



Environmental, Health & Safety Communications Panel

*EHS Support and Advocacy for the Communications Industry*

# Safety Committee Update

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Joe Lazarony, Ericsson

# EHSCP Safety Committee History

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- The NTSP, now known as the EHSCP was originally called the “Bell System Safety Council” and was created in the 60’s so that safety issues could be discussed across what was then the Bell System. Safety issues of many kinds have been discussed over the ensuing years.
- The EHSCP Safety Committee was created in 2012. It has the same creed to discuss safety issues across the expanded communications industry, and meets on a regular basis.

# Safety Committee Projects

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- The Safety Committee has met several times in the last few months to look into questions on:
- Pole climbing equipment
  - Discussed how companies have or are putting new Safety devices such as “Buck Squeeze”, “Super Squeeze”, Cynch-Lock, in use as being required
- Tower Safety
  - Worked with NATE on the 100% Tie Off Program
  - Worked with and continue to work on the Wireless Industry Safety Task Force. Participated on the Sub Committees on Training (Chuck Slagle) and Governance (Jay Weir) Committees
- Washington State Telecommunications Regulations
  - Participating in the continuing proposed updates to the Telecommunications Vertical Standards for Washington State. Still in early stages.

# Current Safety Committee Members

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- Jay Weir, AT&T, Chair
- Joe Lazarony, Ericsson
- Mike Beekman, Level3
- David Bloome, Level3
- Steve Reichenauer, Verizon Wireless
- Grif Bond, CenturyLink
- Gary Foltz, Cincinnati Bell
- Chuck Slagle, Sprint
- George Kerstetter, Verizon
- Floyd Williams, Verizon
- Don Snyder, Crown Castle
- Jill Downey, Bell Canada – New Member
- Gina Mannino, Verizon Wireless – New Member
- Andy Shapiro, Member Emeritus



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○ Thank you.