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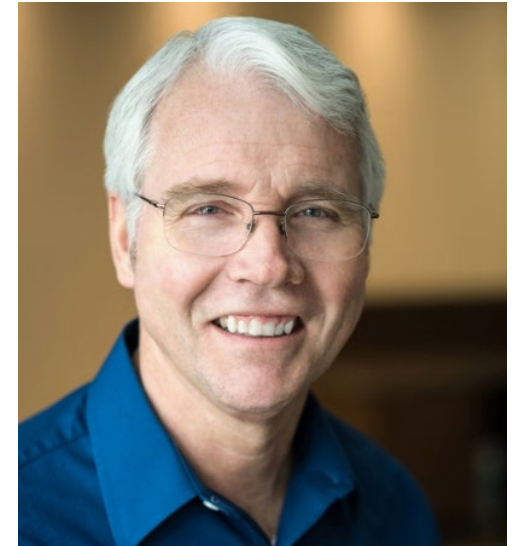
**January 6, 2020 Webinar, 7:30AM to 8:45AM**

## **Workers' Compensation – A Global Perspective**

*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, what the future holds, and wrap up with three things health and safety professionals need to know about Workers' Compensation.*

[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](#).

**Joel Sherman**



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

# 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. **All application packets must be post-marked by January 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you need additional information, contact [David Mersereau](#).



**SafetyFOCUS**  
Immersive Education for Safety Professionals

**IMMERSIVE. TAILORED. ENGAGING.**  
Safety Education for Serious Safety Professionals

# Local Jobs and Training Opportunities

## SafetyFOCUS is Now Virtual

Due to the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic and its cascading effects on safety and health, work, travel and large gatherings, all SafetyFOCUS events are now virtual. Our hope is that this format will make SafetyFOCUS events more accessible while offering the same networking opportunities and high-quality education you expect from ASSP. Learn more at [SafetyFOCUS website](#).

## Bakersfield ASSP Posting of Local Jobs

Looking to find recent job opportunities communicated to the Bakersfield Chapter? Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional?

If so, check out the [Jobs page now!](#)



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Hispanic Safety Professionals  
Common Interest Group

## Webinar Series

### The Other COVID-19 Story: The Unknown Essential Services; Custodial Services

The constant news about COVID-19 have been depressing, with vignettes of many stories of heroes in our healthcare, first responders, teachers, and many other our public servants. What is rarely heard is the story of those that are behind the scenes, our ***custodial services workers***, the demand they have burden, the unknown the inherited, and the misinformation they have hear. In many parts of our country custodial operations are **predominantly staffed by a Hispanics workforce, most of them immigrants with a language barrier**, and know they are part of our country's frontline fighting the spread of COVID-19.

**About the Speaker:** Alejandro "Alex" Ruiz, MS, CIH, CSP, CHMM, SMS, CET, CHST is the Associate Director of EHS and the University Safety Officer at Rutgers University. Alex has over 20 years' experience in the EHS field and as an active member of the New Jersey Chapter, Region 8 and the Hispanic Safety Professional (HSP) CIG. Alex has an appointment as an Adjunct Professor at the Rutgers School of Engineering and as an instructor at the Rutgers School of Public Health.



Join us on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 11:00am – 12:00pm CST.  
Register to this free event [here](#)



To register for the free  
webinar series, [CLICK HERE](#)  
or SCAN THE QR CODE.



## **2021 Employment Law Update & Virtual Roundtable on COVID-19**

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The Agricultural Personnel Management Association (APMA) is hosting a virtual comprehensive 3-hour employment law update followed by a roundtable discussion on COVID-19 issues faced by agriculture.

**2021 Labor and Employment Law Update (9AM-12PM)**

**Roundtable: COVID-19 - What Keeps You Awake at Night? (1PM-3PM)**

January 19, 2021 – \$100-\$150 per ticket – [Registration Link](#)

# 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.*

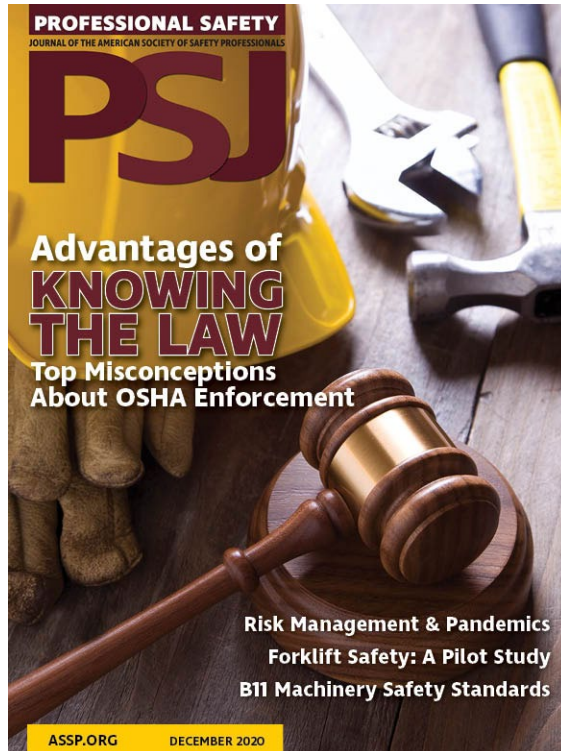
## ***New Member Promotion***

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



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

**Professional Safety, American Society of Safety Professionals' flagship monthly journal and top member benefit, covers the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.**



Each peer-reviewed issue of Professional Safety offers practical guidance, techniques, and solutions to help occupational safety and health professionals identify hazards, protect people, prevent injuries, improve work environments, and educate management that investing in safety is a sound business strategy. Annual subscription is included with ASSP membership. Highlights from the December 2020 issue include:

- ✓ [Advantages of Knowing the Law: Top Misconceptions About OSHA Enforcement](#)
- ✓ [Safety For Non-Profits](#)
- ✓ [ANSI B11 – Machinery Safety Standards Published](#)
- ✓ [COVID-19 & Ergonomics: Wait, What?](#)

# Professional Safety Journal

## Education

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# Free ASSP Learning Resources

**From interactive videos to PDFs to presentations, ASSP offers a variety of learning resources.**

- Safe Sourcing and Care of AR/FR Clothing: What to Look For
- The New View: Safety Professionals as Change Agents
- Getting a Seat in the C-Suite: What Every Safety Pro Should Know
- OSHA-ASSP Silica Compliance Directive and Emphasis
- OSHA-ASSP National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction
- OSHA-ASSP Trench Safety Stand Down

Check out the [ASSP Learning Resources page now!](#)

# Bakersfield College OSRM

Registration is open for Spring Semester at Bakersfield College. All classes will meet online via Zoom. Don't let the idea of a virtual classroom hold you back.

- OSRM B10 Occupational Safety T/Th 4:20-5:45; Students can earn an OSHA 30 card, \$10 fee
- OSRM B16 Managing Employee Safety & Health M/W 6:00-7:25
- OSRM B20 Environmental Health & Hazardous Materials T/Th 6:00-7:25
- OSRM B26 Risk Management M/W 4:20-5:45

Contact [Catherine Jones](#) for questions regarding degree and certificate options.

Bakersfield College offers several options for an A.S. degree as well as a Certificate of Achievement. Don't be fooled by other certificate options that do not consist of accredited college units which can't transfer and don't count toward a degree. By choosing the certificate offered at Bakersfield College students will earn accredited college units. Also, students interested or enrolled in bachelor's degree programs such as CSUB or Columbia Southern can transfer BC units which helps keep the cost of the degree manageable (approx. \$47 per unit compared to over \$200 per unit). BC is a fantastic option!



# MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

**Shane Baird** (Berry Corporation) started a new position as EH&S Representative.



**Jason Kerr** (Plains All American) started a new position as HSE Manager.



**Eulogio Villaseñor** (Link Staffing) started a new position as Safety Specialist.



✓ **Eric Washum - Student Member/Frito Lay**

✓ **Beth Lightner - Wonderful Citrus**

✓ **Bonnie Nieves - PTS Advance**

✓ **Francisco Ortiz, Sergio Rivera - Bakersfield College**

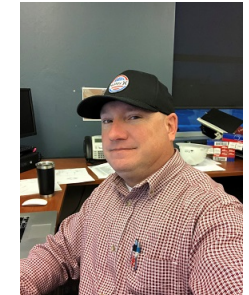
✓ **Ben Palmer - Pro Safety & Rescue Inc.**

✓ **Jennifer Brightman-Davis - Frito Lay**

✓ **Justin Anspach - S.C. Anderson, Inc.**



Isabel Bravo – Thank you for sponsoring Beth's membership  
Helen Ordway – Thank you for sponsoring Bonnie's membership  
David Mersereau – Thank you for sponsoring Ben's membership



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

# ***February 3, 2020 Webinar Meeting***

***Michael Adkins, Regional Sales Manager-West  
Guardian Equipment***

## ***Emergency Showers and Eyewashes***

This presentation will be centered on the 2014 version of the ANSI/ISEA Z358.1 Standard for Emergency Showers and Eyewashes. Other applicable codes, regulations and standards will be discussed including – Cal Plumbing Code (Became Effective Jan 1, 2020), Cal OSHA Title 8 Section 5162, and ASSE 1071 Std for Temperature Mixing Valves for plumbed eyewash and showers. There will be an emphasis on regional sectors including: Aerospace, Ag, Education, Healthcare, Petro-Chemical, and Water Treatment Plants.



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

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**



# 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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