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2020-2021



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2018-2019



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2017-2018



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2016-2017

June 1, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Heath Taylor, CSP, CESCO – Wonderful Company

Electrical Inspections for the Safety Professional

This presentation includes a quick introduction to NFPA 70E, PPE requirements, designing for safe use, and emergency response.

Heath joined the Wonderful Company EHS team in 2017 where he has had the privilege of supporting all Wonderful business units. Prior to Wonderful Company, Heath managed safety for an electrical C-10 company. As part of his role, he managed electrical installations, is well versed in NFPA 70 E, National Electrical Code, and GO 95 utility standards. Heath holds the Certified Electrical Safety Compliance Professional from the NFPA as well as instructs an NFPA 70 E course at Bakersfield College.



Heath Taylor received the Bakersfield Chapter ASSP Rising Star award in 2018 and has been a long time Chapter member.

Attend in person at Hodel's (7:00AM-8:45AM) or attend via Zoom - [register here](#).

Become an ASSP Member

General Membership is under \$200 per year!

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.

July 6, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Jared McKnight, RIMS-CRMP, CRIS, CSP, OHST

Risk Management – Enabling Risk-Based Decisions by Looking at the Big Picture

This presentation is intended to challenge the way the safety practitioner looks at risk by looking at risk from an enterprise level and understanding where health, safety, and environmental risks fall in priority. First priority, right? Guess again. In fact, that thinking is not only a fallacy, but a business sustainability death wish. Understanding where your department's risk sits at an enterprise level will gain you credibility and efficiency while allowing a more formidable foundation for a progressive and SUSTAINABLE safety culture.

Learning Objectives – 1) Learn how to leverage the inherent risk management skill in all of us. 2) Learn to see the big picture of organizational risk and reduce tendencies of being "safety-selfish." 3) Walk away knowing what needs to be done to understand where YOUR risks fall into the organization's priority list; when to fight, and when to settle.

Jared is the Regional Vice President over Risk Control efforts in the Western states for multiple high-hazard industries for Safesite.



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The Case for Safety



The Case for Safety podcast features conversations with safety experts sharing their ideas and insights you can use to help your organization improve worker safety and health. Subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts. Some recent episodes include:

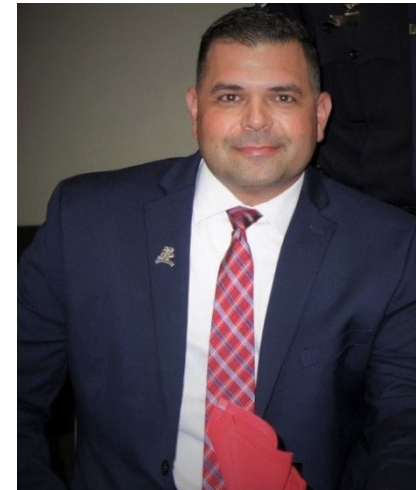
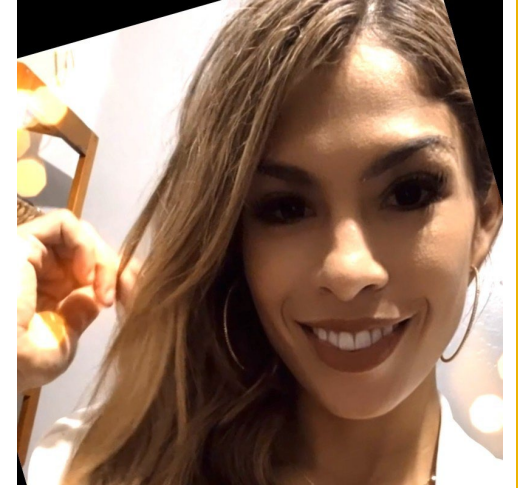
- Episode 82 – Sharing Your Expertise with the Safety Community
- Episode 81 – Safety 2022 Preview: Keep on Pushing in Your Profession and in Life
- Episode 80 – Ways You Can Participate in the National Safety Stand-Down
- Episode 79 – How Safety Managers Can Help Address Mental & Behavioral Health
- Episode 78 – What the Updated Z117 Standard Means for Confined Space Safety

ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. Roadway work zones are some of the busiest, and potentially most hazardous, work environments you can find as workers perform tasks in close proximity to vehicles – [4 Steps to Creating Safer Work Zones](#)
2. So, what can you do to better connect with team members, deliver constructive criticism and get results? Here are 10 approaches that will make your messages easier to deliver, hear, and apply – [10 Proven Methods For Delivering Feedback as a Safety Manager](#)
3. “There is a profound difference between engagement - where you’re a part of the system you’re asked for your input and people value you - and participating because someone is paying you for doing it” - [How Worker Engagement Can Help Improve Your Safety Management System](#)

EHS Professionals on the Move!

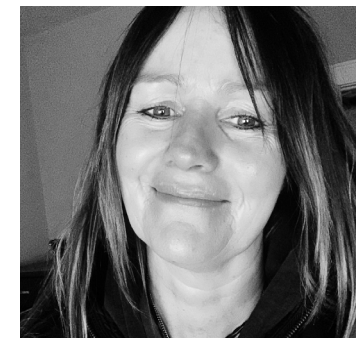
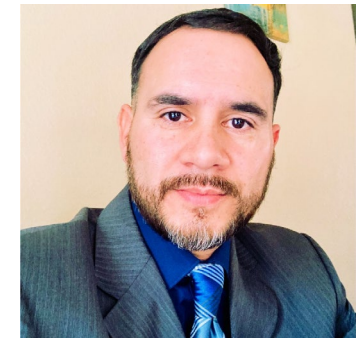
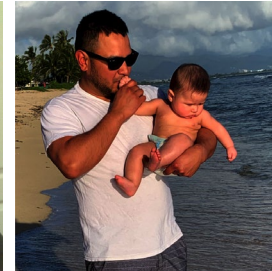
- ❖ **Aaron Garza**, Safety Specialist at Kern County Public Works
- ❖ **Karen Sandoval**, Safety Administrator at ESYS, The Energy Control Company
- ❖ **Ronnie Evaro**, Safety and Security Coordinator at California Rail Builders
- ❖ **Evan Demestihis**, Regional EHS Manager at Trinity Safety Company
- ❖ **Shane Baird**, Senior Risk Services Consultant at Sedgwick
- ❖ **Jessica Vargas**, HSE Manager at Solvay



Aaron, Karen, Evan, and Jessica pictured

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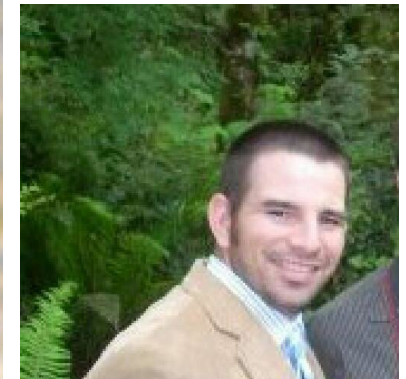
- ✓ **Jason Kerr**, PSM Manager at Kern Oil & Refining Company
- ✓ **Andrew Giurlani**, HSE Advisor at California Resources Corporation
- ✓ **Isabel Bravo**, Vice President of EHS at Tasteful Selections
- ✓ **Manuel Gutierrez**, EHS Manager - Farming at Tasteful Selections
- ✓ **Oscar Arevalo**, EHS Manager at Del Monte Foods
- ✓ **Veronica Luna**, Safety and Training Specialist at Califia Farms
- ✓ **Nina Casterline**, Environmental Advisor at Aera Energy LLC



Jason, Andrew, Isabel, Manuel, Oscar, Veronica, and Nina pictured

EHS Professionals on the move!

- ✓ **Ryan Duty**, SH&E Professional at Boretti Inc
- ✓ **Richard Ege**, Safety Coordinator at Contra Costa Electric
- ✓ **Virgil Smith**, Safety Manager at Robert Healy Construction
- ✓ **Stephanie Hall**, North American WHS Engineering Manager at Amazon
- ✓ **Ed Urias**, Health & Safety Manager at Area Energy
- ✓ **Zack Dransoff**, Surface Asset Retirement & Remediation Supervisor
- ✓ **Erik Cadena**, Bilingual Occupational Safety Manager at Country Sweet Produce



Virgil, Stephanie, and Zack pictured

Professional Development

The Bakersfield Chapter loves to share and congratulate those that have successfully advancing their professional development.

Let us know about your professional development successes too. Looking to earn a professional safety certification, check out www.bcsp.org.

Congrats to Ted, Nick, and Kimberly.

Ted Leavitt with California Dairies recently completed the requirements for a MS in OSH from Columbia Southern University



Nick Tisinger with Chevron recently completed the requirements for a BS in OSH from Columbia Southern University



Kimberly Rathbun graduated from Bakersfield College with her AS in Construction Management





- ✓ Marc Bocanerga - Rain For Rent
- ✓ Aaron Garza - Kern Public Works
- ✓ Jeff Dickey - GEO Drilling Fluids Inc
- ✓ Rosa Gomez - Student Member



Thanks to Tim Vaughn & Sergio Furtado for sponsoring our new chapter members: Marc Bocanerga & Aaron Garza. Folks like you who get the word out about ASSP are the ones who really help our Chapter and the profession grow!

NEW MEMBERS & SPOTLIGHTS



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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Membership Update
<http://bakersfield.assp.org>

Chris Vochoska, Membership Chair, 665-5860/membership@bakersfield.assp.org
As of 5/29– Bakersfield Chapter Members – **348** including 27 Student Members
May Meeting: **72** (36 members/36 guests – 35 Models/37 Zoom)

Welcome New Members: Marc Bocanegra - Rain For Rent
Jeff Dickey - GEO Drilling Fluids Inc; Aaron Garza - Kern County Public Works
Rosa Gomez - Student Member

Recent Membership Renewals – THANK YOU

Everth Arceta-IKEA
Neil Dwyer – Honeywell
Elizama Pedraza-Sierra Intl'

Mauricio Centeno
Jack Iriart-California Rail Builders

Lesia Curtis-PTS Rentals
Hector M. Lopez-Applus RTD

Renewal Reminders - Renew at <http://members.assp.org>

Rogelio Alvarez-5/31
Erick Arceneaux-7/31
Phillip Armstrong-6/30
Bruce Asaro-6/30
George Baker-7/31
Ivan Bogacki-5/31
Steve Bowen-7/31
John Braun-5/31
Isabel Bravo-6/30
Daniel Bustos-6/30
Chris Dankowski-5/31

Ryan Dawley-7/31
Marco Diaz-5/31
Robert Dye-7/31
Joseph Enriquez-5/31
David Flores-6/30
Randy Fordham-7/31
Bob French-7/31
Lee Gay-6/30
Hal Gounder-7/31
Efren Gomez-6/30
Stephanie Hall-6/30

Johnny Hernandez-7/31
Luis Hinojosa-5/31
Michael Kesselman-7/31
Isaac Lopez-5/31
Michael Martinez-5/31
Sarai Medrano-5/31
Kevin Moe-5/31
Jesus Ojeda-6/30
Eric Pichardo-5/31
Harrison Records-5/31
Jonathan Rimer-5/31

Grant Sackewitz-7/31
Yolanda Samano-Schroeder-6/30
Gabriela Solis-5/31
Debra Sovay-5/31
Edwina Stewart-5/31
David Suarez-7/31
Andrew Tiznado-5/31
Sam Traffanstedt-5/31
Minaya Valentine-7/31
Viviana Vantassel-7/31
Eddie Varnado-5/31
Jim Zaben-7/31

Hurry Back 2/28-Michael Beayrd/Nora Fuentes/Neil McNew/Mark Smith

3/31- Val Barbosa/Katie Catapano/Curtis Giles/Al Mirelez/Doug Moorehead/Virgil Pattarino
Tony Ponce/Debbie Rodriguez/Jess Vargas/Matt Vargas/Matt Vaughn

4/30- Johnny Black/Dave Bone/Colton Bryan/Kevin Carnahan/Felipe Guerra/Jon Hall/Monica Jimenez
Anita Martinez/John Soliz/Rene Urquia/Shaina Whiting

*If you are in a job loss/transition and your membership is up for renewal, the Society has a bridging provision available.
Don't let your membership expire. For more information, contact Chris Vochoska.*

Common Membership Questions

Q. Do I have to be a "full time" safety pro or be "certified" to be eligible for membership in ASSP?

A. No! There are different categories of membership. Come as you are and let us help you develop!

Q. What is the cost?

A. Under \$200 per year

Q. What's the next step for becoming a member? A. Complete a Membership App on-line at www.assp.org

Students! On-Line Membership is only \$15/yr. <http://www.assp.org/assp-student-membership-application/>

36 Guests in May - We Love Having Guests!

Christine Alburger-Kern Cnty Courts
Joe Bravo-Buttonwillow Warehouse
Richard Carrillo-Kern Human Svcs
Esteban Cobian-Wonderful Company
Rigo Enciso-WESTEC
Juan Escalante-Mashburn Trans
Leina Fahsbender-Chevron
Rob Fuentes-Cenergy Intl'
Rich Gibson-Wonderful Company
Geist, Stan-California Dairies
Abel Gonzalez-Wonderful Company
Linda Guevara-Bolthouse Farms

Marlene Hensley-CSUB
Chevelle Krinitt-Macpherson Energy
Isaia Lopez -Kern Human Svcs
Elizabeth Maldonado-Apple One
Judy McNally-ESYS
Gustavo Morales-
Jorge Navarro-Sunview Vineyards
Steve Nixon-Crimson Resource
Eddie Ochoa-Cenergy Intl'
Carlos Peralta
David Pence-Kern Oil
John Perez-Kern Human Svcs

John Pryor-Risk Mgmt. Consultant
Sherrise Redich-ESS
Randy Roberts-Kern Human Svcs
Amy Roth-Terra-Gen, LLC
Lite Saetia-Crimson Resource Mgmt.
James Sampson-Kern Human Svcs
Juan Sarmiento-Mashburn Trans
Wesley Sheets-
Lara Stephanian
Mike Wolf-WD Lab Grown Diamonds
Eddie Zamora-Red Cross
Hector Zendejas-KS Industries

Congratulations for successfully advancing your professional development!

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Let us know about your professional development successes too! – Certification info at www.bccsp.org

Congratulations to the following New Members (former student members) who have received their free one-year membership gift!

Nancy Gordon, Cecilia Gutierrez, & Sergio Rivera - Associate's OS&RM from **Bakersfield College**
Kim Rathbun - A.S in Construction Management from **Bakersfield College**
Joseph Singh - Associate's OSH from **Taft College**

36 Bakersfield Chapter Members Present in May – Thank You!

(Every Meeting Attended is 1 More Raffle Ticket for YOU in the \$500 Year-End Membership Drawing)!

Anspach, Justin-SC Anderson
Aragon, Brad-County of Kern
Canas, Joe-Advanced EHS Concepts
Cadena, Erik- Country Sweet Produce
Dwyer, Neil-Honeywell
Furtado, Sergio-KC Public Works
Garcia, Michael-ICW Group
Geist, Stan-CA Dairies
Gordon, Nancy-BC/PBVUSD
Lee, Dave-KC Public Works
Lopez, Albert-Boretti Inc
Lopez, Hector M.-Applus RTD

Mahan, Bob-A-C Electric Company
Marriott-Smith, Lisa-
Martinez, Peter-WESTEC
Mayfield, Brittney-Macpherson Ergy
McKnight, Jared-safesite
Moreno, Vincent-Lufkin
Monroy, Sandra-Wonderful Citrus
Nisser, Michael-KC Dept Human Srv.
Ordway, Helen-Networking
Perez, Jose-Wonderful Compnay
Ramirez, Isidro-Olam Food Ingrednts
Rodriguez, Sonia-SoCal Gas

Safeeh, Majic-MTS Stim Services
Sanderson, McKell-WCF Insurance
Sandoval, Karen-ESYS
Saucedo, Denise-KC Public Works
Schmidt, Bob-CERTX
Taylor, Heath-Wonderful Company
Tisinger, Nick-Chevron
Varela, Abel- Boretti Inc
Vaughn, Tim- Wonderful Company
Vochoska, Chris-Aera Energy LLC
Waski, Guy-Mashburn Transportation
Wurtz, Jamie- Socialee Media Mrkting

Job Opportunities recently communicated through the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP

Safety Coordinator-City of Tulare-#2022-29-\$56-\$68k <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/tulareca/jobs/3568197/safety-coordinator?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

EHS Manager - Trinity Safety Company - Bakersfield

Resumes to [Mcuetto@trinitysafetyco.com](mailto:Mcueto@trinitysafetyco.com)

EHS Manager - Nichols Farms – Hanford

<https://nicholsfarms.isolvedhire.com/jobs/539808.html>

Safesite- Risk Control Consultant- West Coast

<https://apply.workable.com/foresightgroup/j/20ADAB51D5/>

H&S Representative - Berry Corporation – Bakersfield - Req# HEALT001352 <https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/BER1020BPCQ/JobBoard/8fe0d2bf-6897-407d-b73c-0bbaa6802331/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=76533994-dde5-460f-8bb9-bd7526b1ac9e>

Safety Consultant: Searching for Qualified Safety Professionals for various projects taking place in California. Oil, Construction, and Renewables. Travel may be required. All inquiries may be directed to anthony@americansafety-services.com

EHS Specialist-In Training-KCEH-Bakersfield-Job #8498-\$4,068-\$4,862 Mo.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/kernco/jobs/3500113/environmental-health-specialist-in-training?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Contract Site Sfty Mgr.-Pro Safety & Rescue at Bkrsfld Renewable Fuels <https://www.applicantpro.com/openings/prosafetyandrescue/jobs/2322419>

EHS Spec-Virgin Galactic-Mojave-#2022-6839 <https://careers-virgingalactic.icims.com/jobs/6839/environmental-health-and-safety-specialist/job>

Safety Coordinator - Process Instruments, Inc. – Bakersfield

Resumes to kmorgan@process-instruments.com

EHS/Maintenance Technician (Entry Level) - Calgren Renewable Fuels - Pixley, CA Resumes to rgagg@calgren.com

Industrial Hygiene Tech-Safety Mgmt. Syst (SMS)-Bkrsfld https://safetyms.candidatecare.jobs/job_positions/preview/11753941

EHS Advisor (DOT Pipelines)– Aera Energy LLC – Bakersfield – ID:1214-367 <https://www.aeraenergy.com/careers/apply-now/>

Systems Sfty Eng./Mgr.- AFRL, Edwards, AFB <https://www.asrcfederal.com/careers/> Requisition number is AFHC-14763.

Cal/OSHA Field Inspectors (Safety Engineers & Industrial Hygienists) throughout California various experience levels. [How to become a Cal/OSHA field inspector](#) [The application process](#) [Wage and benefits](#) [Current openings](#) Questions to CalOSHAJobs@dir.ca.gov

SH&E Professional-Boretti Inc.-Visalia
Safety Coordinator-Contra Costa Electric
Safety Manager-Robert Healy Construction
NA WHS Engineering Manager-Amazon
Aera H&S Manager-Stord
Surface Asset Retirement & Remediation Supervisor
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