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**December 2, 2020 Webinar, 7:30AM to 8:45AM**

## **Fall Protection – The Greatest Challenge in Compliance and Risk**

*Falls are one of the leading causes of workplace fatalities, and violations related to fall protection have been at the top of OSHA's list for the past nine years. This session addresses why falls continue to occur and how organizations can reduce their risk. First, the session focuses on how entrenched methods of information processing and social influences lull organizations into a false sense of security – leading many to believe they are good, rather than just lucky. The presenter will also discuss practical and evolving methods for reducing falls, including significant equipment advances, Prevention through Design techniques, and the impact of evolving fall protection regulations and standards.*

[Register here](#). If you miss the live webinar, it will be recorded on GoToWebinar and be made available within a few days after the live session to listen to on your own time. It will also be available [through this link](#).

**Thomas Kramer,  
P.E., C.S.P.**



**Managing Principal at  
LJB Inc**

# Feature of the Month

## Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Program

Part of the driving force behind why ASSP Bakersfield Chapter exist is to promote and support those members who have roles in the environmental, occupational safety, health, risk management, and industrial hygiene sectors of our communities. We help do this by providing monetary reimbursements for programs that advance the safety profession.

This year the Bakersfield Chapter is planning on distributing up to three scholarship awards totaling \$10,000 – \$5,000 4-year Undergraduate at University award; \$2,500 Undergraduate at a Community College award; \$2,500 Graduate program.

Visit the [Bakersfield ASSP Scholarship Award page](#) to read the eligibility requirements for this incredible opportunity and to complete the application. If you need additional information, contact [David Mersereau](#).



# Trainings & Opportunities

## **Society of Fire Protection Engineers Southern California Chapter**

Topic: Water Tanks for Fire Protection and CAL/NFPA 25

[Registration](#) closes on December 11th.

## **National Safety Council's SAFER (Safe Actions for Employee Returns)**

SAFER is a multifaceted, comprehensive effort aimed at helping employers prioritize safety as they return employees to traditional work environments and schedules in a post-quarantine world.

State of COVID-19 Response and Future World of Work Summit ([December 9](#))

Airborne Pathogens: Understanding and Preventing Disease Transmission Online Training ([Available now](#))

Promote Employee Mental Health and Wellbeing ([Available now](#))

The Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award is presented to an ASSP Bakersfield Chapter member to acknowledge their dedication and outstanding contributions to the Chapter and the profession. To be eligible the nominee must be a member in good standing and be engaged in full-time employment in the profession of protecting people, property and the environment. The nominee's most recent three (3) years of activities will be considered at a minimum. Judging criteria includes:

- Demonstrated technical expertise in the broad field of EHS and a thorough knowledge of the operational aspects of his/her EHS employment.
- Demonstrated outstanding contributions to Chapter activities.
- Leadership in establishment, maintenance, and improvement of technical or Chapter programs.
- Professional contributions to advance the EHS profession.

***To nominate a candidate, scan the QR code below.  
Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2021.***



**Nominate your Candidate for the Bakersfield Chapter  
2020-2021 Safety Professional of the Year**

# Become an ASSP Member

*General Membership is under \$200 per year!*

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

*Complete the [online application](#) today!*

*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.*

## ***New Member Promotion***

*Keep a look out for future new member promos!*



Complete the Membership application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).

Isabel Bravo was named the November Hispanic Safety Professional – HSP Member of the Month and we would like to take a moment to recognize her contributions! We celebrate you Isabel for your valuable contributions as a Hispanic Safety Professional to HSP, the Agriculture Industry, and our profession.



Isabel has been a passionate advocate for worker health and safety in agriculture for over two decades, dedicating her professional career and volunteering efforts to farmworker safety. In her role as Director of Environmental Health and Safety with Wonderful Citrus, Isabel implements strategic approaches to achieve worker health and safety while constantly looking for implementation of best practices. Isabel's continuous support of HSP allowed for the development of the first chapter-based HSP chair within the Bakersfield chapter during her term as chapter President. Once established, she then assisted as liaison for the LA chapter to set up their very own chair as well. Most recently, Isabel took on the role of HSP membership chair and quickly incorporated standardization on reporting, as well as outreach to new members.

## Hispanic Safety Professional – Member of the Month



# MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

We love to spotlight and congratulate our chapter members and friends on their professional development, successes, and new positions!

**Carlie Fowler, CSP** (Takeda), **Johnathan McCann, CSP** (Schlumberger/KBA Engineering), and **Daniel Newland** (Life Saver Safety) completed their requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional!

**Bryan Payne, CHST** (Environmental Waste Minimization, Inc / Rapid Response, Inc) completed his requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician!





- ✓ Daniel Kerr - General Production Service
- ✓ Jeremy Hirtz – Chevron
- ✓ Joseph Cobb - Berry Petroleum Company LLC



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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# ***January 6, 2020 Webinar Meeting***

***Joel Sherman, VP of Safety & Corporate Affairs  
Grimmway Farms***

## ***Workers' Compensation***

Joel will give an update on what's happening with the Workers' Compensation Fraud Assessment Commission (A global perspective of the different types of fraud seen by the commission. How the fraud has been addressed, successes and failures, and what the future holds) and wrap up with three things Safety professionals need to know about Worker's Compensation.



The meeting will be hosted virtually. Details to be sent out via email at a later date.



# 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 40,000 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.



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).



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