

## Get To Know NATCA's National Legislative Committee Chair David Skarphol



Relationship building is at the core of NATCA's legislative activism. Earlier this year David Skarphol (Phoenix TRACON, P50) stepped up as the chair of NATCA's National Legislative Committee (NLC), leading the team that coordinates and facilitates NATCA members' legislative training and relationships with members of Congress. Today we take a moment to introduce Skarphol and his activism experience so far, and his excitement for the future of the NLC and for advocating on behalf of NATCA members across the nation.

If you would like to help with NATCA's legislative success, there's a place for you. To find out how by contacting your NLC member. You can find their information and read more about David here.

## Electrical Safety: Safe Workplaces for Safety Professionals

The NATCA OSHA Committee welcomes one of its newest members, Elijah McDonald from Anchorage Center (ZAN). The job of a Regional OSHA Representative is working with other bargaining units and management at many levels to ensure the health and safety of all workers in NATCA-represented facilities.



During a recent inspection at a facility, Elijah noted a number of safety violations related to improper use of extension cords. Overloading the wattage of the power strip and plugging one extension cord into another extension cord have both been known to cause fires. You can help prevent fire and avoid for OSHA violation citations:

- Don't daisy chain (one extension cord into another extension cord).
- Anything that pulls larger amperage (i.e. pencil sharpeners, coffee pots, Keurig style coffee makers, microwaves, refrigerators) must be plugged directly into a wall socket.
- Extension cords are a temporary use item.
- Long cords should have trip protection.

It is on all of us to make sure our members — as safety professionals — work in safe working environments.

## **Register Now for ATX!**

Nov. 10 is the registration deadline for ATX 2022. Register now for the five-day event taking place Dec. 12-16 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas!



ATX will showcase NATCA's training courses and briefings from our Union's committees, academy classes, Article 114 Representatives, and NATCA staff. A tentative schedule for the expo is available online. To view the schedule, read the travel policy, and register for the event, visit <a href="matca.org/atx">natca.org/atx</a>.

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