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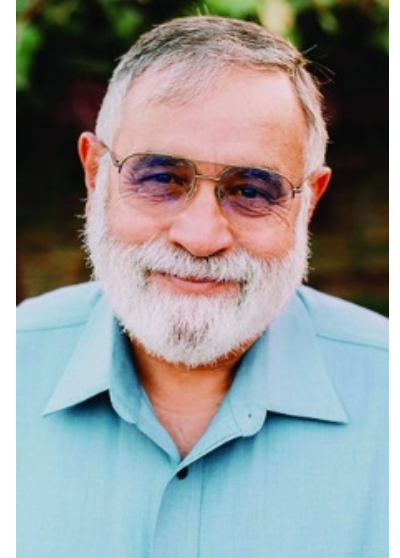


PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2016-2017

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, long time Bakersfield Chapter member Francisco “Rudy” Avila went home to the Lord at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife Yvonne, his daughter Leah, his sons Matthew and Jacob, his granddaughter Grace, and his grandsons Giovanni, Mason, Callen, and Baylor as well as his numerous siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rudy was born on September 21, 1952 in Patterson, California to Francisco and Librada Avila. He joined the Navy in 1970 and while in the service began his life-long career in Human Resources. On August 27, 1983, he married Yvonne Barreto Avila. Together they raised three children, Jacob, Matthew, and Leah. He became a believer in Jesus Christ in 1987 and would read his Bible and pray for others daily. His favorite verse was John 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

Work was Rudy's passion and he saw Human Resources as the key to ensuring that people had a good work environment where they could feel supported. Rudy loved working with kids and was involved in the children's ministry at church and officiating youth sports. He worked for over thirty years in the AWANA program teaching children about God's word. He started umpiring softball games while in high school and continued to officiate throughout his lifetime.



A Tribute to Rudy Avila

December 1, 2021 – 7:00AM to 8:30AM

2022 Legislative Update

Senator Shannon Grove – 16th Senate District

This legislative update which will include a focus on issues affecting the safety, environmental, Worker's Compensation, and business communities.

The Chapter will also be meeting in person for the month of December! Stay tuned by checking your email for capacity restrictions, pre-paid registration, and specific details about in-person attendance.

Members may also [register here](#) to attend the December monthly meeting via Zoom.



Feature of the Month

ERM Club @ CSU Bakersfield Meeting

The CSU Bakersfield section of the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter is hosting an ERM Club meeting on December 3, 2021, 5:00-6:00pm.

For the December monthly meeting, they are proud to announce Kevin Carnahan and Brett Wallace from Granite Construction as guest speakers. Join them to learn more about Granite Construction and what a professional career at Granite looks like. Join the presentation and come prepared with any questions you may have.

Join the [Zoom meeting here](#)! Meeting ID: 869 6287 7519, if you need it.

January 5, 2021 Meeting (7:00AM)

Shane Gardner, Fire Marshal – City of Bakersfield FD

What do the Fire Inspectors look for during a Fire and Life Safety Inspection?

Are you up to date with the Fire Code and Standards at your facility? Planning on putting up that new building or adding to an existing one? What operational permits are required for certain uses and/or types of storage by the California Fire Code (CFC)? Kern County Fire Prevention Unit will provide a detailed look at the inspection process, challenges and resolutions, code updates, and provide the tools on how to ensure compliance at your next Fire and Life Safety Inspection.



[Early January meeting Zoom registration via this link](#)

Free Safety Training – Bakersfield College

- 1) OSRM B50 General Industrial Safety Course (earn an OSHA 10 Card) – Classes available 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 from 8am - 2:30pm
- 2) Electrical Safety Certificate, three courses: 12/13 - 12/14, 12/15 - 12/16, and 12/20 - 12/21. All scheduled 2pm - 6:30pm

For registration information contact:

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Employers who send employees to classes during paid work hours may be eligible for wage reimbursement. Contact David Teasdale, Executive Director for Workforce Development, at dteasdale@kccd.edu for more information.



Professional Development

Have you been thinking about advancing your professional development by completing the requirements for a BCSP certification? Could you use a little study group accountability to help stay on track?

The Bakersfield Chapter Professional Development Study Groups are ramping up again, virtually this time for now. The group will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm using the Zoom Meeting Platform.



You do not need to be a member of ASSP to participate. Tell us which certification you are considering so we can best serve your needs. We can cover materials for the OHST, CHST, ASP, CSP, and CHMM.

Questions? Feel free to contact McKell Sanderson, the new ASSP Bakersfield Chapter Professional Development Chair. Reach out to receive the Zoom link.

Text or call at (801) 234-0307 or via [email](#).

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ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. While noise may not seem as dangerous as other hazards on construction and demolition sites, it can have a real impact on worker safety and health. Here's how.: [Preventing Hearing Loss in Construction and Demolition](#)
2. When a crisis occurs, effective communication can help you keep your team safe and informed. Learn to craft an effective risk or crisis communication strategy: [7 Elements of Effective Risk and Crisis Communication](#)
3. As you prepare to audit your safety and health management system and explore opportunities for improvement, keep these three things in mind: [3 Keys to Auditing Your Safety and Health Management System](#)

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Andrew Giurlani – Safety Manager at Flatiron Construction

Katherine Hilbe – Tasteful Solutions, LLC at Safety Technician

Mike Dickman – Safety Supervisor at Granite Construction

Eric P Cadena – Safety Specialist at KS Industries LP

Jon Hall – Bachelor's in Occupational Safety & Health with Fire Science Concentration from Columbia Southern University



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

Andrew, Katherine, Eric, and Jon pictured



FEDERAL REGISTER

The Daily Journal of the United States Government

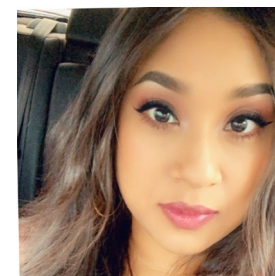


Did you know? OSHA is initiating the [rulemaking process](#) to consider a heat-specific standard to prevent heat injury and illness in outdoor and indoor work settings. OSHA is [seeking public comments](#) on topics such as heat stress thresholds, acclimatization planning, exposure monitoring, and the 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.

- ✓ Jeremy Doolittle - Frito-Lay and CSUB
 - ✓ Mark Ralls
- ✓ Tami Sivils - West Kern Water District
 - ✓ Damian Bausman - Nichols Farms
- ✓ Brian Franco & Kimberly Rathbun - Bakersfield College
 - ✓ Manuel Jaramillo - ASRC Federal
- ✓ Elizama Pedraza - Belen International and CSUB

Thank you Jennifer Brightman-Davis and Quinlan Brown for sponsoring our new Chapter members, Jeremy Doolittle and Elizama Pedraza! Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP and the Bakersfield Chapter, are the ones who really help our community and the profession grow.



Jeremy, Jennifer, Mark, Tami, Damian, Manuel, Elizama, Quinlan, and Kimberly pictured

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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.



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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