

Press Release



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AASP-MN Delivers Practical Information for OSHA and ADA Compliance

On October 10, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) hosted a free OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation Workshop at Lake Superior College, Duluth. The workshop, “Hazard Communication and MN Employee Right-to-Know for Auto Shops,” was presented by Safety Consultant, Ben Wood.

The session covered mandatory requirements for Hazard Communication and Employee Right-to-Know (ERTK) programs and the training applicable to the automotive industry. Attendees also received a template for developing written Hazard Communication and ERTK programs on their own.

In response to a recent surge in “nuisance” lawsuits in Minnesota targeting businesses for not removing physical access barriers as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AASP-MN offered, “Protect Your Business – Become ADA Compliant,” on October 19 during its **Body Shop Session** (for collision shops) and October 24 during its **Mech XChange** (for auto repair shops) meetings.

David Fenley, ADA/Access Coordinator with the Minnesota Council on Disability presented ADA basics and the most common fixes and technical guidelines. Attendees gained the tools and knowledge necessary to meet all of the obligations under the ADA and building code to avoid lawsuits.

A special thanks to Complete, Health, Environmental & Safety Services (CHESS) and Enterprise Rent-A-Car for co-sponsoring the **Body Shop Session**.

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The Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) is an association of nearly 800 independently-owned automotive service businesses and industry suppliers dedicated to improving the state’s automotive service industry and the success of its members.

Photo attached - Safety Consultant Ben Wood presented the workshop in Duluth.