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# NRASP News

## Meet the Board

### Rodger Schmidt, Safety Director Borsheim Crane Service



Rodger Schmidt is the Safety Director at Borsheim Crane Service since May 2017. He is responsible for all aspects of the safety program at Borsheim Crane Service. This includes OSHA construction and general industry standards as well as the industry specific requirements for the crane, transportation, wind energy, oil & gas, and industrial plant locations served. Training is also a part of his day with in-person, self-guided, or online training being coordinated or conducted for the employees across the three locations or remote operation sites.

If he is not in the office, he is conducting site visits, inspections, safety meetings, or incident investigations. He is in the process of implementing an online/app based safety tool for all types of safety reporting, training, and inspections with each employee able to report an incident in the field creating workflows instantly for managers and himself.

Prior to Borsheim, Rodger served as the local safety coordinator and radiation safety officer at Terracon Consultants for 6 years. He managed the WSI safety program and implemented the safety committee program with monthly safety calls to attain the full 25% WSI premium discount. He was also a project manager in the environmental services department where he managed projects in asbestos and lead based paint management and removal as well as soil investigations regarding potential contamination and remediation needs.

Rodger is married to his wife Lori for 27 years and they have raised three young men, ages 23, 20, & 17. He lives in Fargo and enjoys home remodel projects and figuring out how to maintain and repair his and his boy's cars. He is also working on a master's degree in safety and eventually hopes to attain the CSP certification. He enjoys traveling and attending hockey games at his alma mater.

Rodger indicates he enjoys serving on the NRASP board and especially enjoys working to help people with questions where he hopes to guide them to the answers they need. He also serves on a district committee for the Boy Scouts of America.



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# Missing Tim

Hello NRASP Members:

As a promised follow up to Julie Hamilton's Keynote Session – "Missing Tim" presented during the 2017 NRASP Safety and Health Conference, I have placed her matchbox car within a structure that has some history in Minnesota.

The Smith Avenue High Bridge spans over the Mississippi River in St. Paul, MN. Vector Construction is performing some Arc Spray Zinc metalizing to prolong the life of the structure. The original bridge was built and finished in 1889. The bridge has gone through some major renovations due to structure deficiencies and tornado damage. The current design of the bridge has been in place since approximately 1987. The deck height of the bridge reaches approximately 160 feet above the Mississippi river and spans 520 feet across at its longest span over the river.



Julie likes to leave the matchbox cars around the world with hope her son is watching over the safety of those people who pass by the matchbox car. I placed the matchbox car here with the intent that Julie's request would reach the maximum amount of people possible. Hopefully, her son looks over all that cross the Smith Avenue Bridge in St. Paul, MN.

Don't forget Julie's message from her Keynote Session. ***What have you done lately to talk with your friends and family about safety at work or at home?***

Take care and have a safe and successful remainder 2018.

Kody Olson  
Vector Construction Inc  
Safety Manager



# NRASP Scholarship

By: Chuck Ulrich

As a nonprofit organization, NRASP is always looking for opportunities to give back to our communities and show the value of safety in the workplace and at home. To accomplish this we would like to assist individuals in pursuing educational opportunities in the area of safety.

On Thursday, August 2nd, Chuck Ulrich, VP of NRASP and Chair of the Community Outreach committee informed Brady Preston that NRASP has awarded him a \$500 scholarship to go towards his tuition at NDSCS.

Brady is seeking an Associate's degree in Construction Management and is currently taking the OSHA 30-hour course.



If you are pursuing further education in a safety sensitive position you may qualify for the NRASP scholarship.

If you have any additional questions, please contact a NRASP board member. Thank you for your interest in safety!

Click the following link to review the Scholarship Policy and Procedures and Application: [NRASP Scholarship Application final version for distribution 8-2013.pdf](#)

Remember, we work safely not only for ourselves and our co-workers, but most importantly for our loved ones.

## Call to Service

By: Cindy Bertsch

**We Need You** to help make our mission a success.

We are looking for a few energetic individuals who can devote some time each month on the NRASP Board. In 2019 we have a need to fill the following board positions:

- ◆ President
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Director At Large



Elections will be scheduled in November 2018.

There are few expectations when it comes to the board positions as we know time is precious. Each position has a 2-year commitment. Expectations are:

- ◆ Attend Monthly Board meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 3:30pm-5pm
- ◆ Attend Monthly NRASP membership meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 11:30am-1pm
- ◆ Participate in a Committee (Conference, Golf, Communications)



## 2018 NRASP Annual Golf Outing By: Matt Weis

**2018** marks another successful golf outing for NRASP. The sponsorship revenue received from the outing will be transferred to the Community Outreach/Scholarship fund to continue to finance opportunities to give back to the community.

There were 52 golfers that joined us during this 18-hole scramble. Special thanks to the 5 Gold sponsors who contributed \$500 each, 3 Silver Sponsors who contributed \$250 each and 12 Bronze sponsors who contributed \$100 each. In addition there were 20 door prize vendors.

Winners of the Awards:

1st Place—ABC Supply—Sponsored by Western Products

2nd Place—Minnkota Windows

3rd Place—Dawson Insurance



**Thank You** Committee Members – **Ashley, Tisha and Leif** for **SHOWING US THE MONEY!!!!** and door prizes.

**Thank you Kari!!** Somehow you magically make this thing look and feel easy.

Special shout outs to **Aaron** (aka little buddy), on the grill, **Barb** for keeping us honest on hole #14, and **Jennifer** from ABC of MN/ND for spending the day with us.

**Carolyn** – Amongst many things, you're good at counting things and reminding people they owe us money. Critical work yet to be done on the back end. **Thank you for that.**

Russ, our **PRO at Village Green** lived up to his title. He'll be sure to know it once I have a chance to complete their survey.

If you feel up to the challenge to get involved in next year's golf outing, contact Matt Weis at 701-306-3791, or email [mattw@dawsonins.com](mailto:mattw@dawsonins.com).





# 2018 Annual Safety & Health Conference

## November 28-29 Delta Hotel Fargo

Day 1 Keynote speaker, Mike Hourigan is known for the real-world wisdom he brings to his audiences. His lively and engaging style delivers a rollercoaster ride loaded with vivid examples and powerful takeaways. Hourigan's topics for the NRASP Safety & Health Conference include, "Are You Communicating Safely?" and Successful Teamwork in Today's Diverse Workplace."



Day 2 Keynote Speaker, Ricky Rollins speaks to how safety applies to more than just yourself. Speaking from personal experience, Ricky shares with the audience why it should be a priority. During the keynote, Ricky will share how many other people in our lives depend on us being safe at work.

### Breakout Session Topics:

Successful Teamwork in today's workplace		Trenching/Excavating: Getting Out Alive	Distracted Driving Policies for Your Business
OSHA Recordkeeping & Online Reporting	ARC Flash 2018 Update	You're A Leader Now: Developing Frontline Leadership	Fleet Safety why it is important, policies to consider.
Slips, Trips, Falls Interactive, hands-on identifying hazards	Developing Rescue Plans (fall protection, confined space, trenching & excavating.	Teaming with the Field: Building Bridges between Safety Professionals & Field Leaders	Safety concerns with fatigue in the workplace
Workplace Violence	Making Safety Training Effective & Enjoyable	Worker's Compensation Fraud in ND	Employee/ Management involvement in safety.
Opioid Crisis-What's New & Trending	Implementing Successful Change	Technology Wave	Gun Shot wound care

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## ASSP—NRASP Partnership Builds Both Organizations

By: Tony Stoner

The Northern Plains Section of ASSP (Formerly ASSE) is extremely excited to partner with NRASP. Both organizations were established to provide networking and educational opportunities to their target audiences. NRASP was formed to serve the Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding communities, while NPS was established to bring more of ASSP's resources to the North Dakota area.

NPS, as a newly established section, had that same challenge all fledgling organizations face: How do we draw attention to ourselves and increase membership attendance at our meetings? What we found was that we were often "competing" with other local safety organizations like NRASP for time and attention. We all know we can only attend so many off-site meetings and travel can be challenging or impossible for many of our organization's members.

We approached NRASP first, as they are the largest local safety organization in the state. What was interesting to us was the fact that many of NRASP's members were already members of ASSP as well. The more we talked about the idea of a partnership, the clearer it became that this was going to be extremely valuable to both organizations.

Our first joint meeting was held in July and was a great success. Robyn Litke-Sall from Fargo Cass Public Health gave us an update on the current state of the opioid epidemic in the US and in Cass County. Membership turnout for both organizations at the meeting was high, we were able to offer CEUs to our members who track them, and ASSP also gained a number of new members for our Section. Our partnership is already enhancing both groups and we're excited for the future!

