Company**

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