## **Press Release**



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## AASP-MN Fall Programming Line-Up

On October 10, the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Minnesota (AASP-MN) will host a free OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation Workshop. The workshop, "Hazard Communication and MN Employee Right-to-Know for Auto Shops," will be held at Lake Superior College in Duluth from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The session will cover mandatory requirements for Hazard Communication and Employee Right-to-Know (ERTK) programs and training applicable to the automotive industry. Attendees will also receive a template for developing written Hazard Communication and ERTK programs. The session is free, but pre-registration is required.

In response to member demand for more opportunities to connect and share knowledge and experiences with other members, the AASP-MN has two peer-to-peer learning and networking events scheduled in October. Both sessions will be held at Grumpy's Bar & Grill in Roseville and are open to anyone in the collision or mechanical repair industry— membership in AASP-MN is not required to attend.

The first, a **B**ody **S**hop **Session**, will be held on Thursday, October 19, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for the collision repair industry. The cost to attend is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. This event is co-sponsored by C.H.E.S.S. and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

The following week, on Tuesday, October 24, a **Mech XChange** will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for the mechanical repair industry. The cost to attend is \$20 per person, which includes soft drinks and appetizers.

These sessions will feature a presentation, "Protect Your Business – Become ADA Compliant," by David Fenley, ADA/Access Coordinator with the Minnesota Council on Disability. In response to the recent surge in lawsuits around the state targeting businesses for not removing physical access barriers as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Fenley will present the ADA basics, the most common fixes and technical guidelines. Attendees will gain the tools and knowledge they need to meet all of the obligations under the ADA and building code and avoid lawsuits.

Participants will also receive a report on AASP-MN's current initiatives and upcoming events and have the opportunity to network with industry peers.

For additional information or to register, contact the AASP-MN office at (612) 623-1110 or 800-852-9071 or visit <u>www.aaspmn.org</u>.

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