



# Using His CSHO to Help Others

by Guy Benson

What started as a career reboot evolved into a determination to keep others safe. That is the latest page in the journey of Clay Bruton, a safety technician for Brazos Urethane, Inc., a nationwide roofing services company. For the past 18 months or so, he has been keeping fellow employees safe during a huge roofing project in Taylor, Texas.



Clay has spent his life in various aspects of general industry safety. First, he served as a loss prevention safety manager with the military's Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) in Waco, Texas. Then he protected others for a time as a police officer.

He was semi-retired when he came across OSHA's CSHO certification training through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). With time and money on his hands, Clay dove into the deep end of the education pool – dual CSHO deep.

Clay explains, *"I started my dual CSHOs in September 2022 and earned them both the*

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*same day in January 2023, almost all in person in San Antonio. I was a face that was there all the time, and of course the instructors got used to seeing me there.”*

It was that connection with one of the TEEEX instructors that led to Clay’s new career with Brazos Urethane. The company’s safety director told the instructor she was looking for safety people for a big project. The instructor told Clay, he applied, and the rest is history.

How has Clay’s OSHA education served him in his current career? *“Everything I’ve learned has been useful,”* he expounds, *“but when you are 125 feet or more in the air spraying chemicals on roofs the two most important are fall protection and respiratory protection.”*

Clay sums up this way, *“The most important thing is keeping folks safe and getting them home at the end of the day.”*



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