

# Why Join SMRP and Become a CMRP or CMRT

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The Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (SMRP) is a nonprofit professional society formed by practitioners to develop and promote excellence in maintenance, reliability and physical asset management while creating leaders in the profession.

Improving the profession requires a standard of excellence and an incentive to attain the standard. Maintenance and reliability managers are often promoted because of technical skills, without regard for their ability to improve work processes, create change, or manage people.

SMRP believes that maintenance and reliability practitioners need greater stature and credibility in their organizations and industry to be heard. We believe the message of Maintenance and Reliability adding value is often drowned out by day-to-day production demands.

## So Why Join SMRP? (I ask this question all the time – 3 main reasons)

**Reason #1** - To network with practitioners and professionals in maintenance, reliability and physical asset management and knowledge and resources typically found outside of your team, facility or workplace.

The Society for Maintenance & Reliability Professionals (SMRP) offers individuals and companies the opportunity to learn, network and certify with other members from around the globe in order to develop skills and promote excellence within the profession.

Full individual or company membership with SMRP includes:

- **Access to more than 6,500 members from around the globe** with knowledge and experience in the profession
- **The SMRP Library**, which houses hundreds of best practices, guidelines, metrics, presentations and recorded webinars
- **Discounted registration** for SMRP-hosted events and SMRPCO certification exams
- **Volunteer opportunities to help other members** and **advocate** on behalf of the profession
- **Opportunities to meet and network with other members** through chapters and the **SMRP Exchange**

## **Reason #2: To Network with Professionals who have overcome challenges one faces in Maintenance and Reliability in local Chapters or Shared Interest Groups**

### Chapters

Chapters are comprised of SMRP members who seek to connect with other professionals based on their location. These extensions of SMRP provide opportunities for members to share ideas, network and host events that attract other professionals from the area. Many of our chapters hold annual conferences or workshops that drive the growth of SMRP membership and encourage professionals and practitioners to engage with others.



Any questions regarding chapters can be emailed to [chapters@smrp.org](mailto:chapters@smrp.org). Connect with and learn more about SMRP chapters through their communities pages below, in our online community platform, [SMRP Exchange](#).

### Current Chapters

Alabama	East Tennessee	Kansas City	South Central
Allegheny/ Appalachian	Florida	Middle Tennessee	Trinidad
Arizona	Georgia	Nebraska/Iowa	Wichita
Carolinas	Grt. Cincy/N. KY	North Texas	Wisconsin
Chicagoland	Houston	Ontario	
Rocky Mountain	Indiana	SE Virginia	

### Shared Interest Groups

SMRP Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) connect like-minded practitioners through communities that focus on specific industries and topics. Visit [SMRP Exchange](#) to learn more and join a SIG today.

- Condition Based Maintenance
- Mining
- Oil, Gas & Petrochemical
- Pharmaceutical & Biotech
- Reliability Analytics
- Utilities

## **Reason #3: To Become a CMRP or CMRT and feel a sense of pride as a true Maintenance and Reliability Professional**

The Certified Maintenance & Reliability Professional (CMRP) program is the leading credential for validating the knowledge, skills and abilities of maintenance, reliability and physical asset management professionals.

It is the only accredited certification following the ISO standards for individuals in maintenance, reliability and physical asset management.

The exam tests real-world knowledge, including work management and leadership skills, to give individuals the tools to take the next step in their careers.

### Why you should certify:

- Many employers use the CMRP / CMRT certification as a prerequisite for hiring employees.
- Four out of five CMRP-certified individuals recommend the CMRP as a means to advance an individual's career.
- A CMRT could mean you are put at the "front of line" when applying for a new position with your organization or outside your organization.
- The CMRP and CMRT certification complies with ISO 17024, which is accredited by American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Becoming certified includes SMRP membership and access to continuing education opportunities, metrics and best practices.

### More Benefits of Certification

The benefits of certification are apparent for many fields and very attractive to practitioners in many organizations. The following is a short summary of the benefits that were highlighted by practitioners who responded to the certification survey:

- Clearer direction for career development and education
- Improved visibility and recognition within your current organization
- Differentiated pay scales
- Portable job skills and knowledge between plants and companies
- Assists in job promotion
- Greater job effectiveness

Want to Join SMRP? Go to [www.smrp.org](http://www.smrp.org) and begin new journey to your success. Individual Membership - \$170.00 USD per year

**Personal Note: I have been a Member of SMRP and a CMRP for over 20 years along with a CMRT for over 4 years. This was one of the best decisions I ever made in my career, it was life changing.**

**Do not waste time, become a CMRP or CMRT Today, make that next step in your career, go to [www.smrp.org](http://www.smrp.org)**

**A journey of a Thousand Miles begin with the first step**

Lao Tzu  
6<sup>th</sup> Century BC  
Chinese philosopher and writer