What to do when a camera is shoved in your face!  
A.K.A. Tips to be Better Prepared for Media Encounters

December 6th Meeting Topic:
The last thing you want to do is pick up the telephone or walk out the door and find a reporter in your face. But if you do, don’t think it’s the end of the world. There are some things you can do to be prepared for the next time the media comes calling. This session will show you how to assess your potential for becoming the news and take a look at what you can do to survive the media “storm”.

About our Speaker: Cindy Pollard
Cindy Pollard is public affairs director for Aera Energy. She has more than 30 years of public and media relations, corporate and crisis communications experience, coaching numerous clients and companies on how to survive the glare of the spotlight.

Bakersfield ASSE Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings are held from 7:00--8:45am on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel’s Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is $13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet (cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted). The cost is only $5 for Student and Emeritus Members of ASSE.
Your RSVP is appreciated!
Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
**Bakersfield Chapter Study Group**

The Professional Development Study group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. at Continental Labor and Staffing [900 Mohawk St, Suite 120].

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP).

Anyone can join the group at any time; this is a “go at your own pace” study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIS.

We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training.

You can purchase the work books from: [www.spansafetyworkshops.com](http://www.spansafetyworkshops.com).

Please direct emails to Heath Taylor if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.

**Professional Development Achievements**

*Congratulations* on successfully advancing your professional development!

**Justin Anspach** with *S.C. Anderson* recently completed the requirements to become a STSC.

Let us know about your professional development successes too!

Certification info at [www.bcsp.org](http://www.bcsp.org).

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**“Members on the Move”**

**Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Members on their New Assignments**

Lynn M. Bishop — Safety Coordinator at California Rail Builders

Abigail Lewis — Air Quality Inspector at SJVAPCD

Steven Schulz—Safety Manager at Quanta Services, Inc.

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**Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board**

The Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB) meeting is where California stakeholders can attend and be heard on issues relating to the current and future enforceable standards that exist to ensure the health and safety of California workers. For more information on the OSHSB, visit: [www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb)

You can view the agendas for past and future meetings [here](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb).
No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSE members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes.

https://www.westec.org

Welcome New Members!

Although guests are always welcome, ASSE loves it when new members join. Here are a few of the most recent new members. If you see them at an ASSE meeting, please give them a friendly welcome.

David Bernardi—American Incorporated
Andrew Black—
Phil Clarke—KS Industries
Vicky Furnish—Southern California Edison
Marianne Hockett—CSUB Student Section
Todd Nickeson—Brown’s Backhoe Service
Beverly Rivas—CSUB Student Section
Kay Robert—ArcPoint Diagnostics
Korri Rose—Stevens Transportation
Denise Saucedo—Kern County Public Works

Javier Bermea, Ernie Kumpe, & Craig O’Brien

Thank you for sponsoring new chapter members. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSE, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!
OSHA Still Considering Revising Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

Once again, the deadline for covered employers to electronically submit injury and illness records to OSHA has been delayed. The Agency has indicated that it is close to completing its review of the Obama-Era final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses. In a Status Report filed on October 10, 2017 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, which has stayed litigation over the rule pending further rulemaking, the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) indicated that OSHA continues to develop a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPRM”) to “reconsider, revise, or remove provisions of the [Rule]” as announced in the July 20, 2017 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs’ regulatory agenda.

DOJ went on to state that it understands that OSHA has “drafted substantial portions of the NPRM, including draft regulatory text and a summary and explanation of the proposed changes, and that OSHA’s economists have made significant progress on the economic analysis and continue to refine it. Once the analysis is finalized, the draft NPRM will proceed through the agency clearance process.”

The Status Report gives no indication as to when this process will be completed or when the NPRM will be published. Many industry groups and the Commerce Department have urged the new administration and OSHA to eliminate provisions under the rule that would make employer injury and illness data publicly available online and which would restrict existing employer policies such as safety incentive programs and post-accident drug testing.

Unfortunately, the filing does not reveal what parts of the rule may be subject to revision or removal. There are some expectations that OSHA will maintain the electronic reporting requirements but will not make the information publicly available. OSHA may also eliminate the rule’s anti-retaliation provisions.

A Look Ahead: Upcoming Chapter Meeting

January 3rd Topic: The Ins and Outs of Safety Footwear

We say safety footwear because steel and composite toe are included. What’s the difference and what are the advantages for each? Have you ever heard any of these questions or concerns about safety footwear? I don’t want to wear “steel toe shoes” they will cut my toes off! Steel-toed boots are more dangerous to your toes than normal boots when a heavy weight is dropped on them! It has a hard toe, is that a safety shoe?

Rob will not only explain exactly what a designation like ASTM F2413-11, M I/75 C/75 Mt75 1 means, he will also explain how the compression and impact tests are done. Additionally, Rob will discuss the difference between Electro Static Dissipative and Electrical Hazard footwear and the difference between Composite Toe and Steel Toe Caps.

Time permitting, Rob will talk about footwear construction as well as how to fit yourself into safety footwear.

Speaker: Rob Osborne, Honeywell Safety Products

Rob Osborne is a Territory Sales Manager in Footwear for Honeywell Safety Products, covering the Western United States. Rob has been in Industrial Footwear for almost 20 years. He started his career at EJ Footwear, then Lehigh Safety Shoes, Rocky Shoes and Boots, and is currently with Honeywell. When Rob is not a shoe dog helping companies keep their people safe from slip, trips, and falls as well as drops and foot smashes, he likes spending time with his family, camping, gardening, and also serves on his city’s Planning Commission. Rob is a train nut, and is currently working on a garden railroad in his backyard. Rob is married, has 3 boys, and lives in the Salt Lake City area.
Get involved with WISE

**WISE** stands for Women In Safety Engineering, but don’t let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

**Our Objectives:**
- Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
- Promoting EHS in our community
- Networking to strengthen professional relationships
- Advancing the professional development of our members
- Mentoring women

**Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

**January 2018**

**Date:** TBD
**Time:** TBD
**Where:** NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
**Speaker:** Kay Robert, ArcPoint Labs
**Topic:** The Truth About Opiates
During this meeting, Ms. Robert will cover the history, statistics, and myths regarding opiates.

For more information, please email your Bakersfield WISE Chair Lisa Marriott-Smith or join us on Facebook!

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**Bakersfield WISE Professional Development Poll**

Were you unable to attend the November Bakersfield WISE 2018 Planning Meeting, but would like to be involved in developing next year’s program?

Send an email to wise@bakersfield.asse.org with your answers to the short poll below.

1. What day of the week are you available to attend meetings?
2. Would you prefer evening or lunch meetings?
3. Do you have any suggestions for professional development topics or speakers?

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**Fred Hrenchir recognized for his 25 years as a member of ASSE**
We were provided the opportunity by CSUB and ASSE to attend the Future Safety Leadership Conference in Lombard, IL. As the only school from California, we both felt as if we had a big responsibility to represent emerging west coast safety professionals. The conference focused on equipping students with information current safety professionals wished they knew or were told starting out in their safety career. Keynote speaker and Chief Safety Officer for Vivid Learning Systems, Jill James enriched our minds with her speech that included ten ways to be a confident, approachable, and intelligent safety professional; she stressed love what you do.

We enjoyed networking and getting to know other ASSE student chapter members from schools across the nation. Along with networking with students, we were able to meet with representatives from large companies such as Georgia Pacific and Fiat of Chrysler. Both companies were impressed that not only are we going to graduate with a degree in safety, but our degree also incorporates environmental resource management. This was extremely encouraging to us because we now know, large companies are not just interested in OSH degrees. Other major takeaways from the conference were, how much every safety professional that spoke stressed the need for knowing how a business works and the terminology management is going to be using.

We enjoyed the time learning and networking at the Future Safety Leadership Conference and want to thank ASSE and CSUB for believing in us and providing us with this opportunity.

Thank you
Volunteer Opportunity 2018 Symposium Committee

Members and Guests of the Bakersfield Chapter, we want you to know about a short term volunteer opportunity you are well suited to fill! The 19th Annual Bakersfield ASSE Symposium will take place on Wednesday, March 21st, 2018 at the Rabobank Convention Center in Bakersfield, California.

This is the most leveraging event our chapter puts together each year. Planning is essential for the success of the event.

The Symposium planning committee can use your fresh ideas!!

Jon Hall (President-Elect) is the Symposium Planning Committee Chair. Let him know your questions and/or willingness to help by contacting him at presidentelect@bakersfield.asse.org

ASSE to become ASSP at Safety 2018, with the debut of a new website.

CHRISTMAS PARADE CALL!

Come one, come all! The Bakersfield Chapter of the ASSE will be walking in the Bakersfield Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 7th! Streets will close at 4:30, and parade will start around 6:30. We would LOVE to have as many chapter members and guests as we can possibly get to participate, dressed in their Sunday best PPE with a holiday twist (unfortunately, no Santa’s. The big man is reserved for the final float)! Families and friends are welcome, though 4 legged friends are unfortunately restricted.

Please Email Eric Castillo at EricCa@NuSil.com for more information and to provide a No Obligation RSVP.

Thank you!

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you, our members, please contact Gary Ray via email at rayg@kerncounty.com.
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Refer your colleagues to ASSE

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GRAND PRIZE SAFETY 2018!

For every new paid member you sponsor January - December 2017, you will receive an entry to win a trip to Safety 2018 in San Antonio that includes:

- Full Safety 2018 registration June 3-6
- 3-nights conference hotel accommodations June 3, 4 & 5
- $250 AMEX gift card for expenses

Refer 3 ➤ FREE Webinar
Refer 5 ➤ FREE 1-year Membership Extension
Refer 10 ➤ FREE Polo Shirt + FREE Seminar

Your Colleagues Win Too! In addition to all of their new member benefits, your colleagues will receive a FREE webinar valued at $99 by using code 1701RAF.

For referral tools and complete details of the Member-get-a-member program, visit www.asse.org/mgam.