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June 5th Meeting Topic

Using the Bakersfield Sunland Refinery Case as an Example

Deputy District Attorney John Mitchell is assigned to the civil unit of the Kern County District Attorney's Office, and prosecutes consumer fraud and environmental cases. In 1995, he prosecuted World Oil for the explosion at the Sunland Refinery that caused the death of Tracy Kildebeck and injured several others. The case resulted in a \$5.5 million civil settlement and an injunction against World Oil. Since then, DDA Mitchell has prosecuted over a hundred civil cases, many of which involved safety threats to workers and the public. He will explain the types of cases that his office prosecutes and the sorts of resolutions that they seek to obtain.

About Our Speaker

**John T. Mitchell, Deputy District Attorney
Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit
Kern County District Attorney's Office**



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.



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Networking. Jobs. Professional Development.

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.

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.



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.

Mat Prasser - Bakersfield College

Luis Vargas - Environmental Waste Minimization, Inc.

Orlando Torres - Treesource Nursery

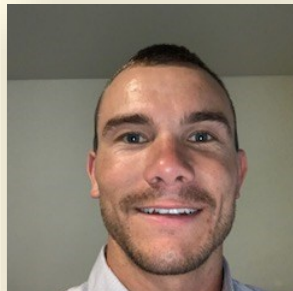
Matt Creasey - KBA Engineering

Megan Cullor - Cal Coast Acidizing

Floyd Reading - Tempserv Staffing Solutions

Caleb Smith - Kern County Fire Department

Brian Williford - Surface Pump Inc.



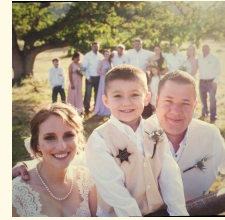
New Chapter Member Sponsor

A huge thank you to **Kim Dixon** for sponsoring Orlando Torres' ASSP membership! It's folks like Kim that get the word out about Bakersfield ASSP and who really help our Chapter and the EHS profession grow!



MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

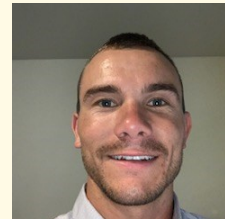
Congratulations to **Steve Schultz** with Quanta Telecommunications Services for completing the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician!



Congratulations to **Shane Baird** with Papich Construction for recently completing the requirements and earning a Bachelor's of Science in Occupational Safety & Health from Columbia Southern University!



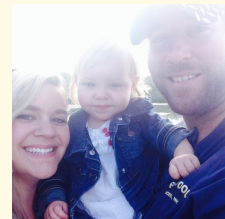
Congratulations to new student member **Mat Prasser** for pursuing an Associate's Degree in Fire Technology from BC. Mat is an Eagle Scout, substitute teacher, founder of Bakersfield Homeless Center's 'Turkey Trot.'



Congratulations to **Vanessa Galvan** with Zenith Insurance for completing the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional!



Congratulations to **Mike Beayrd** with Quanta Telecommunications Services for completing the requirements to become a Graduate Safety Professional!



Congratulations to **Fabian Martin** with Chevron for completing the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional and a Certified Safety Professional!



Congratulations to **Robert Steel** with Sturgeon Services International for completing the requirements to become a Safety Trained Supervisor!



Bakersfield Chapter

 **WISE** & 
Women in Safety Excellence

have teamed up

As of June 2019, all Bakersfield Chapter WISE Professional Development meetings will be held at American Safety Services. Meetings will be held in the training center, located on the south end of the building.



June Meeting Information

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

American Safety Services - [3215 Fruitvale Avenue](#)

RSVP to wise@bakersfield.assp.org by Tuesday, June 18th

Topic: **Fatigue Management** - Fatigue affects a person's health and wellbeing; increase the chance of illness, workplace injuries, and motor vehicle incidents; and reduces performance and productivity in the workplace. Join WISE as Debbie Rodriguez highlights the effects and risks of employee fatigue and provides guidance on how to manage fatigue through preventative actions.

Speaker: **Debbie Rodriguez**, Contractor HES Management & MVS Process Advisor for Chevron



Ms. Rodriguez has worked as a safety professional in the oil industry for twelve years. Her experience has included developing and implementing effective process improvements, which resulted in a 66% reduction in lagging indicators. Currently, Ms. Rodriguez leads Chevron's Contractor HES Management team.

Government Affairs

Terry Ellis, Government Affairs Chair



The Division of Occupational Safety and Health proposes to make permanent the emergency regulations that the Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”) approved on or about November 1, 2018, amending sections 14300.35 and 14300.41 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, to require designated employers in California to submit electronically certain occupational injury and illness information to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”). (See OAL Rulemaking File No. 2018-1025-02E.) A public hearing has been scheduled to permit all interested persons the opportunity to present statements or arguments on the proposed amendments:

Thursday, June 27, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Elihu Harris State Office Building

1515 Clay Street, Room 1304 Oakland, CA 94612

Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 2019. Such comments may be submitted as follows:

By email to wnguyen@dir.ca.gov. Please indicate “Recording and Reporting of Occupational Injury and Illnesses” in the subject line of the email)

By fax transmission to Willie Nguyen at (510) 286-7039

By mail or hand-delivery to Willie Nguyen at Cal/OSHA Legal Unit, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1901, Oakland, CA 94612

For information on the OAL procedure, and to learn how you may comment on the proposed rulemaking, go the OAL’s website at: <http://oal.ca.gov/>

To all interested parties, the draft Cal/OSHA Emergency Regulation to Protect Workers from Wildfire Smoke has been updated. The pre-meeting and post-meeting comment letters received can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Protection-from-Wildfire-Smoke/>

For questions regarding wildfire smoke, please contact Deputy Chief of Health Eric Berg at (510) 286-7010 or Senior Safety Engineer Amalia Neidhardt at (916) 263-1944.



Government Affairs continued...

OSHA Requests Information on Possible Updates to the Lockout/Tagout Standard

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is requesting information on a possible update to the Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)) standard. The Agency is interested in comments on the use of control circuit-type devices to isolate energy, as well as the evolving technology for robotics.

OSHA is requesting information about how employers have been using control circuit devices, including information about the types of circuitry and safety procedures being used; limitations of their use, to determine under what other conditions control circuit-type devices could be used safely; new risks of worker exposure to hazardous energy as a result of increased interaction with robots; and whether the agency should consider changes to the LOTO standard that would address these new risks.

The current LOTO standard, published in 1989, requires that all sources of energy be controlled during servicing and maintenance of machines and equipment using an energy-isolating device. The standard specifies that control circuit devices cannot be used as energy-isolating devices, but the agency recognizes recent technological advances may have improved the safety of control circuit-type devices.

Comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 2019. Comments and materials may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, or by facsimile or mail. See the [Federal Register notice](#) for submission details.

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.



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 the MidCal Labor building located at 5601 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

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

Please direct emails to **Floyd Reading** (floyd@tempserv.net) if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



**We are proud to announce Chapter 's Executive Committee.
Reach out to any of the officers with your questions & feedback!**

Isabel	Bravo	President
Joe	Canas	President Elect
Lisa	Marriott-Smith	Secretary/WISE Chair
Helen	Ordway	Treasurer
Fred	Hrenchir	Assembly Delegate / Vice-Treasurer
Jose	Perez	Assembly Delegate
Mark	Smith	Nominations Co-Chair
Jon	Hall	Nominations Co-Chair / Past President
Chris	Vochoska	Membership Chair
Jason	Kibbey	CoPS Chair
Vicky	Furnish	Programs Chair
Jessica	Vargas	Webmaster / Social Media Chair
Joe	Bariffi	CSUB Student Liaison
Catherine	Jones	Bakersfield College Student Liaison
Dave	Lee	Newsletter Editor
Albert	Lopez	Awards & Honors Chair
Terry	Ellis	Government Affairs Chair
Guy	Waski	Long Range Planning Co-Chair
Michael	Garcia	COMT Chair
David	Crow	Chapter By-Laws Chair
Eric	Castillo	Social Chair
Sandra	Monroy	Historian
George	Clarke	Taft College Student Liaison/AV Support
Kenny	Elmore	Taft College Student Liaison
Chris	Miller	Taft College Student Liaison
Steve	Henslee	Long Range Planning Co-Chair
Mark	Ruder	Continuous Improvement Chair
P.K.	Zander	Public Relations Chair
Rey	Alonzo	Programs Committee
Floyd	Reading	Professional Development Chair
Vacant		Scholarship Chair



Your chance to volunteer for ASSP is here!

Scholarship Chair

The ASSE Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Program exists to provide programs that advance the safety profession. We exist because safety matters - for workers, for families, and for the future of our world. The scholarships are intended to promote, by means of reimbursement of educational expenses, a path that will lead to, or support, a career in the fields of environmental, occupational safety, health, risk management, or industrial hygiene. If your degree is not an OS&H degree (i.e. biology, math, chemistry, fire science, engineering, science, etc.), it is your responsibility to make the case in your student narrative for why your studies are relevant to our mission of guiding the safety profession forward. Find out about previous [scholarship recipients here!](#)



Additional News & Notes

Board of Certified Safety Professionals

The BCSP pursues cases of individuals claiming to hold our credentials without permission. They pursue those cases in which there is clear evidence of the unauthorized use and the individual has a clear responsibility, control, or knowledge of the use. Evidence may be a business card, resume, letter, website, or other publication. If there is no clear evidence, BCSP cannot act on the case.

BCSP Complaint Form - [Report Unauthorized Use](#)

Credential Database - [Find Unauthorized Use on the Certificant Directory](#)

Bakersfield College's OSRM

Bakersfield College will soon be offering a Certificate of Completion in Occupational Safety and Risk Management (OSRM). The certificate will include the core OSRM courses, which offers an opportunity to gain safety education and transferable college credit. Registration for the fall semester is now open, afternoon and evening classes are available. Contact Catherine Jones for more information - catherine.jones@bakersfieldcollege.edu



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 for more information.



Bakersfield ASSP Award Recipients

Catherine Jones receiving 2019 Frank Rosenlieb Award!



Jason Kibbey receiving 2019 Rising Star Award!



Mayor Karen Goh joined the May meeting to make an official proclamation!

Certificate of Recognition

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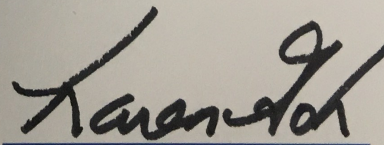
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*North American Occupational
Safety & Health Week*

*in our City recognizing
the efforts of the American Society of Safety Engineers, the
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
and thousands of businesses that promote safety in the
workplace and provide the best practices for a
safe work environment; and in recognition of the
commitment occupational safety and health professionals
provide to protecting people, property, and work
environments in our communities.*

*Dated the 1st day
of May, 2019*



*Karen K. Goh, Mayor
City of Bakersfield*



WHAT YOU MISSED!

Thanks to **Arianne Luy & Eric Hutchinson** with Southern California Edison for presenting last month to our Chapter member. We learned about SCE's holistic overview and approach to wildlife mitigation initiatives. They explained what is covered conductor, detailed research and testing conducted, and explained why covered conductor is an effective wildfire mitigation measure.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Chris Vochoska, CSP, MBA
EHS Training Advisor for Aera Energy LLC

Techniques to Help Make Training Fun and Effective! Chris will be facilitating a discussion on how to make training more fun and effective. This presentation will include games and interactive exercises for adult learners. It will include practical demonstrations for safety on the job, away from work and for health awareness.



JULY 3, 2019