



January 2nd Meeting Topic:

Third-Party Safety Consultants May be Liable Under New Ruling

For the first time, a California appellate court has applied the common law theory of negligent undertaking to a safety consultancy, allowing the parents of a deceased employee to sue a third party safety consultant. The appellate court reversed summary judgment in favor of the consultant and remanded the lawsuit back to the Superior Court. David will help us understand what all this means!

About our Speaker: **David D. Blaine Esq,** **Partner at Belden Blaine, LLP**



Mr. Blaine combines legal expertise with practical human resources experience. As an employment lawyer, he has counseled hundreds of employers on legal compliance issues, and litigated a broad array of employment cases involving discrimination, wrongful termination, wage and hour, breach of contract and harassment. Prior to his legal career he worked for a major bank as a manager and corporate trainer. Mr.

Blaine focuses on risk management and finding creative, business-based solutions to complex employment issues.

His practice focus areas include Employment Law Counseling, Wage and Hour Compliance & Litigation, Discrimination and Harassment, Managing Federal & State Leaves of Absence, and Wrongful Termination, Workforce Downsizing/Termination Issues.

His Professional Seminars include Managing Medical Absences, Workplace Violence, Payroll Fundamentals, Advanced Issues in Payroll, and Legal Changes in the Sexual Harassment Arena in California.



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20th Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium



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Wednesday, March 20, 2019
Rabobank Convention Center, Bakersfield, CA

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

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
You can view the agendas for past and future meetings [here](#).

Professional Development Update

Congratulations on successfully advancing your professional development!



Kevin Carnahan with Granite Construction Company recently completed the requirements to become an ASP.

Dave Nelson with T&T Truck and Crane recently completed the requirements to become a CHST.

Let us know about your professional development successes too!

Certification info at www.bcspp.org.

“Member on the Move”



Congrats to **Stephenie McWilliams** for starting a new position as SSHO at King George Naval Base Venture.



New Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) Exam Released

BCSP released the CHST4 on November 26, 2018.

Beta testing for the new exam was completed earlier in 2018, and information gathered during the beta test was used in the validation of the examination's items by a psychometrician, ensuring the continuing quality of the examination.

SH&E practitioners who aim to achieve the CHST have access to the new examination's blueprint and the Self-Assessment publication.

The CHST4's blueprint and references can be found on the **CHST webpage**.



A Look Ahead

February 6th Topic: **Regulations for Diesel Operated Vehicles**
Speaker: **Mike Oldershaw, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

Does your company operate diesel fueled vehicles? Have you ever asked “What do you mean I can’t operated this diesel truck anymore?” Are you giving away money to buy new vehicles? Do you want to know what rules you are required to follow? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come hear Mr. Oldershaw, Manager with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, as he discusses EPA and Air District regulations for diesel operated vehicles and much more.

A Look Ahead



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.



Tracy Whittaker
Northrop Grumman

Chris Vochoska - Membership Chair



Upon graduation ASSP student members receive one free year of full membership with Society. Below are recent graduates who have joined the Bakersfield Chapter.

Aaron Aragon
McArthur Blackledge
John Cameron
Jarib Cockerel
Shelby Forester
Able Gonzalez
Jesus La Salde
Scott Lopez

Anita Martinez
Victor Mayfield
Stephanie McWilliams
Sydney Nelson
Adrian Nombrano
Socorro Rose
Nicholas Sexton
Clint Wagner

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

Earn your Associate in Science Degree in Occupational Safety and Risk Management (OSRM). Classes start **January 14**, registration is now open.

The following classes are being offered:

- ♦ OSRM B16 Managing Employee Safety and Health
- ♦ OSRM B20 Environmental Health and Hazardous Materials
- ♦ OSRM B26 Risk Management

For additional information contact Catherine Jones at (661)395-4804 or catherine.jones@bakersfieldcollege.edu

ASSP Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Program

The Bakersfield Chapter is planning to distribute three scholarships this year

- \$5,000 4-Year Undergraduate at University
- \$2,500 Undergraduate at Community College
- \$2,500 Master's Program

Applications are due by January 31, 2019

All the information required to submit application can be found at
<http://bakersfield.assp.org/scholarship-program/>

Bakersfield Chapter Membership Drawing

Each year the ASSP Bakersfield Chapter holds an End of Year Membership Drawing. The goals of this drawing are:

1. To provide a benefit to Bakersfield Chapter membership.
2. To encourage members to attend Bakersfield Chapter monthly meetings.

How does it work? For each meeting a Bakersfield Chapter Member attends, a chance is added to the drawing pool (e.g. attend 12 chapter meetings as a chapter member = 12 chances in the pool).

An Awards and Honors Committee representative will use member names present on the 12 Membership Update Reports to establish the drawing pool.

What is the giveaway? The intent is to provide a one-time reimbursement for a "Weekend Get Away of Travel" for \$500.

And the Winner is...



Sandra Monroy, with Wonderful
Citrus
2018 Winner—Bakersfield Chapter
Membership Drawing

End of Year Bakersfield Chapter Membership Drawing Past Winners

Drawing Winner History

2004	Frank Rosenlieb
2005	Bill Ronge
2006	Norm Fox
2007	Ernie Earnest
2008	Frank Beattie
2009	Kim Lawler
2010	Albert Lopez
2011	Gary Chambers
2012	Ben Lavery III
2013	Guy Waski
2014	Dave Crow
2015	Robby Deford
2016	Stephanie Hall
2017	Greg May





Get involved with

WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

WISE stands for **W**omen **I**n **S**afety **E**xcellence, 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

What will the New Year
bring:

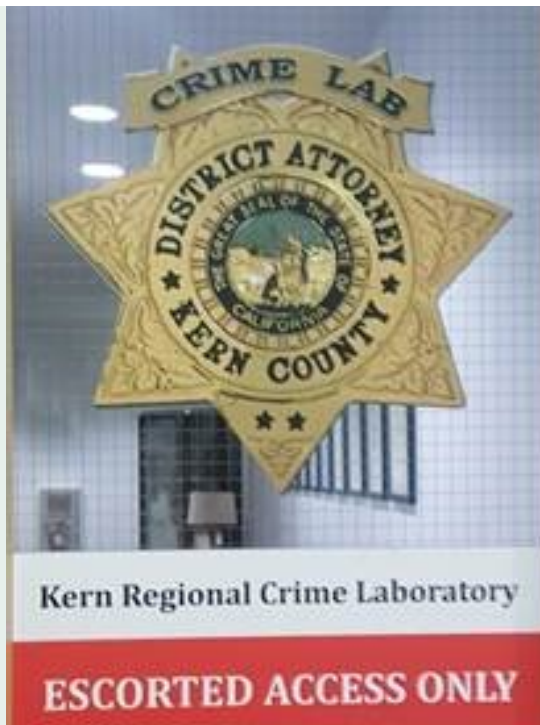
Tours?

Networking?

Community Service?

**Stay tuned for
upcoming Wise Events**

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



**Ever wondered what the perks of being
involved in Bakersfield WISE are? Well
how about Special Invitation only facility
tours like the one in November.**

**15 Bakersfield Wise members enjoyed a
fascinating tour provided by the director of
the Kern County Crime Lab,
Mrs. Tammie Noe.**





Government Affairs

Terry Ellis
Government
Affairs Chair



The following information was recently sent out from OSHA

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a proposed rule to revise the beryllium standard for general industry. The proposed changes are designed to clarify the standard, and to simplify or improve compliance with the standard.

The [proposed rule](#) would amend selected paragraphs of the [standard](#), including "Definitions," "Methods of Compliance," "Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment," "Hygiene Areas and Practices," "Housekeeping," "Medical Surveillance," "Hazard Communication," and "Recordkeeping." It would also remove the existing Appendix A, which lists suggested controls, and replace it with a new Appendix A, Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas.

Comments, hearing requests, and other information must be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal, or by facsimile or mail. Read the [Federal Register notice](#) for submission details. Comments must be submitted by February 9, 2019. The enforcement date for the provisions affected by this proposal was December 12, 2018. While this rulemaking is pending, compliance with the standard as modified by this proposal will be accepted as compliance.

The proposal satisfies a settlement agreement with stakeholders that had concerns about some of the provisions in the 2017 beryllium final rule. The proposed rule would affect approximately 50,500 workers employed in general industry, and is estimated to yield minor net cost savings to employers. OSHA expects the proposed changes would provide employees with equivalent safety and health protections to the current standard.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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.

<https://www.westec.org>



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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.



Become a Member!

Guests: Complete application at 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, stronger future.



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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.



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