Gangs in Kern County

March 7th Meeting Topic:
Understanding the signs, symbols, and demeanor of gang members in order to keep your employees safe and know when to call law enforcement. Many gang members are employed in industry, therefore having supervisors who recognize signs and symbols of gang activity can help to keep employees safe.

About our Speaker:
Cynthia Zimmer, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Kern County

Cindy has been a prosecutor for over 33 years, a supervisor for 20 years, and supervisor of the Gang Unit for 10 years. She has prosecuted numerous gang related murder cases and continues to oversee all gang related prosecutions in Kern County. She graduated from CSUB and Loyola Law School. She is married to an attorney and they have 26-year-old twins, one of whom is a mechanical engineer employed in the agricultural field in the Lean Six Sigma Program. This presentation has been well received by numerous law enforcement and community organizations all over Kern County. Gang violence is a public safety concern and public awareness of the signs and symbols can be life saving.

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

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!

Jevan Lane with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a CSP.

Adalin Llerenas with Sierra Recycling & Demolition recently completed the requirement to become an OHST.

Let us know about your professional development successes too! Certification info at www.bcsp.org.

Volunteers Needed for the WISE Lounge

Are you planning to attend the ASSE Bakersfield Symposium this year? WISE could use your help. We’ll be hosting a lounge with ample seating and tables, where attendees can come and relax and, of course, learn more about WISE. Volunteers are needed to greet attendees and answer questions throughout the day, during registration and breaks (see the Event Schedule for times).

If you’re able to help, please email wise@bakersfield.asse.org.

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

You can view the agendas for past and future meetings here.

Professional Development Chair

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!
You’re Invited to the next WISE Professional Development Meeting

**WISE** stands for **W**omen **I**n **S**afety **E**ngineering. But don’t let the name fool you – WISE welcomes anyone (we love guests) interested in the advancement of women in Safety Engineering, Safety Management, Industrial Hygiene, and other safety related positions. So why not join us for our next Professional Development & Networking Meeting?

**When?** Thursday, March 15th @ 6:00pm

**What?** *Air Quality and the Permitting Process in the San Joaquin Valley*
A brief breakdown on who we are as an agency, what we regulate, the challenges that we face, and our successes.

**Who?**

Cassandra Melching
Outreach & Communications Representative
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

Leonard Scandura
Permit Services Manager
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

**Where?** NuSil Technology, Building 5 (furthest north), 2343 Pegasus Rd ([Google Map](https://www.google.com/maps/place/NuSil+Technology/@36.424751,-118.2377288,15z/data=!4m18!3m17!2m6!1e0!2e0!3d36.424718!4d-118.237728!5e0!6m4!4s0!7m2!3m1!1s0x8092f1518b818b29:8!8m2!3d36.424718!4d-118.237728?hl=en)

The night’s agenda will include:

6:00 – 6:30   Dinner
6:30 – 7:30   Professional Development Presentation
7:30 – 8:00   Opportunity for Networking

**Please RSVP** to **wise@bakersfield.asse.org** no later than Tuesday, March 13th

We hope to see you there!
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.

Fidel Cervantes—JG Boswell
Matt Dawes—JG Boswell
Fernando Elenes—BHHC
Martin Esparza—Alon Asphalt Company
Vince Garcia—JG Boswell
Marvin Le Fridge—JG Boswell
Anita Martinez—Cesar Chavez Foundation/CSUB
Don McFarland—PROS Inc.
Tyler Payne—Environmental Waste Minimization Inc.
Mariah Pacheco—JG Boswell
Denise Zuniga—JG Boswell

“Members on the Move”

Congrats to Bakersfield Chapter Members on New Assignments

Sean Moyna, CSP, CHST—Safety Director at Primoris Renewable Energy & Vadnais Trenchless Services Inc.

Tim Vaughn, OHST, CHST—Safety & Compliance Manager at Cox Petroleum Transport
Government Affairs

Workplace Violence, Indoor Heat, Cannabis Regulations on Cal/OSHA 2018 Schedule

Starting the year with a bang, the Cal/OSHA Division said it intends to finalize several new standards this year, including one on indoor heat illness prevention. It also intends to release new workplace violence prevention for general industries regulations and new regulations to affect the cannabis industry.

Workplace Violence Prevention Plan for General Industries

In 2017, a rise in workplace violence incidents (including active shooter situations and theft) has OSHA pushing for a higher, heavily regulated standard to ensure that all employees are safe and to hold employers liable for preventable workplace violence incidents. Expectations are that it will be included in employers’ existing IIPP, yet many employers are asking for a separate, standalone Plan. The expected workplace violence prevention standard for general industries likely will affect all employers, except the Department of Corrections and health care employers. The Cal/OSHA advisory board began accepting comments in January 2018.

Cannabis Industry

By March 1, 2018, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health must convene an advisory committee to evaluate whether there is a need to develop industry-specific regulations related to marijuana use. The Division plans to have an advisory board to discuss the unique health and safety hazards faced by workers employed in the marijuana industry, including:

- Exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke;
- Potential risks of fire and explosions;
- Potential risks of exposure to airborne contaminants;
- Potential risks of armed robberies and other workplace violence issues; and
- Repetitive strain injuries.

The advisory board began accepting comments on this subject on January 31. Some employers are concerned over the lack of focus on how cannabis impacts their worker population, who are employed in other industries outside of the cannabis growing/farming community.

Indoor Heat Illness

The indoor heat illness prevention plan standard likely will affect employers who operate an indoor facility that at any time may increase to above 80 degrees Fahrenheit. A non-exhaustive list of industries subject to this standard are kitchens, manufacturing, refineries, factories, retail and other warehouses, and construction sites. If your facility is not air-conditioned, this standard likely will apply to your workplace. The advisory board began accepting comments starting at the hearing on this subject, which was set for February 8, 2018.

One specific draft proposal that stands out is the provision to provide a 10 minute break every hour when employees work in 100 degree conditions.

CONGRATULATIONS
Joe Simmons
being presented his test reimbursement check for passing his CHST, from Heath Taylor (left).

A Look Ahead

April 4th Topic: A Life Interrupted

A powerful and interactive program in partnership with families of victims who have died as the result of an automobile crash involving alcohol, drugs, or unsafe driving practices by young inexperienced drivers. It was created to educate high school students about the dangers of driving or riding with someone under the influence and distractions.

Speaker: Scott Spielman, Assistant District Attorney

After serving in the US Army as a military police officer, Scott graduated from Fresno State University and then McGeorge School of Law. He worked for Spielman Construction before beginning his legal career with the Kern County District Attorney’s Office in 1994. Scott has worked in the misdemeanor, felony, preliminary hearing, rural crime, and special prosecutions units. He has personally prosecuted over 100 felony jury trials with many involving serious felonies. In addition, he is the president of the non-profit group A Life Interrupted.

Terry Ellis
Government Affairs Chair

Joe Simmons

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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:

Professional Development Meeting
Date: March 15
Time: 6:00—8:00PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Speakers: Cassandra Melching & Leonard Scandura
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
Topic: Air Quality & the Permitting Process in the San Joaquin Valley

Volunteers needed for the WISE Lounge at the Bakersfield Symposium.
Date: March 21
Time: During Registration and Breaks
Where: Rabobank Convention Center
See Page 2 for more details

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

Bakersfield WISE would like to thank Frito-Lay and especially our guide, Deborah Sovay, for a very insightful and interesting tour of the Frito-Lay Kern Plant.

WISE Mentoring Applications Due April 7th

The WISE Mentoring program successfully connects today’s most talented and experienced mentors with aspiring mentees at any stage of their career. This pairing is designed to encourage and empower mentees to more effectively advance their careers through alignment with identified business objectives, skill development, career option consideration, and network formation. If you are an ASSE and WISE member seeking to chart a successful career path or a seasoned pro motivated to share experiences and insight, please visit the ASSE WISE website for more information and enrollment.

Please contact louisevallee7@gmail.com for more information.
Interested, but not a member? NOW is a great time to join!

10th Annual Central Valley Chemical Safety Day

The Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE participated in the 10th Annual Central Valley Chemical Safety Day held on February 15, 2018 at the Rabobank Convention Center. This year’s theme of Don’t Gamble with Your Life was kicked off especially well when Manny Ehrlich from the Chemical Safety Board walked through the investigation of an incident in West, Texas. His session titled The Consequences of NOT Knowing What You Don’t Know, set the tone perfectly for the rest of the day. This event highlights the importance of a private and public partnership in the safe handling of chemicals and included a Live Ammonia Release Training and Demonstration the day before. (Continued on page...
10th Annual Central Valley Chemical Safety Day

A special Thank You to Bakersfield Chapter member, **Dave Flores** and **Grimmway** for Donating their Sponsor booth to the ASSE Bakersfield Chapter for the day!

Thanks for stopping by the ASSE Booth.
The 19th Annual Symposium will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st, 2018** at The Rabobank Convention Center, located at 1001 Truxtun Ave in Bakersfield, California.


To help raise awareness for safety in the workplace, the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE in conjunction with NAOSH Week is holding its annual “Safety-on-the-Job” poster contest for Kids. See Flyer on page 9 for details.

### ASSE's Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

**The more of your friends who join, the more REWARDS**

*Refer 3 friends to receive 1 FREE ASSE Webinar*
*Refer 5 friends to receive a FREE 1-year extension of your ASSE Membership*
*Refer 10 friends to receive an ASSE Polo Shirt + 1 FREE ASSE Seminar (amount not to exceed $350)*

**Grand Prize Drawing:** For every new paid member you sponsor January - December 2018, you will receive an entry to win the Grand Prize drawing for a trip to SAFETY 2019 in New Orleans including:
* Full SAFETY 2019 registration June 9-12 in New Orleans, LA
* Three nights hotel accommodations June 9, 10 and 11, at one of ASSE’s conference hotels
* $250 AMEX card to use for expenses

*Prize not to exceed $2,000 US.*

**Your Friend wins too!**
In addition to all of their new ASSE Membership benefits, every time a new member joins with code 1801RAF they receive 1 FREE ASSE Webinar.

**Questions?**
Contact ASSE customer service at +01.847.699.2929 or [customerservice@asse.org](mailto:customerservice@asse.org).

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**Become a Member!**

**Guests (non-Members):** Complete application at [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org).

**Students:** Join for only **$15/year** and receive a free year membership upon your graduation (wow!)-what a great deal!

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**NAOSH Week 2018**
North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May. Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP Day) falls on the Wednesday of that week.
SAFETY ON THE JOB
POSTER CONTEST
For Kids

To help raise awareness for safety in the workplace, the Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) in conjunction with NAOSH week is holding its annual “Safety on the Job” poster contest for kids. The contest runs February 1 through April 27, 2018.

3 LUCKY WINNERS WILL RECEIVE

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$50 GIFT CARD

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SEE YOUR DRAWING ON TV!

DEADLINE: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 27 AT 5:00 PM.

Submit to KGET-TV 17 at 2120 L’Street or electronically to Social@KGET.com.
For more information call 661-283-1700.

RULES

Contest is open to children between the ages of 5 and 13. To enter, submit an 8 ½” x 11” color picture illustrating “Safety on the Job.” Entries will be received Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the KGET-TV 17 front office at 2120 L’Street or may be submitted electronically to Social@KGET.com.

Include child’s name and age, parent or guardian’s name, street address, phone number and email address so winners can be notified.

One (1) winner will be selected from each age group:
1) Ages 5-7  
2) Ages 8-10  
3) Ages 11-13

One (1) entry per person; all entries become the property of KGET-TV 17 and will not be returned.

An independent panel of judges will select three winning entries that best illustrate the theme “Safety on the Job.” Entries will be judged on creativity and the decisions of the panel are final. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded at contest end.

The winner in each age group will receive a $50 Gift Card and will be announced the following week on “17 Sunrise” and will be notified by email, phone or postal mail.