



### April 3rd Meeting Topic

## LEADING SAFETY WITH INFLUENCE

This presentation will focus on key areas that can allow us to be more effective when leading EHS within groups, teams and organizations. The goal is to facilitate a dialogue that would help the group identify areas where they could improve both as individuals and as EHS leaders.

Learning Objectives - (1) Why People Choose to Follow a Safety Leader; (2) Developing Relationship Capital within EHS; (3) Becoming a Safety Professional of Influence

### About our Speaker

#### **Jose A. Perez, The Wonderful Company - Senior Manager, EH&S - Learning & Development/Safety Culture**



Mr. Perez is a former farmworker of the Central Valley and a Safety Professional with over 17 years of experience. Jose has a professional background that includes Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Emergency Medical Technician, Director of EHS for an Industrial employment organization, and CEO of a successful EHS Consulting Business. His experience includes work in: Agriculture, Construction, Manufacturing, Mining, as well as Oil & Gas. Jose is a proud father to three wonderful daughters, it is them who fuel his drive and passion.

### 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! RSVP for the upcoming meeting by emailing Chris Vochoska, [CRVochoska@areaenergy.com](mailto:CRVochoska@areaenergy.com).



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## Bakersfield Chapter Study Group (OHST-CHST-ASP-CSP)

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). You do not need to be a member of ASSP to join this group! 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](#) (Professional Development Chair) if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



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### Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board

The OSHSB meeting is where stakeholders can attend and be heard on issues relating to the current and future enforceable standards to ensure the health and safety of California workers. For more information, 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 to David Nelson on successfully passing his CHST exam!**



## New Chapter Member Sponsor

Welcome to new members **Ernesto Torres** and **Robert Sutton**! Thank you to **Quinlan Brown** and **Michele Diltz** for sponsoring Ernesto's and Robert's new membership, respectively. It's folks like Quinlan and Michele, that get the word out about Bakersfield ASSP and who really help our Chapter and the EHS profession grow!



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## May 1 - A Look Ahead

### **How Southern California Edison is creating innovative systems to improve our infrastructure and working towards a comprehensive solution to the impact of California wildfires**

*The presentation will provide a holistic overview of Southern California Edison's (SCE) wildfire mitigation initiatives. It will heavily focus on covered conductor, one of the key components in SCE's overall plan. Specifically, we will explain what is covered conductor, detail research and testing conducted, and explain why covered conductor is an effective wildfire mitigation measure.*

**Speakers - Arianne Luy & Eric Hutchinson, Engineers with Center of Excellence for Underground Cable Transmission and Distribution, Apparatus and Standards**

### What's Coming up!



Arianne Luy is responsible for distribution overhead conductors and underground cable accessories. As a subject matter expert on covered conductor, Arianne has been actively involved with SCE's wildfire mitigation initiatives regarding covered conductors. Prior to joining SCE, Arianne was an engineer for the Research and Development Team at H2scan, a hydrogen sensor manufacturer. Arianne graduated from University of California, Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering.



Eric Hutchinson has been involved in many of the wildfire mitigation efforts under way at SCE. He created the test objectives, metering criteria, and test set up used in the internal testing conducted on Covered Conductors and Spacer Cable systems. Eric's testing experience was resultant from his years of experience as a Field Service Engineer at Eaton Engineering Service and Systems

### MEMBERS ON THE MOVE!

Congratulations to **Angel R. Jimenez SMS, CHST, CSSHO** for starting a new position as Regional Safety Supervisor at The Haskell Company.



# Isabel Bravo, 2019 Safety Professional of the Year



*Isabel Bravo, 2019 SPY*



*Gloria Miranda, Isabel Bravo, Sandro Monroy*



*Isabel's family traveled to be there for her award presentation!*



# 20th Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium

March 20th, 2019 at Rabobank Convention Center



*Wilson Jones - Scholarship Recipient*



*Mark Hernandez - Morning Keynote*



*Garrison Wynn - Lunch Keynote*



*Rixio Medina - President ASSP*



# *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.

Hector Higuera - Trilogy PLM  
Cody Sweaney - Columbia Southern University  
Kevin Moe - Granite Construction  
Anna Pence - Eastern Kentucky University  
Mike Beayard Jr. - Quanta Telecommunication  
Barry Blanton - California Resources Corporation  
Jason Findley - Walter Mortensen Insurance  
Austin Hawks - Applus RTD  
Robert Sutton - California Department of Water Resources  
Nora Fuentes Sandoval - Bakersfield College  
Ernesto Torres & Ellen Holmes - Student Members  
Teresa Leone, Lance Castaneda, Marco Chipres - CSU Bakersfield



## President-Elect Candidate Statements

### Joe Canas, CSP

I am seeking the President position for the Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, because I am confident that I can add innovative ideas to foster a stronger bond between the work force, the community, and our Chapter. I am a 1983 graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Soon after graduating I worked on off-shore environmental petroleum projects for a consulting company. In 1985, I began working for Kern County Environmental Health (KCEH), as a Hazardous Materials Specialist. In about 1994, I was appointed the Hazardous Materials Program Manager for the department and continued working in that capacity until retiring in 2016. Over the past two years I have been working as an independent consultant assisting clients with meeting their environmental and health & safety goals.

I have been a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals, Bakersfield Chapter for over 10 years. During the past four years I have been intimately involved with the committees responsible for planning our annual Chapter ASSP Symposium. I am currently serving on the Chapter Executive Committee, as a team member striving to continuously serve and improve our membership expectations. Last year I was fortunately nominated to attend the annual ASSP Leadership Conference in Chicago IL, where I gained additional valuable tools essential to leading our local ASSP Chapter as your President. Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving as President to an organization that values character, leadership, professional development, and above all safety for their fellow workers.



## President-Elect Candidate Statements

### George Clark

I started my safety path as a Fleet Marine Force (FMF) corpsman in the United States Navy. Responsible for the health and safety of a platoon of Marines, I trained my Marines in first aid/CPR, ergonomics, hygiene, and mental health just to name a few. After my discharge from the military, I joined the construction workforce as a pipefitter. Although the hazards were different, the theory of hazard identification was an easy transition. I assisted the safety captain with hazard analysis, hazard correction, and tailgate meeting. Moving on from construction, I started work as a heavy equipment mechanic working on garbage trucks, tractor-trailer, and farm equipment. Although I was not part of a safety team, my role in safety never stopped. I had no hesitation getting hazards corrected or guiding people away from risky behaviors that had potential of injury or death.

I received my BS in Human Services from University of Phoenix not knowing that combined with my experience would lead to the ultimate employment for me, WESTEC. I have instructed safety courses for the past seven years and developed curriculum for four years while moonlighting at Taft College as an adjunct for five years.



## **ASSP Bakersfield Chapter New Member Promotion**

### ***New Member Promotion***

***Join the Bakersfield Chapter by using promo code 191BAKERSFIELD to waive the \$25 application fee & receive a \$25 Restaurant.com gift card!***

***Apply at <https://www.assp.org/membership/apply-to-join>***

## **JOB POSTINGS ON OUR WEBSITE**

There are several employment opportunities recently communicated through Bakersfield ASSP.

Head over to <https://bakersfield.assp.org/current-openings/> for job postings. And don't forget to also check out the recent [Membership Updates](#) for additional opportunities.

Here is a small sample of positions available:

- ⇒ Health & Safety Advisor
- ⇒ Safety Manager
- ⇒ Safety Technician
- ⇒ HES Manager
- ⇒ Safety Coordinator
- ⇒ Safety Specialist
- ⇒ Field Safety Representative
- ⇒ Safety Program Manager

### **ASSP CAREER CENTER - FEATURED SAFETY JOBS**

With limitless opportunities tailored to the field of safety, as well as automated notifications when jobs become available that match your interests and qualifications, OSH Jobs is the first step you should take on your journey to a post-college career in safety. [Click here](#) to create an account with ASSP's OSH Jobs. There is no cost for searching positions and posting resumes!



## Government Affairs

Terry Ellis, Government Affairs Chair



To all interested parties, the Cal/OSHA Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment website has been updated. Comments received on the January 29, 2019 revised draft are now posted.

General Industry Safety Orders  
Chapter 4, subchapter 7, new section  
Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Places of Employment

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Heat-illness-prevention-indoors/>

### 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. Visit [www.westec.org](http://www.westec.org) for more information.





# WISE

**Women in Safety Excellence**

## Get involved with

**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

### Past WISE Tours:

*Halo's Facility  
Lehigh Cement Plant  
Kern County Crime Lab*

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



## April Meeting Information

**Hazardous Waste by Vicky Furnish, REHS**

**Wednesday, April 17**

**6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**NuSil Technology**

**2343 Pegasus Dr, Building 2455**

**Bakersfield, CA 93308**



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# A Little about ASSP

- ⇒ Founded in 1911, ASSP is the longest running safety organizations 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 the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.
- ⇒ ASSP connects 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 occupational safety and health professionals to engage on a global scale.
- ⇒ ASSP members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and a better reputation while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs.
- ⇒ ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.
- ⇒ ASSP produces a [podcast now](#) - Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast will help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

## 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! 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.



For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you - our members - please contact Dave Lee at [leed@kerncounty.com](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).

