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**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2020-2021



**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2019-2020



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2018-2019



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2017-2018



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2016-2017

# May 4, 2022 Chapter Meeting

## Bob Schmidt - CERTEX

### Fall Protection

*Join the Chapter meeting as Bob Schmidt shares fall protection information in the spirit of the 9th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction (May 2-6, 2022).*

*Bob has delivered over 500 fall protection training classes and demonstrations in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Bob holds multiple fall protection credits and has been a member of the Bakersfield Chapter for close to 20 years.*

Visit <https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-do> and <http://stopconstructionfalls.com/> for more details.

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

Bob Schmidt has been with CERTEX for over 30 years with multiple responsibilities including Sales, Branch Manager, and California Regional Manager.



Bob teaches Basic Rigging Classes, ASME Rigging Classes, API RP-2D Rigging Classes, Authorized User Fall Protection, Competent Inspector Fall Protection, and 8-HR Competent Person Fall Protection

# The National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls is May 2-6, 2022

*Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 351 of the 1,008 construction fatalities recorded in 2020 (BLS data). Those deaths were preventable. The National Safety Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".*

Learn more at <https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down>.

A promotional poster for the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. The top section has a blue background with white text: "NATIONAL SAFETY STAND-DOWN TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION" and "MAY 2-6, 2022". Below this is a photograph of two construction workers in safety gear (hard hats, high-visibility vests, and harnesses) working on a roof edge. The bottom section has a blue background with white text: "Stop Falls Stand-Down" followed by three bullet points: "Plan a toolbox talk or other safety activity", "Take a break to talk about how to prevent falls", and "Provide training for all workers". Below the text is a QR code and contact information: "For more information: osha.gov/PreventFalls #StandDown4Safety 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) • TTY 1-877-889-5627". At the bottom are logos for OSHA, CDC, and MOSH, along with the slogan "Safety Pays. Falls Cost." and a small warning icon of a person falling.

**NATIONAL SAFETY  
STAND-DOWN**  
TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION

**MAY 2-6, 2022**

**Stop Falls Stand-Down**

- ▶ Plan a toolbox talk or other safety activity
- ▶ Take a break to talk about how to prevent falls
- ▶ Provide training for all workers

**For more information:**  
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OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
CDC  
MOSH  
Safety Pays. Falls Cost.

# National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls

# 2022 Central Valley Chapter PDC

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Registration is now open for the 2022 ASSP Central Valley Chapter's Professional Development Conference.

You can plan on a full day of the profession's best practices focusing on safety, environmental, and health issues. Learn more and register via their [Professional Development Conference website](#).



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Central Valley Chapter

Tuesday – May 10th, 2022 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District building in Clovis, California. Only \$99 registration fee!

The conference includes a continental breakfast, expo with vendors, multiple concurrent sessions, lunch keynote, recognition awards, and a raffle!

# ASSP Industry News & Articles

1. Talking to organizational leadership about safety concepts can be difficult, and it may even feel like you're speaking different languages – [10 Safety Terms Your Leaders Should Know](#)
2. Heat illness affects thousands of indoor and outdoor workers each year and can lead to death. To combat the hazard, OSHA has launched a national emphasis program (NEP) – [OSHA Launches Program to Prevent Heat Illnesses and Injuries](#)
3. Online Course: Essential Risk Assessment Tools for Safety Professionals, May 5 to June 2, 2022 (4 modules) – [Course Description](#)

## ***June 1, 2022 Chapter Meeting***

***Heath Taylor, CSP, CEMSCP – Wonderful Company  
Senior Manager, Construction Safety***

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



Attend in person at Hodel's or attend via Zoom – [register here](#).



# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bakersfield Chapter Symposium

## ***Inaugural Spanish Track for Small Business Owners***

*The ASSP Hispanic Professional's (HSP) common interest group launched the first inaugural Small Business Track in Spanish during the Bakersfield Chapter ASSP 21 Symposium.*

*We were glad to see the incredible efforts of the MCSC Kern County Women's Business Center, which helped promote the ASSP-Small Business Spanish Track on five Spanish radio stations, Univision and Telemundo. A witness of this promotion was the San Diego Cal/OSHA Consultation area director (Carmen Cisneros), who made a trip to be present at the event because she saw the announcement while watching Univision! Beyond these great efforts, the HSP team welcomed our attendees at the registration booth, where we could connect with small business owners and safety and health colleagues interested in getting engaged.*

*Our presenters did a fantastic job within their area of expertise. Thank you so much, Norma Dunn and Ashley Aguilar, who shared small business resources; Armando Rodriguez and Gus De La Torre, who covered worker's compensation essentials; Martin Guzman and Lorena Medina, who provided an excellent overview of human resources and Carmen Cisneros who covered an overview of Cal/OSHA requirements. These professionals inspired our participants to look and improve their current business practices. Overall, this inaugural event provided many learnings in our efforts to reach small Spanish-speaking business owners. Thank you, organizing committee, for your efforts, including Vanessa Galvan, Janie Dyer, Isabel Bravo, and Sandra Monroy, in Partnership with MCSC Kern Women's Business Center and Zenith Insurance Company. It was a full day of learning with professionals dedicated to answering participants' questions entirely in their culture and language. Thank you for giving back to our community!*



# ***2022 Safety Professional of the Year Winner***

## ***Steve Henslee – RL Environmental***

Steve started his career working for the Kern County District Attorney's office as an investigative aide in the Special Investigations Unit. He earned his Associate Degree in journalism and his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Today he is a certified trainer for PEC, Smith Driving Systems, and the American Red Cross. He serves as an Executive Committee member position with the Bakersfield Chapter as well as being a member of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Central California Chapter Safety Committee. His active community service and dedication to his team members keeps him on top of the ever-changing safety environment, always aware of new and upcoming regulations and recommendations from the many agencies he coordinates with, as well as dedicating his time to the safety and well-being of our team and the community in which he lives. He is a long-term resident of Bakersfield. He and his wife have two teens who keep them busy with horses and soccer. He enjoys announcing horse shows and attending Riverlakes Community Church, where he volunteers in the marriage and youth ministries. Steve has been leading the RL Environmental Safety Department since 2017.





# Rising Star Award

## Dave Lee – Public Works

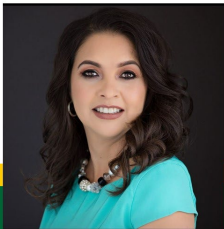
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Dave Lee has worked for Kern County Public Works since 2003 and became a member of the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter in 2012. He serves as a member of Public Works' safety committee and assists with in-person trainings, presentations, online training, reviewing safety regulations, and program review as it relates to landfills and transfer stations. Dave has diligently served as the Chapter's Newsletter Chair since 2019 and volunteers his time as the Bakersfield Chapter symposium's moderator coordinator. Dave moved to Bakersfield in 2006 to continue his education and professional growth. He is a graduate of California State University, Bakersfield with degrees in Public Policy & Administration, and he and his wife support CSUB as season ticket holders for various sports and attend several events there throughout the year.





- ✓ Vincent Moreno - Lufkin Industries
- ✓ Isidro Ramirez - Olam Food Ingredients
- ✓ Matt Purnell - Aera Energy LLC



*Congratulations*  
Isabel Bravo CSP, CHMM,  
PHR

**Isabel Bravo** with The Wonderful Company recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM). Congrats on passing the certification examination!

# NEW MEMBERS & SPOTLIGHTS

# 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](http://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](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).



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