



## September 5th Meeting Topic:

### **Corporate Responsibilities for Emergency Management & Preparedness**

## About our Speaker:

### **Joseph Cobb-Spill & Emergency Response Coordinator, Aera Energy LLC**

As Aera Energy's Emergency Response Coordinator, Mr. Cobb is responsible for emergency preparedness planning and development. He supervises the execution of drills and exercises, performs hazard evaluations, and conducts training for Aera's wide variety of response teams. He regularly interacts with agency representatives, and acts as the Incident Command System (ICS) coach during live responses.

Prior to joining Aera in 2010, Mr. Cobb pursued a career in municipal emergency response, working as a firefighter, paramedic, and hazardous materials specialist for a number of California organizations, including Hall Ambulance here in Bakersfield. He holds an Associate's Degree in Fire Technology from Allan Hancock College, a Bachelor of Science Degree from the ERM Program at California State University, Bakersfield, and is currently completing his Graduate work in Crisis and Emergency Management at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Mr. Cobb was recently appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee, where he represents the Oil Production Industry.



Important Notice

ASSP ChapterWISE has launched a new website  
<http://www.chapterwise.com/>. The Bakersfield Chapter Wise is featured throughout the website!

See us on the following pages:  
Home, About, and Upcoming Events.

### **Bakersfield ASSP 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 ASSP.

Your RSVP is appreciated!

Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 201-2651 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.



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## 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 Chair



### **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](#).

### **Professional Development Achievements**

**Congratulations** on successfully advancing your professional development!



**Jessica Vargas** with NuSil Technology recently completed the requirements to become a CSP.

Let us know about your professional development successes too!

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

### **No Cost Classes at Westec**

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



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## **Action Needed to Retain CSP Credential**

Attention CSP Credential Holders – New Education Requirements,

Continuing to lead as the Gold Standard in safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) certification, BCSP will require that those applying for the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree to meet the education requirement beginning July 2, 2018. CSPs who applied before that date without a minimum of a bachelor's degree must meet the new education requirement by January 1, 2021.

For those who hold, or will hold, the CSP but did not apply for the credential with a minimum of a bachelor's, BCSP will provide several options so that they may continue to hold their certification.

**1. If you hold, or will hold, a minimum of a bachelor's degree by December 31, 2020:**

As soon as you are able, and no later than December 31, 2020, please send BCSP a copy of an official academic transcript with the degree awarded and conferred date from the issuing university. Having this transcript on file will demonstrate compliance with the new CSP education requirement and no further action will be required.

Transcripts may be sent by email or university eScript to [educationprogram@bcsp.org](mailto:educationprogram@bcsp.org) or mailed to:

Certification Services  
Board of Certified Safety Professionals  
8645 Guion Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

**2. If you do not hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and will not by December 31, 2020:**

BCSP collaborated with the University of Illinois Online Network to produce an online education program CSPs may use to demonstrate they possess a level of knowledge in a number of professional development topics identified as skills/knowledge areas determined to meet the new CSP education requirement. The earlier CSPs attempt these courses, the better their chances of completing them. CSPs who successfully complete each course in this program no later than December 31, 2020, will continue to hold their certification.

You may read more about the online education program at [education.bcsp.org](http://education.bcsp.org).

**3. If you plan to retire before by December 31, 2020:**

Certificants who have held the CSP for more than ten (10) years and completed two (2) recertification cycles may choose to hold the CSP in retired status if they will exceed no more than 200 hours of safety practice annually. They will not be able to reinstate to active status unless they obtain a bachelor's degree or complete the equivalency courses by December 31, 2020, but they may continue to hold the CSP-Retired.

It is BCSP's goal to ensure all certified professionals meet professional standards. Should you need additional information or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Certification Services at +1 317-593-4800 or [educationprogram@bcsp.org](mailto:educationprogram@bcsp.org).

Sincerely,

Certification Services





# *Thank You to all who Attended the Ice Cream Social*

A fun time was had by all at the ASSP Bakersfield Chapter Ice Cream Social.



*Lisa Marriott-Smith*



*Heath, Everett, & Ivan Taylor*



*Helen, Brynlee, & Chris Ordway*



*Mark & Debi Smith*



*Kenny & Wendy Elmore*



*Joe & J Canas*



*Eric Castillo & Elizabeth Jackman*



*Jon & Valerie Hall*



*Guy & Sue Waski*



*Jason, Ashley, & Baby Troy Kibbey*



*Sandra & Anthony Monroy*



*Kaleigh, Isaiah, Lakesha, & Gary Ray*



# Welcome New Members

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

## Chris Vochoska - Membership Chair

**Stacy Arthur**  
3M Corporation

**Paul Gamez**  
The Garlic Company

**Gerald Horton**  
Student Member



**Trey Burrows**  
Nestle Dryer's Ice Cream



**Joe Sheppard**  
Columbia Southern  
University/KBA



**Wilson Jones** is pursuing an AS in Occupational Safety and Risk Management (Concentration—Industrial Technology) at Bakersfield College. He has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and is interested in internship opportunities.

## “Members on the Move”



Congrats to **Bob Johnson** for starting a new position as Owner at Bob Johnson Safety Services LLC.



Congrats to **Donald Thomsberry** M.Ed., CHST, for starting a new position as Vocational Instructor at Management & Training Corporation.





## A Look Ahead

### October 3rd Topic: **Proposed Indoor Heat Illness Regulation**

Speaker: **J.T. Parnell**, MS-Director of Service Operations, Boretti, Inc.



Mr. Parnell will present an overview of the proposed Indoor Heat Illness regulation. He will review what rules to expect, how the new regulation will affect business operations, and protocols to adopt based on environmental temperatures, work activity levels, PE Requirements, etc. The types of industries this regulation will affect include: Agriculture, Commercial/Institutional Kitchens & Laundries, Construction, Manufacturing, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction, Stream Plants, Geothermal Plants, Steam Tunnels, Boiler Rooms, and Warehousing and Storage.

Mr. Parnell has extensive experience as a manager and safety professional. Before joining Boretti, Inc., he worked as the Director of Safety & Health for an industry-leading specialty trade subcontractor where he created and executed a comprehensive occupational safety and health program for all corporate projects. At Boretti, Inc., he has evaluated client organizational needs, isolated areas for improvement, and implemented long-term service plans to assist clients in reaching their goals. As the Director of Operations, Mr. Parnell uses his experience to successfully analyze operations, increase efficiency, and create, improve, and implement strategies to meet distinctive business goals of Boretti, Inc. clients.

Mr. Parnell has a BS and MS in Occupational Safety & Health from Columbia Southern University and has provided training on topics ranging from fall protection and confined spaces, to accident investigation and the business value of safety. He has presented for numerous client businesses and entities such as ASSP, AgSafe, and the Central California Builder's Exchange.

## More from the Ice Cream Social



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# WISE

**Women in Safety Excellence**

**WISE** stands for **Women In Safety Excellence**, 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**

##### September

##### **Professional Development**

**Topic:** Body Mechanics

**Speaker:** Mr. Tom Traut,

Functional Ergonomics

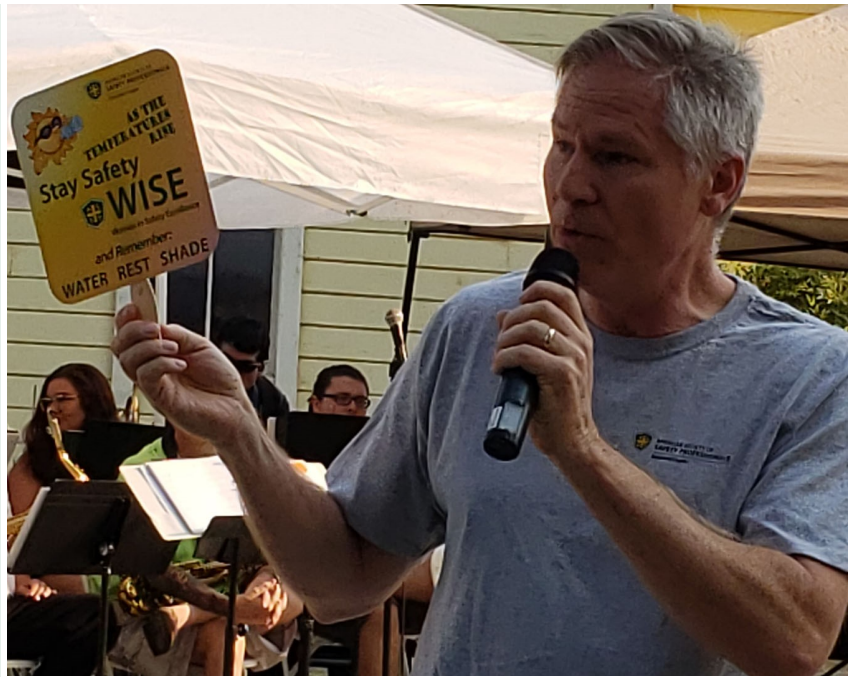
**Date:** Thursday, September 20th

**Time:** 6:00—8:00 PM

**Where:** NuSil Technology



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



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Fever Walk was a huge success. Wise Guy, Chris Vochoska, provided a heat illness tool box talk at the start of the event. Wise hosted a water station and passed out fans to weary walkers. See if you can spot Bakersfield Wise in the Bakersfield Californian's Valley Fever Walk

[Photo Gallery.](#)



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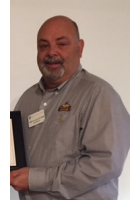
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## Government Affairs

**Terry Ellis**  
*Government  
Affairs Chair*



The following information was recently sent out from the Department of Industrial Relations.



## NEWS RELEASE

P.O. Box 420603 • San Francisco, CA • 94142-0603 • [www.dir.ca.gov](http://www.dir.ca.gov)

**News Release No.:** 2018-50

**Date:** July 5, 2018

### **Cal/OSHA Issues Advisory for Worker Safety in Wildfire Regions**

**Oakland**—Cal/OSHA is advising employers that special precautions must be taken to protect workers from hazards from wildfire smoke.

Smoke from wildfires contains chemicals, gases, and fine particles that can harm health. The greatest hazard comes from breathing fine particles, which can reduce lung function, worsen asthma and other existing heart and lung conditions, and cause coughing, wheezing and difficulty breathing.

Guidance for employers and workers on working safely in conditions with heavy smoke caused by the wildfires is available on [Cal/OSHA's web page](#), including [frequently asked questions about N95 masks](#) for employers and workers.

Employers with operations exposed to wildfire smoke must consider taking appropriate measures as part of their Injury and Illness Prevention Program under Title 8 section 3203 of the California Code of Regulations and as required under section 5141 (Control of Harmful Exposure to Employees). Those measures include:

- Engineering controls whenever feasible (for example, using a filtered ventilation system in indoor work areas)
- Administrative controls if practicable (for example, limiting the time that employees work outdoors)
- Providing workers with respiratory protective equipment, such as disposable filtering facepieces (dust masks).
  - To filter out fine particles, respirators must be labeled N-95, N-99, N-100, R-95, P-95, P-99 or P-100, and must be labeled approved by the US National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).





- Approved respiratory protective equipment is necessary for employees working in outdoor locations designated by local air quality management districts as “Unhealthy”, “Very Unhealthy” or “Hazardous”.
  - It takes more effort to breathe through a respirator and it can increase the risk of heat stress. Frequent breaks are advised. Workers feeling dizzy, faint or nauseated are advised to go to a clean area, remove the respirator and seek medical attention.
  - Respirators should be discarded if they become difficult to breathe through or if the inside becomes dirty. A new respirator should be used each day.

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch provides free and voluntary assistance to employers to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR's Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers' Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with Cal/OSHA district offices.

Members of the press may contact Erika Monterroza or Peter Melton at (510) 286-1161, and are encouraged to subscribe to get email alerts on DIR's press releases or other departmental updates.

The California Department of Industrial Relations, established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the Labor & Workforce Development Agency. For general inquiries, contact DIR's Communications Call Center at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734) for help in locating the appropriate division or program in our department.

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# Key Facts About ASSP

- Founded in 1911, we are the longest-running safety society and the most respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals.
- Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and we share in their commitment.
- We are the preferred source for education among occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals — accredited by the [International Association for Continuing Education and Training](#) (IACET), and authorized to offer IACET CEUs for programs that qualify under the [ANSI/IACET standard](#).
- We connect great people to great resources — supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups and student communities that enable OSH professionals to engage on a global scale.

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

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

- \*Refer 3 friends to receive 1 FREE ASSP Webinar
- \*Refer 5 friends to receive a FREE 1-year extension of your ASSP Membership
- \*Refer 10 friends to receive an ASSP Polo Shirt + 1 FREE ASSP 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 ASSP'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 ASSP Membership benefits, every time a new member joins with code 1801RAF they receive 1 FREE ASSP Webinar.

**Questions?**

Contact ASSP customer service at +01.847.699.2929  
or [customerservice@assp.org](mailto:customerservice@assp.org).

**Become a Member!**

**Guests:**

Complete application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).

**Students: Join**

**for only \$15/**

**year** and receive a free year membership upon your graduation (wow!)-what a great deal!

As an ASSP member, you will elevate your career, gain knowledge, tools and resources to prevent worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities, help improve your company's performance, and become part of a vibrant community of over 37,000 safety professionals working together for a safer,



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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](mailto:rayg@kerncounty.com).



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