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July 3 Meeting Topic

Heat Stress: How to Protect Employees & Ensure Compliance

Allen will discuss: 1. How to recognize heat stress factors and illnesses; 2. How to conduct site assessments and 3. Heat stress programs including the latest on the CA indoor standard. He will walk us through his how he conducts site assessments including surveying key stake holders; determining what is currently being done to address heat; How to assess the effectiveness of processes at removing heat (e.g. out of buildings). He will give common improvement suggestions to increase overall heat mitigation and improve compliance.



**Allen Pruitt, Portacool -
Regional Sales Manager**

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 \$15 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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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.



A Farewell & Thank You

Jon Hall, Past President ASSP Bakersfield Chapter

Hello. I wanted to take a moment to highlight the last year. We have accomplished a lot together. Behind the scenes, our executive leadership team has done some a lot of work. We are getting close to beginning the outreach project to our members in the desert area east of Bakersfield. We understand their challenges in attending our monthly meetings. So our Continuous Improvement team is finalizing the details on hosting a meeting in that area. This is an outstanding effort that has taken a lot of work to accomplish. We have approved the By-laws for the Bakersfield College student section and have had tremendous response from the students. Working with our Treasury team we made some major improvements. We came up with a new budget system that will allow us to track expenses as well as receipts much more efficiently. We are looking into an audit for the chapter treasury. This is especially important as we transition Treasurers. We are also finalizing the Chapter Check Request and Chapter Expense reports so that our leaders can track our bills more efficiently. I think these are amazing strides and proof that our team wants to be the best we can be for you the member.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Bakersfield Chapter President. It has been an honor to serve such an amazing organization. Not just the society as a whole but specifically the Bakersfield Chapter. This is truly a one of a kind organization. When I was sent to the society leadership training to become president, I was cautioned to be humble. Not to let the talk about Bakersfield go to my head. That is a tall order given that Bakersfield is such a success story. I was overly humble about this. But in the last year going to the Regional meetings and hearing about other chapters, I have a different view. I will no longer be overly humble. Rather I am grateful for such a successful chapter to be a member of. I am proud of this chapter and the members I have served. I stand tall at these meetings, not in a boastful way, but to let others know I can help. I have had several conversations with other chapter leaders. All asking what the secret sauce at Bakersfield is. My response is always the same. It's the members. Our members are made up of many professional backgrounds. We have an abundance of volunteers. That is proof in our executive committee recently. We have had three people leave the executive team, had three people change position, and had five people join the team. This does not include the normal president transitions. This is amazing. Most chapters would struggle to fill one spot if it opened, we just kept on going as there was a volunteer ready to step in. This is a credit again to the members we serve. It has been my pleasure to serve you and truly my honor. One final note. If you have a chance and the support to serve this chapter, please do. It is truly rewarding. I have grown tremendously not only in the chapter but in my professional career as well. Thank you again for the opportunity.

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: **Dealing with Drowsy - An Issue Plaguing America's Workforce**

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

Debbie's presentation is available on the ASSP Bakersfield website. [Find it here!](#)



Thanks to the attendees:

Front row (left to right) - Lisa, Debbie (speaker), Elaine, Michele, Rianna

Back row (left to right) - Jackie, Sara, Chris, Joe, Pete, Jason, Dave (picture taker)



WISE

Women in Safety Excellence

Walk – Run –Stroll – Sit – Educate; it's your choice how you participate!

Bakersfield WISE is manning a Water Station and Heat Illness Awareness Booth as well as fielding a team for the Valley Fever Walk taking place at Pioneer Village on Saturday, August 11th. All WISE members, ASSP members and guests of all ages are encouraged to join Bakersfield WISE at this fun, family-friendly, worthwhile charity event.

When: Saturday – August 10, 2019

Gates open at 7:00 AM; Survivor Group Photo at 7:45 AM; Walk from 8:00 AM to 9:00AM

Where: Kern County Museum / Pioneer Village

3801 Chester Avenue; Bakersfield, CA 93301

Help out at the WISE Water Station and Heat Illness Awareness Booth

In addition to participating in the walk, Bakersfield WISE will also be hosting a Heat Illness Prevention booth and Water Station at the event. Sign up directly with this year's VF Walk Team Leader, Lisa (wise@bakersfield.assp.org) to lend a hand.

How to pre-register for the WISE Team

- ⇒ Open the event page at https://valleyfeverwalk2019.eventbrite.com?team_token=2334050-o4312 and click on **Tickets**
- ⇒ Choose the ticket package that you want (Survivor of Valley Fever \$0; Ages 13 and Up \$25; or 12 and Under \$0) and **Checkout**
- ⇒ Fill out information and click **Complete Registration**
- ⇒ Register by July 22nd to be guaranteed a free event T-shirt in your size



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Safety 2019 Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Congratulations to Jose Perez for receiving the President's Award for Servant Leadership from Society's President Rixio Medina!



“Extremely humbled by the recognition received from our Society’s President Rixio E. Medina CSP, CPP as he presented me with the President’s Award for Servant Leadership to our Chapters, Communities, and Common Interest Groups. I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to align my profession with my passion and values, without a doubt the servant leadership philosophy resonates in our profession and within our community.” ~Jose Perez



Sandra Monroy, Isabel Bravo, and Gloria Miranda representing Bakersfield WISE Group after receiving the Platinum Award.



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.

Rene Urquia - Western Milling LLC

Eunica Hale - CSU Bakersfield

Michael Martinez - Pro Tool Services

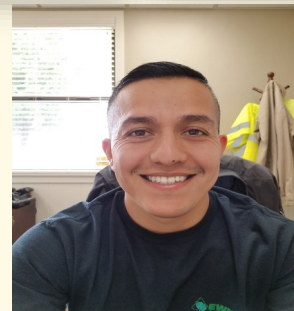
Oscar Serrato - CSU Bakersfield

Dallis Lewis - B & R Tool and Supply

Braulio Rincon - MEC Inc.

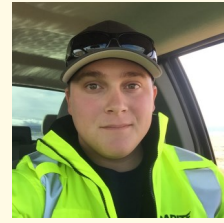
Jeanette Romero - CIG Logistics/CSU Bakersfield

Alan Lederman, Jeffrey Dodson, &
Giovanni Castellanos with Edwards Air Force Base

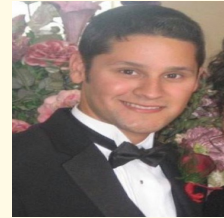


MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Congratulations to **Brett Wallace** with Granite for completing the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional!



Congratulations to **Phillip Portillo** with Lyles Services Company for completing the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician!



Congratulations to **Jared McKnight** with Aera Energy LLC for completing the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional!



MEET THE CSUB CHAPTER LEADERS!

Oscar Serrato, Eunica Hale, Teresa Leone, and Jaime Graulich

From the officers themselves - "Our goals this year as the new officers is to increase student membership and involvement and provide more opportunities for our members to network with industry partners."



Thank you to these Member Sponsors

A huge thank you to **PK Zander** for sponsoring **Dallis Lewis**' membership, to **Tim Vaughn** for sponsoring **Braulio Rincon**'s membership, and to **Quinlan Brown** for sponsoring **Jeanette Romero**'s membership!

It's folks like them that get the word out about Bakersfield ASSP and who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!

Members On The Move!

Congratulations to **Marcos Castro** for starting a new position as Environmental Specialist at California Resources Corporation.

Congratulations to **Bob Mahan, CSP** for being promoted to Electric Compliance Specialist Expert at Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Congratulations to **Brian Keller** for starting a new position as Process Safety Program Manager at Kern Oil & Refining Company.

Congratulations to **Charles Trueblood** for starting a new position as EHS Drilling Representative at California Resources Corporation.



Marcos



Bob



Charles



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.



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.



Government Affairs

Terry Ellis, Government Affairs Chair



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.



ARE YOU Protected?

Work Safe
Be Safe



Stay Safe
Kids!



Keep
your eyes
on the road

Stay away
from
strange

don't
play with
matches



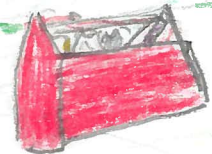
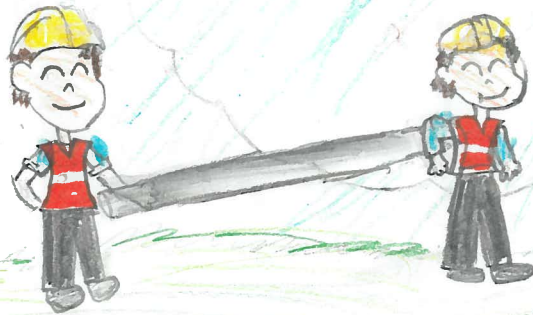
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Make sure that you are always safe on the job!



Stay Safe on the job



Fire safety!

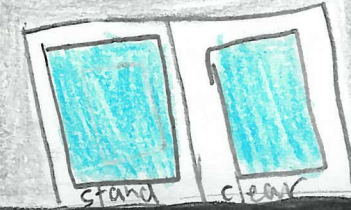
Don't play with matches.
Don't leave on fire place.
Turn off oven. Don't let this happen to you!

Staying safe:

Hard hat
Steel toe shoes
Safety glasses
head phones
gloves

Dollar
store

Apple



August 7, 2019 Meeting

Randall Meyer - Advanced Personal Protection, LLC

Randall Meyer has been in law enforcement for 18 years. While working in law enforcement he has worked full time as an assistant range master. He spent 10 years on the SWAT team, 7 of those as a sniper. He started Advanced Personal Protection in 2011, focusing on preparing people to carry a gun safely in public and surviving deadly force encounters.

Gun Safety - During the presentation Randall will cover the following topics: CCW issuing requirements; Civil and criminal liabilities to consider when using a firearm for self-defense; Safe storage of firearms and the law; Safely transporting a firearm and the law regarding bringing firearms into the state (if someone has moved from another state) and recently enacted laws.

