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BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. at Hodel's Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is \$15 and includes breakfast buffet. Cash, check, credit cards, and debit cards accepted. The cost is only \$5 for Student & Emeritus Members. Your RSVP is appreciated! RSVP for upcoming meetings by emailing [Chris Vochoska](mailto:Chris.Vochoska@assp.org).

Details for the first ever, Bakersfield Chapter Webinar Session!

May 6, 2020 Webinar Meeting from 7:30AM to 8:30AM

COVID-19: Workplace Health and Legal Considerations

This presentation will provide the latest information on COVID-19 from an occupational health and legal perspective, including the latest guidance on OSHA Enforcement and best practices, issues related to DOT drug testing, distinct requirements under CalOSHA's ATD standard, recordkeeping, reporting and related HR issues.

The live session will be limited to 100 registrants. Please check your inbox for specific details. Click to [register here](#). If you miss the live webinar, it will be recorded and uploaded to the Bakersfield Chapter website library within a few days and made available to listen to on your own time. An email will be sent out once the recording of the session is available on the Bakersfield Chapter website.

Adele L. Abrams

**Law Office of
Adele L. Abrams,
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Adele is an attorney, safety professional and trainer who is president of the Law Office of Adele L. Abrams P.C. in the DC area, CO, and WV, a multi-attorney firm focusing on safety, health and employment law nationwide. Adele is a certified mine safety professional and she also provides consultation, safety audits and training services to MSHA and OSHA regulated companies.

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General Membership is under \$200 per year!

Students can join for only \$15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation!

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.



Complete the Membership application at www.assp.org.



- ✓ **Sovanndara Y - Utility Partners of America**
- ✓ **Robin Brimer - Northrop Grumman**
- ✓ **Joey Black - C&J Energy Services**
- ✓ **Anna Pence - Heritage Provider Network & Eastern Kentucky University**
- ✓ **Abel Aguilar, Mauricio Centeno, Sarah Medrano, Daniel Navarette - CSUB**
- ✓ **Blake Brown, Anthony Campos - Bolthouse Farms**
- ✓ **Robert Calderon - Rancho Tree Service**
- ✓ **Neil McNew - South Valley Farms**
- ✓ **Troy Hackett - Wilbur-Ellis**
- ✓ **Isaac Lopez - Student Member**

Chad Sicari - Thank you for sponsoring Sovanndara Y!

Robby Deford - Thank you for sponsoring Joey Black!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT



Congrats to Maurice Walker, CHST, STSC for starting a new position as Senior Field Safety Specialist at Pacific Gas & Electric

Dale Karns started a new position as Safety Professional at C.J. Miranda, Inc.

Congrats to Daniel Newland, ASP for being promoted to Manager at Life Saver Safety.

Shane Kelley with Crimson Resource Management recently received his Associates Degree in OSH from Columbia Southern University.

Danny Soto started a new position with Occupational Health & Safety with Bolthouse Farms.

Chapter Webpage Feature of the Month

WISE - Women in Safety Excellence

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Bakersfield Chapter and welcomes anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

WISE Mission

- Foster an environment that allows members to share ideas
- Promote EHS in our community
- Provide networking opportunities to strengthen professional relationships
- Advance the professional development of our members
- Mentor women

WISE

Women in Safety Excellence



<https://bakersfield.assp.org/about-wise/>

Bakersfield College

OSRM

Registration is open for the Fall Semester at Bakersfield College.

The following courses are being offered:

OSRM B10 Occupational Safety (offers an OSHA 30 card for completion)

OSRM B12 Occupational Health

OSRM B18 Environmental Health and Safety Law & Administration

Contact Catherine Jones for questions regarding degree and certificate options – catherine.jones@bakersfieldcollege.edu



Occupational Safety & Health Administration

"Discretion in Enforcement when Considering an Employer's Good Faith Efforts During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic"

In light of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, OSHA understands that some employers may face difficulties complying with OSHA standards due to the ongoing health emergency. This guidance is intended to be time-limited to the current public health crisis.

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-16/discretion-enforcement-when-considering-employers-good-faith-efforts-during>

Please frequently check OSHA's webpage at www.osha.gov/coronavirus for updates.



1970s

Established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, OSHA opens its doors on April 28, 1971. During its initial decade, OSHA issued the first standards for asbestos, lead, carcinogens, and cotton dust. The OSHA Training Institute, safety and health training grants, the On-Site Consultation Program, State Plans, and whistleblower protections for workplace safety are also established.

1980s

In a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court affirms that workers have the right to refuse unsafe tasks. OSHA issues standards to give workers the right to know which chemicals they may be exposed to and require employers to provide worker medical and exposure records. The 1980s also see the creation of the Voluntary Protection Programs, new standards on safety testing and certification of workplace equipment, and important worker protections for combustible grain dust, trenching, noise, and hazardous energy.

1990s

OSHA issues the Process Safety Management standard and provides new and stronger protections for workers from falls, bloodborne pathogens, toxic substances, and working in confined spaces, longshoring and marine terminals, and laboratories. Workers begin to receive safety and health training through the first OSHA Education Centers, and the agency expands collaboration with employers through its Strategic Partnership Program.

2000s

Dedicated OSHA staff worked beside their federal, state, and local partners to protect the safety and health of the recovery workers after the unprecedented challenges America's workers faced following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina. Workplace safety continues to improve through new standards to protect construction workers in steel erection and prevent exposure to hexavalent chromium.

2010s

OSHA helps protect workers performing response and cleanup activities in the aftermath of the catastrophic Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill from hazards such as inhaling dangerous levels of chemicals. The agency issues standards for silica dust, cranes, confined spaces, and the classification and labeling of work-related chemicals. To address the number one cause of worker fatalities in the construction industry, OSHA launches the fall prevention campaign.

50 Years of Workplace Safety and Health "OSHA at 50"

In its first half century, OSHA has helped transform America's workplaces in ways that have significantly reduced workplace fatalities, injuries, and illnesses. Learn more about the agency's five decades of progress and its efforts to continue fulfilling the promise of the Occupational Safety and Health Act by visiting <https://www.osha.gov/osha50/>.

ASSP's practice specialties and common interest groups [regularly host webinars](#) and open calls open to all ASSP members and nonmembers. The goal is to provide educational discussions for participants, as well as to share the benefits of these networking groups. Following are webinars slated for May 2020.

[Construction Practice Specialty](#) will host a [webinar](#) on May 7 at 12:30 p.m. CDT. Participants will learn about the roles and responsibilities of qualified, competent and authorized personnel for fall protection on a construction site, as well as identifying the basics of a managed fall protection program.

[Engineering Practice Specialty](#) will host a [webinar](#) on May 12 at 1 p.m. CDT. This webinar will introduce participants to the basic science and engineering concepts supporting engineering design. It will also discuss how the design process moves from concept to application and the importance of the safety professional's involvement early in the process.



ASSP Practice Specialties Host Webinars in May

Chapter Leaders at AgSafe Conference

Vanessa Galvan (Zenith Insurance Company) and Jose Perez (The Wonderful Company) represented the EHS Profession at this year's AgSafe Conference in March 2020.

Vanessa Galvan presented a session on Lockout-Tagout while Jose Perez and Jorge Zamudio (Wonderful Nurseries) presented on Electrical Safety for the Ag Industry.



Christy Moran



Loss Prevention Engineer

State Compensation Insurance Fund

A vital key to the effectiveness of an IIPP is the implementation of the program. An IIPP is not “One Size Fits All”. In order to be effective, it must address the specifics of the company, the operations and the employees. An IIPP is not a Guidebook-it is an Action Plan!

June 3 Chapter Meeting

**How Effective Is Your
Injury and Illness
Prevention Program**

7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Your RSVP is appreciated!
RSVP for upcoming
meetings by emailing [Chris Vochoska](#).



A Little About ASSP

ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.

Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.

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 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.



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.



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