



**Gregg S. Smith – Safety Program Manager
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Gregg S. Smith is the Safety Program Manager of the American Pyrotechnics Association, the leading trade association of the fireworks industry in the United States.

Mr. Smith works closely with APA's Executive Director, Julie L. Heckman, APA member companies and APA standing committees handling a variety of safety and compliance projects.

Prior to joining the APA in 2003, Mr. Smith worked in the fireworks industry for over 25 years as a lead pyrotechnician with one of the largest fireworks display companies in the U.S. and he also worked as a plant manager overseeing fireworks manufacturing and transportation. During his tenure with the APA, Mr. Smith has been instrumental in the development of transportation-related and display safety training programs. He also worked closely with industry members to develop APA's Display Operator Training Program for outdoor fireworks displays. Mr. Smith has served on the NFPA Technical Committee on Pyrotechnics since 2005. Mr. Smith frequently is a guest speaker on fireworks topics for special events. Most recently he was honored to address the Technology Forum at the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, PA, as well as being a presenter at the NFPA World Safety Conference in Las Vegas. He also conducts more than two dozen training seminars annually for the fire service as well as other state and federal agencies involved with regulating the fireworks industry.

About the American Pyrotechnics Association:

The APA was founded in 1948 and it supports and promotes safety standards for all aspects of fireworks. Its diverse membership includes regulated and licensed manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retailers, importers and suppliers of fireworks and professional public display firms. Additional information about the fireworks industry can be found on APA's web site: www.americanpyro.com

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