A Life Interrupted

April 4th Meeting Topic:
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.

About our Speaker:
Scott Spielman, Assistant District Attorney, Kern County

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 which works in partnership with the Bakersfield Police Department to educate our youth drivers about the dangers of impaired and reckless driving.

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.

Thank You to all who attended the 2018 ASSE Bakersfield Chapter Symposium.
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:


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

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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

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

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Professional Development Achievements

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!

David Mersereau with C & J Energy Services, Inc. recently completed the requirements to become a CSP.

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

David Bernardi with American Incorporated recently completed the requirements to become a CHST.

Let us know about your professional development successes too! Certification info at www.bcsp.org.
Thank You to all who Attended the New Members Social

On March 27, new members (and their significant others) joined with the members from Executive Committee for a fun filled evening at the ASSE Bakersfield Chapter - New Member Social.

The event was held at La Costa Mariscos Restaurant (Former Ice House location). The Bakersfield Chapter sponsored great food and happy hour priced drinks. In addition, there were ice breaker exercises and door prizes. A primary goal of the event is to give new members an opportunity to connect to the chapter early in their membership experience. A secondary goal is for Executive Committee members to connect with new members (especially as the chapter continues to grow).

Chris Vochoska & Eric Castillo - New Member Social Planning Committee
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.

Mitch Camarillo—Chevron
Michele Herstad—Mistras Group/Taft College
Frank Ornelas—3M Corporation
Karen Sandoval—Taft College
Edwina Stewart—Nestle

George Clarke

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!

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
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

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health convened 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.

A Look Ahead

May 2nd Topic: The Latest Cal-OSHA Updates

Valley Fever, Indoor Heat Illness, Silica, Beryllium, Workplace Violence, the Solus Decision, and More...

Speaker: Jeffrey M Tanenbaum

Jeff is a member of Nixon Peabody’s Labor & Employment practice and chairs the firm’s OSHA practice. He represents employers in a wide range of employment and labor law matters, with an emphasis on occupational safety and health compliance and litigation. Jeff was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 in the fields of Employment Law, Management and Litigation, and Labor and Employment. Jeff has been recognized for exceptional standing in the legal community in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business 2017 for Labor and Employment (California). He has been recognized as a “Super Lawyer” and is considered one of California’s leading employment litigators.
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:

May Facility Tour
Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Where: Lehigh Southwest Cement, Tehachapi

More detail to come.

Help set the agenda by emailing the WISE Chair your answers to the poll on this page.

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

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!

Lehigh Southwest Cement, Tehachapi Facility Tour Poll

Brian Bigley of Lehigh has generously volunteered to provide Bakersfield WISE and our guest a tour of the cement plant in Tehachapi. If you are interested in joining this tour, please email your responses to the following questions to the WISE Chair (wise@bakersfield.asse.org).

1. Which day(s) of the week could you join the tour?
   a. Friday, Departing Bakersfield around lunchtime
   b. Saturday, Departing Bakersfield in the morning or afternoon
   c. Sunday (includes a tour of the quarry), departing Bakersfield in the morning or afternoon
   d. Monday (includes a tour of the quarry), departing Bakersfield around lunchtime
   e. Other (please list alternative day and/or time)

2. Please list any dates between May 11th and May 31st that you would not be available?

3. What is the maximum fee you would be willing to pay to rent a van/bus to travel to the plant?
Congratulations to all of Our Award Winners

19th Annual Symposium

FRANK ROSENLIB

Dedicated Service Award
Presented by Chris Vochoska, CSP

Servant Leader, Trustworthy, Integrity, Insightful, High Character, Humble, Loyal

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Dedicated Service Award Recipient

Mark Ruder, CSP

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Rising Star Award

Presented by
Michael Geyer CSP, P.E., CIH

2017/2018
Rising Star Award Recipient

Heath Taylor, CSP
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Safety Professional Of The Year (S.P.Y.)
Presented by Joe Bariffi, CSP

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2017/2018 Bakersfield Chapter Safety Professional of the Year

Ron Nunley, CSP, CIH
More from the New Members Social

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 11 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.

Become a Member!


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

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

$50 GIFT CARD & 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.

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