

## MAREK SPONSORS AND PARTICIPATES IN TEXO 2019 CONSTRUCTION SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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TEXO recently hosted

its 6th annual Construction Safety Professionals Day , which brought together TEXO members, safety professionals, and key decision makers for two days of high quality speakers, workshop sessions, and a vendor showcase. Furthermore, TEXO and its Safety Committee developed the Construction Safety Professionals Day to give industry peers in North Texas an opportunity to share best practices, collaborate with safety experts, and recognize the safety award winners who are committed to ensuring a safe workplace to all employees on a daily basis. CSPD has also become the perfect platform to award scholarships to some very deserving people.

TEXO's mission is to unify, advocate, and advance our commercial construction industry, and the Construction Safety Professional's Day is truly a reflection of this mission.

MAREK, who is ABC's National Contractor of the Year, said they were grateful to sponsor this event. John Hinson, MAREK DFW President further explained, "This is a perfect example of our industry taking the right steps to eliminate incidents and accidents. Yes, I am one of those people that believe we can reach our goal of ZERO accidents by changing our behaviors."

Hinson continued, "Thanks to TEXO's staff (Lois, Todd, & Meloni) and all the sponsors and educators here to promote this safe culture and the safety of our industry for our workers and their families."

This year, a workshop day was added to the agenda, which included sessions in:

- Excavation Safety (in English and Spanish)
- Fall Protection (in English and Spanish)
- Adaptable Communication
- CHST (Construction Health and Safety Technician) Study Group

The conference day included speakers that motivated, educated, and entertained the attendees. The speaker lineup and topics included:

Kevin Cannon, B.S., CSP, Senior Director, Safety and Health  
The Associated General Contractors of America  
Topic: AGC Safety Awards: Who, What, Where, When, How

Tricia Kagerer, CPCU, CSP, CRIS, Executive Director – Dallas Construction  
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.  
Topic: AGC Safety Awards: Who, What, Where, When, How

Scott Sears, PE, CSP, Director of Safety and Loss Control  
Walker Engineering  
Topic: AGC Safety Awards: Who, What, Where, When, How

Keyan Zandy, COO  
Skiles Group  
Topic: Beyond Compliance: Effective Emergency Action Planning

Brian Webster, Director of Safety  
Skiles Group  
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Timothy A. Minor, Area Director  
Fort Worth Area Office Department of Labor / Occupational Safety Health Administration,  
Region VI, Fort Worth Area Office, Fort Worth, Texas  
Topic: OSHA State of the Union / Ask a Compliance Officer

Julie K. Schatz, Senior Vice President  
Roberts & Crow, Inc.  
Topic: Risk Management / EMR

Stephen M. Wiltshire, MS, Director of Safety  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Topic: ABC Safety Awards: Who, What, Where, When, How

Melanie Laird, Chief Administrative Officer  
FC Construction Service  
Topic: ABC Safety Awards: Who, What, Where, When, How

Dr. Isabel Perry, President/CEO

21st Century Safety

Topic: 18 Leadership Skills: Lessons Learned on the Links

"All of this was possible by the support of exhibitors and sponsors committed to sharing the message of safety," said Todd Holtz, TEXO's VP of Operations. "Participation has grown from 100+ TEXO members attending and participating to, now, over 270 attendees comprised of TEXO members, other Texas trade associations, OSHA, the Southwest Chapter of ASSP and Southeastern Oklahoma State students, majoring in the study of Occupational Safety and Health. The program will continue to grow, serving to develop safety professionals and share the message of safety in the industry."

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