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Feature of the Month

Safety Leadership Checklist – Do You Have What It Takes?

Safety leadership isn't a formula and it doesn't always come with a fancy job title. It's a mind-set and a skill set that is essential for those who make careers out of protecting others on the job.

How do you know if you have what it takes? Use the Safety Leadership checklist! Find the [checklist infographic here](#) or download an [accessible transcript](#) of the infographic.

January 5, 2022 – 7:00AM to 8:45AM

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

Shane Gardner, Fire Marshal – City of Bakersfield FD

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.



Attend in person, or [register here for the Zoom meeting](#).

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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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, 2022.



**Nominate your Candidate for the Bakersfield Chapter
2021-2022 Safety Professional of the Year**

ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. If you want to grow and advance as a safety professional, you have to keep learning. That is where CEUs come into play – [10 Ways for Safety Professionals to Earn Continuing Education Units](#)
2. Burnout is a hot topic in today's environment. Surveys and studies are surfacing that report widespread burnout across multiple industries and professions – [Q&A: Which Burnout Interventions Improve Workplace Safety?](#)
3. The Case for Safety Podcast features Michael Taubitz, Senior Adviser at FDR Safety – [Prevention Through Design: Tips for Designing Out Hazards at Any Organization \(EP70\)](#)

2022 Bakersfield Symposium Call For Presenters

The Bakersfield ASSP Chapter announces the official call for presenters for the 2022 Bakersfield Safety Symposium to be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center. For complete details, visit www.SafetyBakersfield.com.

Interested presenters [must submit a proposal to speak for review](#) by the Conference Planning Committee. The committee is interested in dynamic, technically oriented, and practical presentations with case studies. If you are interested in presenting, please submit this form. The deadline for applications is January 5, 2022. If you have any questions, please e-mail safety@safetybakersfield.com.



22nd Annual Bakersfield ASSP Symposium



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Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Mechanics Bank Convention Center, Bakersfield, CA

February 2, 2021 Meeting

***Alexi Carli – President of Carli Consulting LLC &
Chair of Z.16 Committee of Safety & Health
Performance Measurement***

Effective OSH Performance Measurement and the ANSI/ASSP Z.16

This presentation will share the expectations of the standard and how they will help benefit organizations.

Attend in-person at Hodel's or attend via [Zoom by registering here](#).



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Teresa Leone – Safety Educator @ Barnard Construction

Drew Laza – Safety & Environmental Engineer @ Elanco

Shane Baird with Berry Petroleum recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional®

CSU Bakersfield Student Section Club Officers

Gabriela Medina (President); Minaya Valentine (Vice President); Julnar Azzam (Secretary); Isiah Figueroa (Treasurer); Isabel Bravo (Club Liaison); Dr. Hedge (Advisor)

Bakersfield College Student Section Club Officers

Donald Frye (President); Brian Franco (Vice President); Justin Carter (Secretary); Kim Rathburn (Treasurer); Catherine Jones (Faculty Advisor)



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

Teresa & Drew pictured

- ✓ Brittney Mayfield - Macpherson Energy
- ✓ Diedra Travis - Bakersfield College
- ✓ Jenn Brady - Macpherson Energy



Brittney, Diedra, and Jenn pictured (left to right)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On December 14, Isabel Bravo was invited to speak to 40 students at the Wonderful College Prep Academy in Lost Hills. She took this opportunity to discuss with the students what it is like to be an EHS professional. They discussed possible career paths and benefits if they decide to explore EHS as a career option.



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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