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## CHICAGO AREA WASTE & RECYCLING COMPANIES COME TOGETHER TO MOVE THE NEEDLE ON INDUSTRY SAFETY

*Second Stop in NWRA Safety Professional Development Session Speaks to Safety Culture, Compliance and Best Practices*

**September 28, 2016 (Chicago, IL)**– In a room packed with more than 40 waste and recycling industry safety professionals, the National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) delivered its second event in its 2016 Safety Professional Development Series today. Today’s daylong session, hosted by Republic Services, featured workshops on Department of Transportation and OSHA compliance as well as the development of positive safety cultures.

On the heels of a successful first session in Boston last month, NWRA has set out to move the needle on safety industry-wide. This series takes safety experts from both the waste and recycling field as well as direct delivery, compliance and training into the field to educate and inform members on the latest innovations and guidance in safety.

“There is no greater priority in our industry than improving safety and doing all we can to ensure that our workers and the communities we serve as safe and healthy,” said Anthony Hargis, NWRA National Safety Director. “These sessions provide valuable opportunities to bring together safety representatives from member companies and others in the field to discuss shared concerns and develop solutions. We are taking these opportunities straight to our members where they live and work. Through these conversations we can have a lasting impact on the behaviors and actions of our operators in the field.”

This event is part of NWRA’s commitment toward making the waste and recycling industry safer, smarter and stronger. This effort includes these safety professional development sessions throughout the nation, webinars, summits, safety stand downs and the development of toolkits and resources. Just yesterday, NWRA issued a report on the results of its 2016 Stand Down on Back to School Safety where more than 70 percent of the industry participated in a week of trainings, dialogues and education to increase safety on the roads during the busy back to school season.

### About NWRA

The National Waste & Recycling Association is the leading organization providing leadership, advocacy, research, education and safety expertise for the waste and recycling industries. NWRA advocates at the Federal, State and Local levels on all issues of importance to our member companies as they provide safe, economically sustainable and environmentally sound services to communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In 2015, NWRA instituted an International Affiliate Membership program to share information and best practices with the private waste and recycling industry worldwide. For more information, visit **WASTERECYCLING.ORG**.

For more information on NWRA’s safety program, please visit **WWW.WASTERECYCLING.ORG/SAFETY**.

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