



July 2026 Safety Roundtable

Drones & AI: Safety in Innovation

Thursday, July 23, 2026
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. MDT

Tri-State Generation & Transmission
Association, Inc.
1100 W 116th Ave
Westminster, CO 80234

Description

Roundtables provide a unique forum for peer-to-peer sharing of experiences, critical issues, and expertise. Typically featuring one or two presentations followed by open discussion, these sessions create an excellent opportunity for attendees to exchange ideas, troubleshoot challenges, and network with peers in a smaller, informal setting. Participants are encouraged to ask questions, discuss current safety topics, share product experiences, and address safety-related issues impacting the electric utility industry.

Who Should Attend

This roundtable is geared towards those with responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring, and oversight of safety programs for electrical utilities, as well as safety consultants.

Registration is limited to the first 50 registrants.

Professional Development Hours

Upon completion of the roundtable, attendees will receive a continuing education certificate worth **4.0 Professional Development Hours** in their online Alltricity Network profile. PDHs may be applied toward recertification credit.

Roundtable Pricing

Registration includes: Breakfast, breaks, lunch, electronic handouts (if applicable), attendee roster and, upon workshop and roundtable completion, a continuing education certificate for 4.0 professional development hours (PDHs).

Member Pricing

Individual	\$100
Group (5-pack)	\$400 (\$100 discount!)

Non-Member Pricing

Individual	\$500
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(303) 865-5544

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Roundtable Agenda

Thursday, July 23, 2026

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Arrival & Continental Breakfast Available

9:00 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Featured Topic:

Drones & AI: Safety in Innovation

As utility grids grow more complex, keeping field crews safe requires looking at old problems through a new lens. Join NPPD, for a practical look at how Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and computer vision are transforming asset inspections. This session will break down the realities of managing an enterprise drone program and lessons learned from governance standards to mitigating risks during energized line operations. Discover how moving from 'flying cameras' to predictive AI data is reducing truck rolls and climbs, accelerating storm response, and driving a modern culture of safety.

Presented by:

» **Tate Olsen**, *AI Innovation Program Manager, Nebraska Public Power District*

» **Bradley Palu**, *CSP, Corporate Safety Manager, Nebraska Public Power District*

Tate Olsen helps lead the strategic implementation of emerging technologies like AI, grid modernization, and other product efforts for NPPD. As an innovative thinker, he specializes in turning complex, future-facing concepts and technologies into safe, standardized operational products and services. Tate's current focus centers on the safe scaling of UAV operations, FAA compliance, and leveraging AI data to enhance grid reliability and crew safety.



Bradley Palu oversees safety strategy, policy development, and operational risk management. With over two decades of experience in the utility and energy industry, Brad has dedicated his career to building sustainable, human-factored safety systems that protect frontline personnel and empower workforces. His expertise and commitment to the field are reflected in his external leadership roles; he is a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), a Director on the Board for the National Safety Council, Nebraska Chapter, and the Chair of the Alltricity Safety Committee. A true believer in the intersection of discipline, endurance, and leadership, Brad carries his professional philosophy into his personal pursuits as an accomplished ultra-marathoner and youth travel baseball head coach in Kearney, Nebraska, where he resides with his family.



Roundtable Discussion

Topics shared by attendees

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion

Topics shared by attendees

2:00 p.m.

Adjourn



**Agenda is subject to change*

Nearby Hotels

**Delta Hotels by Marriott
Denver Thornton**
10 E 120th Ave
Northglenn, CO 80233

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Denver-Thornton**
83 East 120th Ave
Thornton, CO 80233

**Courtyard by Marriott Denver
North/Westminster**
14355 Orchard Parkway
Westminster, CO 80023

Thank You, Alltricity Network Safety Committee!

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