ZIKA and Influenza

ZIKA: Information About the Virus and Current Updates

Influenza: What do I really need to know about the Flu?

About our May 5th Meeting

Keith A. Campbell, M.D. – Memorial Occupational Medical Group

Dr. Campbell will be talking about the Zika virus and Influenza virus. What is the big deal about the Zika virus and how does it affect us here in the USA? Influenza is a potentially deadly illness ... don't underestimate the impact it can have on you and your community. However, there is a lot you can do to protect yourself from the flu.

About our Speaker

Dr. Campbell is a Board Certified Family Physician at Memorial Occupational Medicine. He will be departing soon to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators caring for the thousands of Wycliffe missionaries worldwide.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held from 7:00—8:45 AM on the first Wednesday of every month at Hodel’s Country Dining located at 5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308. Cost of meeting attendance is $13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet (cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted). The cost is only $5 for Student Members and Emeritus Members of ASSE.

Your RSVP is appreciated! Contact Fred Hrenchir at (661) 617-5286 to RSVP for the upcoming meeting.
Safety 2016 is this year’s ASSE Professional Development Conference. This year it will be held in Atlanta, GA June 26-29th.

The ASSE Safety 2016 Professional Development Conference & Exposition is for OSH professionals who want to achieve exceptional safety results. Hear from distinguished speakers and engage in strategic sessions covering emerging topics and trends. Make connections with over 4,000 peers and gain actionable insight from proven leaders. Transition from business as usual at Safety 2016.

Register soon! The next PDC discount deadline is 5/21!

Also, let Chris Vochoska know if you (or someone you know) will be attending so that we can assemble a list of those attending from our Chapter.

So far we have the following Bakersfield Chapter members attending: Isabel Bravo, Jose Perez & Chad Sicari.
Bakersfield Chapter Social Event: Hiking at the Wind Wolves Preserve

Thanks to the 67 people (including 51 guests) who attended our Bakersfield Chapter social event at the Wind Wolves Preserve on February 27, 2016.

Kids and their parents learned how to stay safe and sound in nature. Focusing on Outdoor Survival Preparation by learning how to call out for "S.O.S." / HELP when they are lost while out hiking. The children learned how to make "shoe prints" of their shoes to keep in their cars if they ever go missing, staff will have a means of identifying the child's footprint. Finally, the children were taught how to make their pathways more visible by making arrows out of stones (in case of a time to rescue or if they ever forget their way back, they know which turn to take to return to their campsite). Each child received a safety whistle, lanyard and a certificate. We all had a great time and although there was no charge for the event, the Bakersfield Chapter made a $500 donation to the Preserve.

“I want to support your local Student Section!” - if this is how you feel, think about speaking at a Student Section meeting (see page 8) or purchase a T-shirt (below)!

June 1st, 2016 Monthly Meeting

Topic: Work Zone Safety

Speaker: Bob Johnson, VP Director of Safety, Granite Construction Incorporated

8CCR1598 Traffic Control for Public Streets and Highways requires traffic control to be installed in accordance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets & Highways. Bob will explain these requirements. He is the current chair of the ARTBA (America Road and Transportation Builders Assoc.) and is helping lead a national movement of associations, DOTs and labor groups to get legislation passed that will make work zones safer.
The Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE Kicks Off Safety-on-the-Job Poster Contest for NAOSH Week

The Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is in search of young artists to help educate other children about the importance of workplace safety and health in Kern County.

The association kicked off its annual "Safety-on-the-Job" poster contest for kids. The contest runs May 1 through May 7, 2016, and is broken down into three age categories. Ages 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13.

The winning poster will best illustrate "Safety-on-the-Job" and be featured on 17 Sunrise, the KGET website (www.kerngoldenempire.com) as well as the Bakersfield ASSE website (www.bakersfield.asse.org).

North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, or NAOSH Week, occurs every year during the first full week of May. This year it runs from May 1-7, 2016. It is a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and preventing injuries. Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day (OSHP Day) falls on the Wednesday of this week.

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) urges everyone to get involved in NAOSH Week in an effort to better educate the public about the positive benefits a safe workplace provides not only for workers, but for their families, friends, businesses, their local communities and the global community.

If you’d like to share what your company did to increase awareness of the importance of occupational safety and health to workers during NAOSH week, email Paige Loya with your story.

Meet a Student: Samuel Firman

Samuel Firman is the 2015-16 CSUB Student Section Secretary - Pursuing a Bachelor’s of Science in ERM from CSUB with a Concentration in OS&HM. Estimated Graduation Spring 2017. Currently working at the Bakersfield Veteran Center. I was born in West Virginia but raised in Bakersfield. I am excited about getting my degree and being a member of the ASSE.

July 6th, 2016 Monthly Meeting

TOPIC: Establishing Your Place in the “C Suite”
Speaker: James Boretti, CSP - President/CEO Boretti, Inc.

Senior management (the C-Suite) looks to you for SH&E leadership and the value you bring to support your efforts. In this presentation, you will learn key points the C-Suite wants to know about SH&E and how to communicate this information effectively. Your knowledge of the organization’s business goals & senior management’s expectations of SH&E will strengthen your bond & partnership with the C-Suite. Learning Objectives & Outcomes:
1. Demonstrate a general understanding of business language and a foundation from which business decisions are made. 2. Identify expectations & align SH&E efforts driven by organizational objectives from the C-Suite to gain involvement of decision-makers.
Recent Professional Certification Achievements

Heather Cooke (right) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Dave Crow (left) recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Michael Garcia (right) has completed the requirements for an AS degree in Occupational Safety & Health from Columbia Southern University

Jared McKnight (left) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become an Occupational Health and Safety Technologist® (OHEST)

Ryan Moore (right) with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

Tim Day (left) with Safety Management Systems recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®)

Meet a Student: Jennessa Linze

Pursuing an Associate of Science degree in Geology. My concentration leads into petroleum and geothermal geology. I attend Taft College. My courses will be taken online until next fall. Estimated graduation from Taft College is May of 2017. Previously worked as a safety and compliance officer in North Dakota for Avery Enterprises, Inc. (Stopped to enroll at Taft College). I am actively seeking employment while I attend school. Originally from Nampa, Idaho. I am a very outgoing person who loves to laugh but I can also be shy and I am developing my confidence speaking in front of people.

Let us know about your professional development successes too! Certification info can be found at www.bscp.org. If you are interested in joining a study group, see page 2.

The CSUB Student Section holds meetings each month. If you are interested in attending a meeting or possibly presenting a topic, topics of interest and contact information can be found on page 8.

CSUB Student Section Meeting

The CSUB Student Section’s final meeting of the school year will be on May 10th. Robert Dye from Aera Energy LLC will be presenting on the subject of Behavior Based Safety.

Also, CSUB’s Environmental Resource Management Program will be hosting their annual Meet and Greet for potential employers to meet with students on May 19th. For more information, contact Dr. Aaron Hegde.
Get involved with Bakersfield ChapterWISE!

WISE stands for Women In Safety Engineering, but don’t let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

Our Objectives:
- Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
- Promoting EHS in our community
- Networking to strengthen professional relationships
- Advancing the professional development of our members
- Mentoring women

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Business & Event Planning
Date: June 1st
Time: ~8:45—9:45AM
Where: Hodel’s Country Dining
5917 Knudsen Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Professional Development & Networking
Date: May 26th
Heat Stress Update
June 16th
Techniques to Make Training Fun & Effective
July 21st
What You Need to Know to be in Compliance with CUPA
Time: 6:00—8:00PM
Where: NuSil Technology
2343 Pegasus Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Planned Events
Date: August 13th
Valley Fever Awareness Walk

For more information, please email your Bakersfield ChapterWISE representative Lisa Marriott-Smith or join us on Facebook!

Welcome new members!

Although guests are always welcome, ASSE loves it when new members join. Here are a few recent members. If you see them at an ASSE meeting, please give them a friendly welcome.

Ruby Aguilar—CSUB
Martin Alonzo—KBA Engineering (R)
Cristela Avalos—CSUB (L)
Sellna Celedon—CSUB
Jason Dixon—Bakersfield College Department of Industrial Technology
Bradley Godbey—CSUB
Biridiana Gonzalez—CSUB
Christian Diaz—CSUB (R)
Elizabeth Hollman—CSUB
Mike LeDuc—Aera Energy LLC (L)
Subbaiah Pasupulati—Delta Testing Services
Elizabeth Perez—CSUB
Suzzeth Reid—Windham Group (R)
Teresa Torres—CSUB
Alfredo Villalobos—CSUB
Erica Timmermans (L)
Denise Sanchez—CSUB
Sonia Rodriguez—SoCal Gas Company
Maurice Walker—Continental Labor & Staffing Resources (R)

A thank you to Laura Matthieu and David Crow for sponsoring one of our new members! This not only helps our Chapter, but also our profession grow!
Bakersfield ChapterWISE Participates in Bakersfield’s 15th Annual Great American Cleanup!

On Saturday, April 23rd, Bakersfield ChapterWISE joined forces with Keep Bakersfield Beautiful by participating in the Great American Cleanup (GAC). Teams of volunteers formed throughout the community joined to help with community improvement projects. Thanks to the twenty-nine Bakersfield Chapter folks who participated!

If you want to help Bakersfield ChapterWISE make a positive impact on our community, then e-mail the Bakersfield ChapterWISE Chair, Lisa Marriott-Smith to volunteer in one of their many community outreach events.

“The WISE Mentoring Program focuses on women, matching new or arising safety professionals with seasoned safety professionals.”
For more information about WISE Mentoring click here.

3rd Annual WISE Personal Development Retreat

Get WISEr!
June 25, 2016

Please join us and our special host for the day Georgia-Pacific
at the Georgia-Pacific Headquarters
133 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Register now by clicking here.
Or while Registering for ASSE’s Safety 2016


Join WISE for $10!

Already know you want to join?
If our ChapterWISE interest group inspires you, you can become an official member of the group for just $10.

ASSE Members:
Login into your profile and go to: www.asse.org/asse-join-practice/ then click on Women in Safety Engineering.

Non ASSE Members:
Join WISE at the same time you join ASSE: www.asse.org/asse-membership-application.
About ASSE

Founded in 1911, ASSE is the oldest and largest professional safety organization. With more than 37,000 members worldwide, ASSE is a global association of occupational safety, health (OSH) and environmental professionals that advances the interests of its members and the profession.

ASSE 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.

ASSE members are classified in one of six member categories: professional, member, associate, international, student and emeritus. Members also can participate in practice specialties, branches, common interest groups and local chapters.

Become a Member!

Wondering how you can join the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSE?

You can join by:

• visiting [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org),
• mailing in an application form (available at the monthly meetings),
• or by calling (847) 699-2929.

Are your friends safety pros too?

You can refer a friend by visiting: [http://www.asse.org/membership/refer/](http://www.asse.org/membership/refer/)

Speak at a Student Section Meeting

Our Student Sections are always looking for speakers to present at their meetings. Whether it be at CSUB or Taft, there are eager students who want to learn about the following topics:

- Asbestos sampling
- Agricultural production safety
- Agricultural sanitation
- Behavior based safety
- Regulatory Compliance Overview
- Confined spaces
- Conveyor belt safety
- Crane safety
- Electrical Standards/Safety
- Excavations Fall protection
- Heat illness prevention
- Industrial trucks
- Ladder safety
- Lead monitoring
- Lock out tag out (LOTO)
- Machine guarding
- Office ergonomics
- Pinch points
- Scaffolding

Contact our CSUB and Taft Student Section presidents to learn more!

Members can register on the Society website to search jobs and upload their resumes to [http://jobs.asse.org/](http://jobs.asse.org/). It’s free and you can also set up job alerts!