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National Wireless Safety Alliance Announces Board of Governors Appointments

Trey Pitts, EH&S Program Manager at T-Mobile and Mike Young, President & CEO at ANCO, Join Credentialing Organization's Leadership Team

(Fairfax, Virginia) - The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) announced today that Trey Pitts, EH&S Program Manager at T-Mobile, and Mike Young, President & CEO at ANCO, have been appointed as a member of the organization's Board of Governors.

In their new roles as a member of the Board of Governors, Pitts and Young will join representatives from a broad cross-section of the industry who are tasked with developing policy and overseeing the activities of the various committees that will serve under their authority.

NWSA, headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, is a national non-profit assessment and certification organization established to provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provide verifiable, ANSI accredited trade certifications to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard communication structures.

“NWSA is excited to welcome Trey and Mike to our cadre of subject matter experts and industry leaders who serve on the organization's Board of Governors,” said Executive Director Duane MacEntee. “Trey and Mike’s background in the industry representing wireless national carrier and contractor respectively will enable them to hit the ground running and lend valuable insight

to NWSA as we continue to scale the number of credentialed workers in the industry,” added MacEntee.

NWSA currently offers the following industry-wide trade certification programs: Telecommunications Tower Technician 1 (TTT-1), Telecommunications Tower Technician 2 (TTT-2), Telecommunications Tower Foreman and Antenna & Line Specialty Certification Program.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at www.nws-a.org to learn more about the organization and how to begin the process of obtaining certification.

Biographies

Trey Pitts

Trey Pitts is a Senior EH&S Program Manager at T-Mobile with 25 years of telecom environmental, health, and safety management for national carriers. Pitts is committed to fostering a safety-centric culture and environmental awareness among employees, contractors, and customers. Pitts received a B.S. from the University of Kansas and is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM).

Mike Young

Mike Young started his career in the Wireless industry by obtaining his Associates degree in Wireless Communications in 2003. His original intention was to become a site technician for a carrier, but the wireless slowdown offered very few opportunities at that time. Still wanting to stay within the industry, he started at Sioux Falls Tower & Communications, now VIKOR, as a Tower Technician. In this position, he gained an exceptional amount of hands-on experience as he “climbed the corporate ladder” alongside VIKOR’s growth transitioning to a Crew Chief, Project Manager, Regional Director, and President of the organization.

Wanting to forge his own path, he became the co-founder and CEO of ANCO Underground in 2020. Year over year ANCO Underground has continued to grow and has now become a General Contractor in the Broadband industry and installs hundreds of miles of fiber each year throughout the upper Midwest and Mountain west. Recently ANCO Underground has continued to diversify its service offerings and has expanded into Power and Wet Utilities.

In 2022, Mike returned to the Wireless industry with the acquisition of National Tower Controls which has now been DBA’s to ANCO Wireless. NTC, now ANCO Wireless, was a small tower contractor in South Dakota that specialized in the broadcast industry throughout the upper Midwest. Wanting to diversify as the tower industry has been going through a transition, ANCO Wireless has also transitioned its services into the Wireless, Utility and Energy industry and intends to have steady year over year growth throughout the future.

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