

CONTEST INFORMATION

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is pleased to announce the 2008 Metal and Nonmetal National Mine Rescue Contest to be held July 15-17 at the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority in Reno, Nevada. We would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to participate.

The contest will be comprised of four events: field competition consisting of a 2-day preliminary and a 1-day final competition (the top seven teams from day 1 and day 2), an apparatus benchman contest, a multi-gas instrument benchman contest, and a first aid contest. Each event will include a written examination.

MSHA feels the mine rescue teams in the United States of America provide the best trained, best equipped rescue capability in the world. MSHA hopes your company will continue to show their support for mine rescue by participating in this national competition.

If you have any questions concerning the contest, please contact Eddie Lopez at (214) 767-8401, lopez.edward@dol.gov.

REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration: To ensure your team's listing in the official program, please use [this link](#) for a copy of the Team Entry Form. The form must be completed and returned with your entry fee payment of \$500 per team by May 31. Please make checks payable to the Silver Legacy Resort. Payment and entry form should be mailed to the following address.

Mine Safety and Health Administration
Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety and Health
1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 2444
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939
Attention: Christine (Tina) Mayhugh

If possible, please provide a digital photograph of your team members with your entry form. Photographs will be included in the 2008 National Mine Rescue Contest Program. Early entry is encouraged to ensure accurate planning and smooth coordination for the competition.

Each team participating in the 2008 Contest is entitled to receive up to ten (10) Awards Banquet tickets at no additional cost.

Team Registration: Team registration will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort (Silver Legacy) on Monday, July 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please see the Hotel Reservations section below for more details on the Silver Legacy.

OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY FORM

2008 METAL AND NONMETAL NATIONAL MINE RESCUE CONTEST

COMPANY NAME: _____

MINE NAME: _____

STREET/POST OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

OPERATIONS MANAGER NAME & TITLE: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: () _____ FAX NO.: () _____

Please provide MSHA a digital photo of your team when you return this entry form. Photographs will be included in the 2008 National Mine Rescue Contest Program.

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM MEMBERS:

(1) CAPTAIN _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) FRESH AIR BASE ATTENDANT _____

(7) ALTERNATE _____

(8) ALTERNATE _____

TRAINER: _____

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE AT CONTEST: _____

TITLE: _____ CELL PHONE: () _____



**Schedule of Events
For the Metal and Nonmetal
2008 National Mine Rescue Contest
JULY 14-17, 2008**



MONDAY, JULY 14

1:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Registration of Contestants and Contest Participants
Silver Legacy Resort Casino
Location: Salon Area

6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Vendors Hospitality Reception/ Competitors draw for preliminary field competition position
Silver Legacy Resort Casino
Location: Reno Ballroom, Halls 1 & 6

TUESDAY, JULY 15

MINE RESCUE COMPETITION: Reno-Sparks Convention Center
4590 S. Virginia
Reno, NV 89502

ALL DAY All Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

MINE RESCUE COMPETITION: Reno-Sparks Convention Center

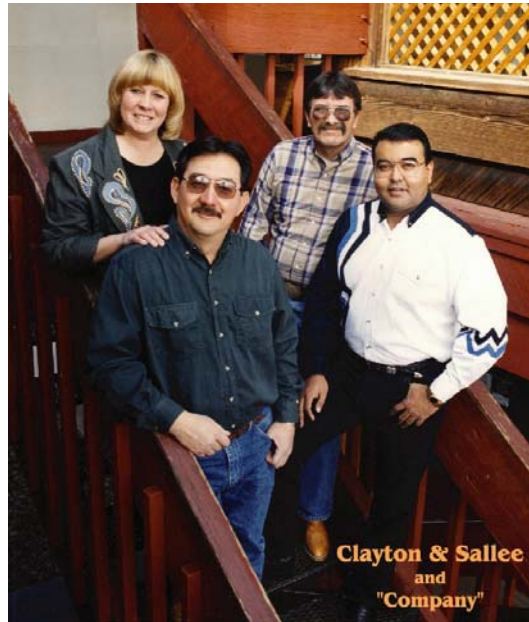
ALL DAY All Events

THURSDAY, JULY 17

MINE RESCUE COMPETITION: Reno-Sparks Convention Center

6:00 p.m. AWARDS BANQUET
Silver Legacy Resort Casino
Location: Grande Exposition Hall

9:00 p.m. National and International Ball
Music by: Clayton & Sallee and "Company"



Note: On day one, July 15, 2008, a percentage of the National teams will work the Mine Rescue Field problem while the remaining percentage works all other events (First Aid, Apparatus Bench and Multi-Gas Bench).

On day two, July 16, 2008, all National teams will reverse order (teams who worked the field will do all other events and vice versa).

On day three, July 17, 2008, the top 14 National finishers of the field competition will compete for the top 6 National finishing positions. International teams will also compete on this day for the top 4 finishing positions.

APPARATUS BENCHMAN CONTEST

(1) BENCHMAN _____ APPARATUS _____

MULTI-GAS INSTRUMENT BENCHMAN CONTEST

(1) GAS MAN _____ INSTRUMENT Industrial Scientific TMX-412

FIRST AID CONTEST

FIRST AID TEAM:

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Type of reference used:

Brady's First Responder (7th Edition) - Chapters 4 through 11 _____

* Teams not working the field problem may choose to compete in the bench, gas and first aid competitions. However, a team member may not participate in more than one of these events.

Please return this team entry form along with your entry fee (\$500) by check or money order made payable to the Silver Legacy Resort Casino by May 31 to:

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MONDAY, JULY 14

HOST HOTEL: Silver Legacy Resort
407 N. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89501
1-800-687-8733 or 775-325-7401
Group Rate: \$85 plus tax a night
Group Code: MSHA08
Room reservation cut-off date: June 11
(Hotel accepts all major credit cards)

1:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Registration
Silver Legacy Resort
Location: Salon Area

6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Vendors Hospitality Reception
Silver Legacy Resort
Location: Reno Ballroom, Halls 1 & 6

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Guided tour to Virginia City, Nevada
(Sponsored)

4:00 p.m. Team drawing for International competitions
Location: Silver Legacy Mezzanine TBA

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. International Meet and Greet Reception
Silver Baron Ball Room
(Sponsored)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

MINE RESCUE COMPETITION: Reno-Sparks Convention Center

(Luck of the Draw)

One-half of the international teams will compete in the field competition

All remaining International teams will be on their own (welcome to observe competitions)

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THURSDAY, JULY 17

MINE RESCUE COMPETITION: Reno-Sparks Convention Center

Note:

Teams who did not compete on field competition on Wednesday will compete in **all** events.

Teams who competed in the field competition Wednesday will compete in **all other** events.

6:00p.m. AWARDS BANQUET
Silver Legacy Resort
Location: Grande Exposition Hall
Cost per ticket: \$35
(Tickets may be purchased during International Team Registration)

9:00 p.m. National and International Ball
Music by: Clayton, Sally and Company

Note:

Team registration fees (\$US \$500.00 and banquet tickets (US \$35.00 per person) may be paid during registration on Monday, July 14, 2008.



**AWARDS BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM
2008 METAL/NONMETAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
MINE RESCUE CONTEST
RENO, NEVADA
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008**



COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS DESIRED FROM 10 INCLUDED IN PARTICIPATION FEE: _____

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS DESIRED: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The awards banquet will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino on Thursday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. Your participation fee entitles you up to ten (10) banquet tickets at no additional cost. However, should you need additional tickets; the cost per ticket will be \$35 which includes tax and gratuity. The banquet will be arranged for open seating and tickets should be purchased before May 31 as only a limited number of tickets will be available after this date.

To reserve tickets, please return this order form along with your check or money order, made payable to the **Silver Legacy Resort Casino**, to the address listed below no later than May 31.

Mine Safety and Health Administration
Attention: Christine (Tina) Mayhugh
1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2444
Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939

Banquet tickets will be available for pick-up during Registration on Monday, July 14 or thereafter. If you have any questions, please contact by email at mayhugh.christine@dol.gov or Robin Latimer at (202) 693-9546 or latimer.robins@dol.gov.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations are the responsibility of each individual team. For the convenience of our participants, a block of rooms have been set aside at the Silver Legacy for a special rate of \$85 a night plus tax. If you wish to stay at the Silver Legacy, please call their reservation line at 1-800-687-8733 and refer to code: **MSHA08** to take advantage of the special rate. The cut-off date for room reservations at the reduced rate is June 11.

COMPETITION

Written tests will be given to all participants prior to the preliminary field competition on Tuesday, July 15 at the Reno Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority. The preliminary field competition will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15 and 16. The final competition will be conducted on Thursday, July 17. Teams not working the field problem may choose to compete in the bench, gas and first aid competitions on Tuesday and Wednesday; however, a team member may not participate in more than one of these events.

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SHIPPING EQUIPMENT

Equipment can be shipped to The Freeman Companies and held for delivery to the Reno Sparks Convention Center. Each individual company is responsible for contacting them directly at (775) 356-6200 or fax (775) 356-6236 to arrange their own shipment and to coordinate delivery. Their warehouse shipping address is:

National Mine Rescue 2008
Individual Company Name
C/O The Freeman Companies

445 East Glendale Avenue
Sparks, Nevada 89431

Please note that each package/box must be labeled clearly with the Individual Company Name and must state: (1) For Mine Rescue Contest 2006; and (2) To be delivered to Reno/Sparks Convention Center - 7/14/2008.

Equipment will be accepted at the Convention Center on Monday July 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Access to the holding room at the Convention Center is from Kietzke Road through roll up door 15 on the east side.

Electrical outlets will be available for teams to plug in their ice freezers at the Convention Center. BG-4 teams should bring plastic forms (4 ½ inches in height) that enable them to make ice blocks for their apparatus.

There will not be any washing/drying facilities available at the Convention Center to clean face pieces after competing. It's recommended that you bring towels and wipe down materials if necessary.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENT

Code of Federal Regulations (30 CFR), [Part 49.7](#) requires each member of a mine rescue team to be examined annually by a physician who shall certify that each person is physically fit to perform mine rescue and recovery work for prolonged periods under strenuous conditions.

The designated official in charge of your team must be present during registration to sign and verify that all participating team members have received the required physical examination within one year of the contest date and are physically fit, trained and qualified under 30 CFR, Part 49.7 to compete.