

# NEWS THIS MONTH

**YOUR SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS ROCK-BREAKING**



## 2 WEEKS AWAY

As of the day of posting the ISEE 51st Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Technique is only 2 weeks away.

Coogar Sales & Services will be promoting and supporting Nxburst, the only represented deflagration explosive at last year's conference. With the presentation of the paper by Joseph Meyer titled - **Breaking New Ground: Deflagrating Cartridges for Urban Tunnelling at Grand Central** which based on the experience of using Nxburst in Skanska's project in the heart of Manhattan, we are excited to get the conference started.

### Look For Us At Booth 401

In addition to the fantastic Exhibitors Hall the conference has lots to offer the industry. Blasters will receive 2 days of training, totalling up to 16 hours, approved across 22 states. Essential topics include Safe Transport of Explosives, Blasters Math, and General Hazardous Materials Awareness.

Expert-led sessions

- State-required hours for Blaster's License Retraining
- Networking with nearly 1,600 industry professionals
- Multi-state approvals, saving you time and money
- A new Seismograph Operators Certificate Program
- Groundbreaking technologies in the exhibit hall
- Networking opportunities with industry leaders

**Don't miss this incredible event January 21-26, 2025!**

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# CONGRATULATIONS JOHN !

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In late November, John Capers, a longtime ISEE member, Past ISEE President, and former Technical Director at Austin Powder Company, stepped in as the interim Executive Director of the ISEE. We are lucky to harness John's experience and know-how. We would also like to thank the former Executive Director Steve Shivak for his dedication to the Society and wish him success in his future endeavours.

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## REGISTER NOW NXBURST TRAINING

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Our Nxburst training sessions will give you the knowledge and confidence to tackle your next rock or concrete removal project. We'll be running several sessions this spring and now is the best time to get to the front of the line.

### Theoretical Training Module

It is important that Nxburst is stored correctly. In the most extreme cases significant penalties and consequences can arise from the improper storage of explosives resulting from theft to accidents. Users of Nxburst have a legal responsibility to provide care and control of any Nxburst cartridges in their possession. The theoretical portion covers the storage requirements in great detail to ensure trainees adhere to their legal obligations. Blasting is also a very complex operation and no two projects are the same. We spend a lot of time covering rock-breaking concepts, the methodology behind breaking rock, drill patterns and most importantly the environmental and safety impacts that need to be controlled.

### Practical Training Module

Practical hands-on teaching is mandatory for achieving your Nxburst Certification. Actually loading cartridges in boreholes and implementing the procedures that were discussed in the theoretical module bring life to classroom discussions. Blast area control procedures, warning procedures and most importantly, igniting a circuit of loaded holes become real. This provides a better understanding of the different aspects and complexities that need to be understood to be properly implemented.

We will be sending out training dates to all the registered trainees later this year. If you are interested in attending an Nxburst course this spring, by registering your intention now we'll be able to notify you of upcoming training sessions. If you have enough trainees, we can schedule a training on your site, anywhere in North America. Email us at [Training@Coogarsales.Com](mailto:Training@Coogarsales.Com)