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National Wireless Safety Alliance Convenes Meeting of Industry Subject Matter Experts in Dallas, Texas

FDH Velocitel's Don Doty Selected as Presiding Chairman of Test Development Task Force

(Irving, Texas) - The National Wireless Safety Alliance (NWSA) convened a distinguished group of the industry's leading subject matter experts in Dallas, Texas this week to begin the test development process for the Telecommunications Tower Technician I (TTTI) and Telecommunications Tower Technician II (TTTII) certification programs.

The NWSA is a national non-profit assessment and certification organization that has been established to provide thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills and provide verifiable worker certification in order to enhance safety, reduce workplace risk, improve quality, encourage training, and recognize the skilled professionals who work on towers and other non-standard structures.

During the meetings in Dallas, the select group of subject matter experts established a Telecommunications Tower Technician Task Force to formalize their test development efforts moving forward. The NWSA Task Force roster consists of the following members:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Rick Argudin	Capitol Safety
Marc Ball	Tech Safety Lines, Inc.
Brian Bicknese	Vertical Limit Construction
Kathy Brand	Tower Safety & Instruction
Andrew Britton	Henkels & McCoy
Shawn Cherri	Capitol Safety
Russell Chittenden	Synergy Concepts, Inc.
Jimmy Coleman	AT&T
Clint Cook	Centerline Solutions
(Warren) Greg Corbett	Bechtel
Joey Deuer	TUF-TUG Products
Doug Dickinson	Ericsson
Luke Dierking	Capital Tower & Communications Inc.
Don Doty	FDH-Velocitel
Michael Fergus	Capitol Tower
Paul Foster	Vinculums
Kenneth Holder	Atlantic Tower

Justin Huggins	Enertech Resources, LLC
John Paul Jones	Tower & Turbine Technologies
(Robert) Mike Jones	Comtrain
Nick Jones	ENSA-North America
Brooks Keel	General Dynamics
Ben Little	Centerline Solutions
Gordon Lyman	Safety LMS
Kristen McCarty	Vinculums
Robert McCoy	Crown Castle
Christopher Mallon	Tower MRL
Corey Messer	Pacific Safety Solutions
Justin Miller	EasTex Tower Inc.
Jim Miller	EasTex Tower Inc.
Eric Munsell	Black & Veatch
Art Pregler	ATT
Pavel Redko	Avenger Engineering, LLC
Sonya Roshek	Mycom – North America
Ryan Schock	Design Telecommunications
Rob Seidel	General Dynamics
Curtis Smith	Mastec
Glenn Speight	Axcess Rescue
Gerry Spinelli	NARDA Safety Test Solutions
Doug Stephenson	Vertical Consultant
Shannon Stephenson	Vertical Consultant
Rick Teckenbrock	Heartland Solutions
Todd Thorin	Sioux Falls Tower
Gary Trent	US Cellular
Matt Urich	Legacy Telecommunications, Inc.
James Weiss	Red Wing
Marv Wessel	Global RF Solutions
Tom Wood	PMI's Vertical Rescue Solutions

“The NWSA took another giant step forward today with the establishment of the Telecommunications Tower Technician Test Development Task Force,” said NWSA Board of Governors Chairman Art Pregler from AT&T. “The organization will be able to lean heavily on this experienced group of subject matter experts in order to develop the NWSA’s knowledge-based computer exams and the field-based practical exams for the TTTI and TTTII certification programs,” Pregler added.

The NWSA also announced that industry veteran and leading subject matter expert Don Doty from FDH Velocitel has been selected to be the presiding Chairman of the task force. “The psychometric and test development work of the task force is integral to ensure that the NWSA’s respective certification programs adhere to the roadmap that is required to achieve ANSI ISO 17024 accreditation,” emphasized Don Doty, who also serves on the NWSA’s Board of Governors. “I am honored to serve in this capacity

and am committed to ensuring that reliable, valid and legally defensible assessments are developed through our task force's collective efforts," added Doty.

The NWSA organization is the result of collaborative efforts between a broad coalition of the industry's leading subject matter experts, companies and stakeholders representing wireless carriers, tower owners, OEM's, turnkey management firms, government agencies, public safety entities, small contractors, tower technicians and industry associations. Industry leaders have pledged to provide timely and relevant updates to the industry as key benchmarks are achieved in the establishment of the NWSA's national assessment and certification programs.

Industry workers, companies and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the NWSA website at nwsa@nwsa.org to learn more about the organization.

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About National Wireless Safety Alliance

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