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NWSA Board of Governors Member Kevin Schmidt to Speak at FCC/DOL Tower Climber Safety Workshop in Washington, D.C.

Schmidt to Relay his Field Experiences as a Tower Climber, Discuss Benefits of NWSA's National Worker Certification Programs

(Fairfax, Virginia) - The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced today that Kevin Schmidt, a tower climber and project manager from Sioux Falls Tower & Communications in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will participate at the 2nd FCC/DOL Tower Climber Safety Workshop in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, February 11. Schmidt currently serves on the NWSA's 28-member Board of Governors on one of the seats that is specifically reserved for tower technicians.

Kevin Schmidt will participate on the *Best Practices* panel session at the workshop and share his insights and field-based experiences working as a tower climber in the industry. Schmidt will also discuss the transformative efforts of the NWSA's worker certification programs and the benefits that these national certification offerings will have when it comes to enhancing worker safety and quality.



"I am excited for the opportunity to discuss industry best practices for safety with representatives from the FCC, the U.S. Department of Labor and stakeholders from throughout the wireless community," stated Kevin Schmidt. "Participating in this session is a unique opportunity for me to highlight the NWSA's game-changing national certification programs and represent tower climbers throughout the country," added Schmidt.

The 2nd FCC/DOL Tower Climber Safety Workshop will be live-streamed on the FCC's website at the following link: <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. Viewers of the live stream are encouraged to submit questions by e-mail at livequestions@fcc.gov or by Twitter at #FCCLive. An archived video recording of the workshop will be available on the FCC's event website within a few days following the event.

The NWSA is a national non-profit assessment and certification organization that will provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provide verifiable worker certification in order to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard structures.

The NWSA organization is the result of collaborative efforts between a broad coalition of the industry's leading subject matter experts, companies and stakeholders representing wireless carriers, tower owners,

OEM's, turnkey management firms, small contractors, public safety entities, tower technicians and industry associations.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at www.nwsa.org to learn more about the organization.

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About National Wireless Safety Alliance

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