

Hot off the press: A recently developed OSHA standard requires employers dictate how to summon rescue and emergency services in permit-required confined spaces. Do you rely on local emergency services for assistance? Do you know the specific requirements? They're detailed in this [article](#) from CMR Risk & Insurance Services.



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Briefly

► Your ASA president says ...

Last Friday's Awards & Installation Banquet was a lot of fun ... and, for me, a whole lot more than that.

Yes, I celebrated a great year as your ASA president, and I let down my hair (don't you dare say "What hair?"), but I also had some serious thoughts.

I thought about what it means to be chosen to win an ASA award. These individuals and companies didn't get here by accident. They got here because they exhibit fairness, integrity, professionalism, and solid business practices every day in everything they do. We are so lucky to have them as ASA members; they make all of us and our industry look good.

I also thought about what it means to be a dedicated volunteer in this association. As I looked around the banquet hall the other night, I saw dozens of amazing men and women who are absolutely the backbone of the ASA. And I said to myself, "Wow."

Finally, I thought about how grateful I am to have this opportunity to serve a second term as your ASA President. I think rubbing elbows with our award-winners and volunteers puts me in the very best company in the very best industry. Am I lucky, or what?

Toby MacDonald
ASA President
toby@westernfireprotection.com

► The best overall

Five ASA member companies and three individuals were named the year's best of the best in our 28th-Annual Awards Program. Honored at last Friday's celebratory banquet were ... drum roll please ...

ASA Subcontractor of the Year
D.A. Whitacre Construction

ASA Large General Contractor of the Year
Swinerton

ASA General Contractor of the Year
BNBuilders

ASA Affiliate of the Year
Bob Stall Chevrolet

ASA Rookie of the Year
Hilti

ASA Member of the Year
Sam Padilla, Chula Vista Electric

ASA GC Project Manager of the Year
Chris Jadwin, Swinerton

ASA GC Superintendent of the Year
Gregg LaRocco, Swinerton

► The best in safety

Ten ASA member companies were honored for achieving incredible safety records throughout 2017. Well-deserved congratulations go to ...

General Contractor - Industrial
Tri State General Contractors

General Contractor - Nonresidential Other Than Industrial
Reno Contracting

HVAC
University Mechanical & Engineering Contractors

Electrical
Dynalectric

Framing
D.A. Whitacre Construction

Plastering / Drywall / Acoustical / Insulation
Performance Contracting

Structural Concrete
Pacific Southwest Structures

Structural Steel Erection
Clark Steel Fabricators

Sheet Metal
California Sheet Metal

Engineering Services
Kyne Construction

► Stopping unfair liability

When the Grossmont Union High School District included some language harmful to subcontractors in a recent bid package, your ASA Board of Directors kicked into high gear.

In brief, the District is attempting to transfer unfair and onerous liability to prime contractors through contract provisions regarding responsibility for design errors or omissions, as well as for scope gaps and verification of existing site conditions.

Because prime contractors often transfer liability to subcontractors, the District's attempts are of great concern to ASA members as well as to prime bidders.

"Contractors should not be subjected to unfair and onerous liability through contract provisions which cannot be covered by surety bonds and are in some instances contrary to current laws."

Thus our Board, in cooperation with the Associated General Contractors and the California Surety Federation, is working to ensure that contract items and bid documents are clear and fair to all parties.

(Want more details? Find them [here](#).)



► Participate in your pajamas

Did you know you can participate in ASAC Government Relations Committee meetings via teleconference? That's right! No need to travel north to voice your concerns, give opinions, and find out what others in the industry are thinking. The teleconferences are open only to ASA members and are held on an as-needed basis. Contact nancy@sandiegoasa.org for info.

▶ Saying goodbye to summer doesn't need to be sad

What better excuse for holding an **ASA MIXER** than to commemorate the end of summer? Something about getting together with your ASA friends and colleagues can just soften the blow!



So, plan to close your workday at **Division 23 Brewing on August 28**. We promise good food, good drink, and a great opportunity to network while winding down and relaxing.

▶ Farewell, Sharon

We've said a sad 'good bye' to Sharon Jones, who served as ASA Administrative Assistant for 12 years. During that time, she became a friend to many ASA members.



We thank Sharon for her service to ASA and wish her all the best as she begins her next chapter.

▶ You, too, can win

John Luft scored a **\$100 Visa gift card** for bringing in new member **Southland Electric**. You can be a winner, too, just by referring a company that becomes a new member. Contact nancy@sandiegoasa.org.

▶ A quick reminder

Yes! It's that time of year again. If you haven't already paid your annual **ASA membership dues**, we remind you to take care of it now. (You can pay by credit card online; simply log in [here](#).)

We truly appreciate your participation in the association and thank you for your ongoing support of ASA's efforts.

▶ Meet your 2018-2019 board of directors

These ASA members were installed on June 29: Toby MacDonald of **Western Fire Protection**, as President; John Luft of **Southland Electric** as Vice President; Kevin Brown of **RBTK** as Treasurer; Richard Gabaldon of **Brady SoCal** as Secretary; and David Blackston of **D.A. Whitacre** as Governor.



Serving as Directors will be Kari Kyne of **Kyne Construction**, James Simpson of **Pacific Southwest Structures**, Bill Bodenstadt of **CMR Risk & Insurance Services**, Sam Padilla of **Chula Vista Electric**, Scott Hollingsworth of **California Sheet Metal**, and Tom Rose of **Rocky Coast Builders**.

Kevin Cauley, of **Schwartz, Semerdjian Cauley & Moot** serves as Legal Counsel.

We thank each and every one of these dedicated volunteers for their service to San Diego ASA.

▶ Four more through the door



How about greeting these new members with an email, a phone call, or a handshake? Click on company names to visit websites.

▶ **Aerotek** - David Cruz
858-877-2630 or
dcruz@aerotek.com

▶ **Cement Cutting** - Robert Cook - 619-231-1785 or
bobcook@cementcutting.com

▶ **Southland Electric** - John Luft - 858-634-5050 or
johnl@southlandelectricinc.com

▶ **Southwest Mobile Storage** - Sergio Sanchez -- 619-498-1920 or
sergio.sswmobilestorage.com

▶ Vets are good bets

Does the labor shortage have you in a bind? Veterans possess skills and habits that can seamlessly transfer to the construction industry. They're trained to follow rules and work as a team with people of diverse backgrounds.



Vets also have a high focus on safety and a heightened sense of duty, and they're organized, self-disciplined, and great problem-solvers.

That July 4th patriotism can be yours all year 'round!



We Build Relationships



▶ **Members-only event**
▶ **Non-members welcome**

AUG 22 ASA Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat @ University Club

AUG 28 End of Summer Mixer @ Division 23 Brewing

SEP 26 General Contractor and Public Agency Showcase @ University Club

OCT 4 Sexual Harassment Certification @ TBD

OCT 23 Meet your General Contractor @ Ryan Companies

NOV 5 Fall Golf Classic @ San Diego Country Club

DEC 5 Holiday Casino Night/Bay Cruise @ Bahia Resort Hotel

▶ And speaking of vets ...

Ever dreamed of golfing at the San Diego Country Club? For two lucky veterans, that dream came true last month thanks to the ASA.

When our Board members learned that the Boys & Girls Clubs of South County was offering veterans complimentary entry to its 24th-Annual Ann & Dick Dickerson Golf Tournament, they didn't hesitate to arrange for the ASA to sponsor two guest golfers.



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