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Feature of the Month

The History of the Bakersfield Chapter

Do you know the history of the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP? If not, head over to the [Chapter History website](#) to read about the origin stories of our great chapter!

We owe the vision, hard work, and birth of our chapter to one individual – Frank Malquist.

The first section meeting was held on January 18, 1996 at 6 p.m. at Hodel's. There were 38 people in attendance. It was decided at this meeting that all future meetings would be held on the first Wednesday of each month, just as it is today. On October 4, 1998, Bakersfield was officially chartered as the 20th chapter in Region I.

Learn more about the origins of the chapter and annual symposium by visiting the website.

November 3, 2021 – 7:30AM to 8:30AM

All things COVID including vaccinations, mask requirements, variants, antibody testing, and booster shots

Dr. Glenn Goldis, MD – Chief Medical Officer & Chief Medical Information Officer @ Kern Medical

Bakersfield ASSP is pleased to have Dr. Goldis to discuss the current state of COVID and include information related to vaccinations, booster shots, mask requirements, variants, and antibody testing. During this presentation, Dr. Goldis will also address potential myths or misinformation that people are hearing in the community and around the country.

[Register here](#). If you missed the presentation, it will be recorded and be made available in our [Chapter Library](#).



ERM Club @ CSU Bakersfield

The CSUB section of the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter is hosting an ERM Club meeting on November 5, 2021, 5:00-6:00pm.

The club is featuring Vicky Furnish, Senior Environmental Advisor with Southern California Edison, for the meeting and the topic of discussion will be “Hazardous Material and Hazardous Waste Handling”.

Join the [Zoom meeting here!](#)

Meeting ID: 833 8079 0126, if you need it.



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ERM CLUB
Monthly news letter of ERM club

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MEETING FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5 MEETING

ERM Club meeting on November 5th, from 5:00PM to 6:00PM, join Zoom meeting (the link will be provided on this email below). *There will also be a raffle at the end of the meeting.

ERM CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

22 October 2021 5:30-6:30 ERM club meeting
ZOOM: TBA



Why the Best Safety Training Programs Make Personal Connections

Safety training programs play a pivotal role in strengthening culture, communicating best practices and gaining your team's buy-in, and the best safety trainers know that one of the most effective ways to inspire change and improve safety outcomes is to develop personal connections.

Here are five tools to forge personal connections – Tell Stories, Inspire Learners to Share Stories, Exhibit Vulnerability, Create a Culture of Positivity and a Sense of Community, and Look for New Ways to Connect.

Read the entire ASSP article [online here](#).

Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Program



Nathalie Larios (left) received scholarship for Undergraduate and Jessica O'Brien (right) received scholarship for Graduate award. David Mersereau and Joe Canas delivered the awards.

Part of the driving force behind why we exist is to promote and support programs that advance the safety profession. One of the ways we accomplish this is by awarding up to \$10,000 in scholarships every year for eligible students! Applications can be found in the [Education tab](#) of the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter website.

- 1. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2022*
- 2. To be eligible you must fulfill the student requirements [HERE](#)*
- 3. Applicants must submit a completed [APPLICATION](#)*

Passport Training Updates

Effective November 1, 2021, there are important changes to Passport orientation training. Passport Safety Training is required by most person(s) working on most oilfield leases in the Central Valley.

Passport training covers a wide range of health and safety topics – personal protective equipment, field hazards, hydrogen sulfide, fall protection, overhead powerlines, confined space awareness, code of safe work practices, and more.

Check in with your company's designated safety manager or supervisor for upcoming training opportunities through regional training facilities.



FEDERAL REGISTER

The Daily Journal of the United States Government



Did you know? OSHA is initiating the [rulemaking process](#) to consider a heat-specific standard to prevent heat injury and illness in outdoor and indoor work settings. OSHA is [seeking public comments](#) on topics such as heat stress thresholds, acclimatization planning, exposure monitoring, and the nature, types, and effectiveness of controls. Comments must be submitted by December 27, 2021.

Also, check out this [60-second video message](#) on heat illness prevention and share it with your coworkers.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Mike Dickman – Safety Supervisor, Granite Construction

John Mason – Health and Safety Specialist, Suez Water Technologies & Solutions

Andrew Giurlani – Safety Manager, Flatiron Construction

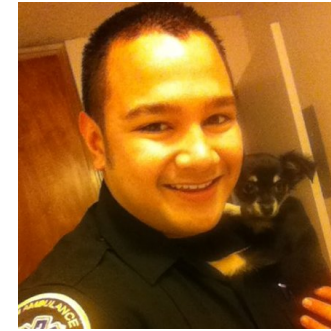
Mitch Mills – Regional Safety Manager, Herman Weissker

DeAnna Sanderson – Safety Administrator, Esys The Energy Control Company

Marcos Castro – Sustainability Specialist, CRC

Nancy Tidwell – Lead Consultant, Scentsy

Shawna Beaver – Operations Training and Safety Manager, T3 Broadband



Let us know if you have taken on a new job position or if you have successfully completed a professional development program!

Mitch, John, Andrew, DeAnna, Marcos, and Shawna pictured

- ✓ Damian Bausman - Nichols Farms; Rob Purdie - Valley Fever Institute at Kern Medical; Steven Salazar – Chevron; William Wade
- ✓ Justin Carter - Bakersfield College; Austin Witt - American Safety Services and Bakersfield College



Damian, Rob, Steven, Justin, and Austin pictured (left to right)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

December 1, 2021 Meeting (7:30AM)

Senator Shannon Grove – 16th Senate District

Senator Grove was born and raised in Kern County. She established Continental Labor and Staffing Resources with her sister-in-law and currently serves as the CEO. Prior to her election to the State Senate, Senator Grove was the first woman veteran elected to the California Legislature as she served the 34th Assembly District. Senator Grove was elected to represent the 16th Senate District in November 2018. In January 2019, she was elected Leader of the Senate Republican Caucus where she served in that capacity for two years. As the Republican Leader-Emeritus, Grove remains a committed representative working with legislators to advance policies that benefit the constituents, businesses, and communities within Senate District 16.

2022 Legislative Update

This legislative update which will include a focus on issues affecting the Safety, Environmental, Worker's Compensation and/or business communities



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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.



Complete the Membership application at www.assp.org.



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.

Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional? Contact [Chris Vochoska](#) to have the opening posted on this page.

If you are looking for job postings, find current opportunities shared with the Chapter on the [Chapter website](#).

You can find Chapter Documents, Member Updates, Newsletters, and Presentations on our [Chapter Library page](#).

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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