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New Benefit Programs

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See all Discounts & Benefits for WTAGC members at [wtagc.org](http://wtagc.org)

Construction-related podcasts inspire and educate

These 10 podcasts help listeners stay abreast of construction trends. While it's important for construction pros to stay up to date on the latest trends and technologies, who has time for a class or book? Another form of learning — podcasts — lets listeners absorb insights and tips on the go. [Click Construction Dive \(9/3\)](#)

811/Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Program Published

The Utility Infrastructure Division (UID) has published its, *Elements of an Effective Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Program* (click to download PDF). The document, developed in concert with AGC's Highway & Transportation Division, will help contractors improve and memorialize their overall underground utility safety and damage prevention/811 program. Multiple resources have been assembled to help improve safety, protect underground utilities and provide ways and means to keep a reliable program record. This will help contractors gauge their program's effectiveness, keep track of other stakeholders' veracity in performing their responsibilities, structure data reporting and provide the wherewithal to defend against sometimes frivolous utility damage claims and collection activities. [Read More](#)

Pentagon approves military construction cash for border wall

Defense Secretary Mark Esper on Tuesday approved the use of 3.6 billion in funding from military construction projects to build 175 miles of President Trump's wall along the Mexican border.

Pentagon officials would not say which 127 projects will be affected but said details will be available Wednesday after members of Congress are notified. They said half the money will come from military projects in the U.S., and the rest will come from projects in other countries. [Read article HERE](#) (This can have a detrimental impact on our bases in Texas and Oklahoma)

Safety Tips

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

OSHA's Emergency Preparedness and Response [webpage](#) provides resources for employers to protect workers during natural disasters. While the focus so far this month is on Hurricane Dorian, other threats include tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes.

Safety Tip – Weather & Lightning Safety

Use today's Toolbox Topics and post the Lightning Safety Posters and information on job sites to increase employee safety and preparedness for inclement weather keeping both people and jobs safe and sound.

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## ConstructorCast Podcast: Handling a Crisis

On the **latest episode** of the ConstructorCast, we speak with two industry experts on how construction firms can best prepare for and handle the aftermath of a crisis. We discuss the logistical implications of crisis preparedness as well the imperative to address the psychological and emotional repercussions of job site accidents. Additional resources and customizable tools are available on **AGC's website**.

*(Includes active shooter handout and other information)*

## AGC Safety and Health Training Resources for our members

An effective safety and health training program are one of the best ways that a contractor can improve their overall safety and health management program for workers of all experience levels especially those new to the construction industry. Research shows that this group of workers has a higher rate of injuries and illnesses than more experienced workers. Over the past several years, AGC has developed training materials for contractors covering a wide range of topics. Resources are available for download and use to enhance, or supplement, your current training offerings include:

- 13 Proven Steps to Improve Construction Work Safety
- (7) Fall Protection Modules to download
- Safety Training for the Focus Four Hazards
- Links to OSHA construction etools

Find these and more at **AGC Safety – CLICK HERE**

**Look for these benefits and programs on the West Texas AGC Website and AGC- Associated General Contractors website or call 325.676.7447 for information.**

- AGC Education and Research Foundation Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship | *Deadline to Apply is November 1, 2019*
- Groundbreak, by Procore | Phoenix, AZ | October 8-10, 2019
- Health Care Group Plan through your membership with West Texas AGC and partnership with One Digital
- 401(k) Plan through your membership with West Texas AGC with the Southwest Chapters 401 (k) Plan



**OSHA Inspections**  
How to Prepare, Contest & Manage the Aftermath

**Are you prepared for the unexpected?**

If you're unsure of the exact answers, **sign up today!**

- 1 How many hours subsequent to an employee's death before OSHA arrives onsite?
- 2 How does OSHA define a recordable injury or illness?
- 3 How does OSHA define First Aid?
- 4 What OSHA records must be maintained and posted?
- 5 When must an injury be reported to OSHA?
- 6 What may cause an OSHA inspection?

**Wednesday, September 11th**  
Sanford & Tatum  
5241 98th Street  
Lubbock, TX 79424  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Speaker: Lee Salazar

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