

# THE PLEDGE

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## Bakersfield Chapter



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**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2019-2020



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2018-2019



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2017-2018



**PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2016-2017

# ***August 3, 2022 Chapter Meeting***

***Roosevelt Scott Jr. – Triple Threat Solutions***

## ***Active Shooter - Situational Awareness at and Away from the Workplace***

*We have been trained to Run, Hide or Fight. This presentation will help us plan and execute as an organization and as individuals by reading body language cues, positioning ourselves to escape and know what to do if you are grabbed.*

*Roosevelt Scott, Jr. is the owner of Triple Threat Solutions. He started his personal protection journey in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Weapons and Tactics instructor. In the Marines, Roosevelt was a team leader of a Special Response Team. Roosevelt trained with the L.A.P.D. SWAT, British Special Air Service, FBI'S Hostage Rescue Team, and numerous other teams around the world.*



**TRIPLE THREAT  
SOLUTIONS**  
*Hazardous in every way...  
(for the bad guys)*

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](http://www.assp.org).

As a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals, did you know that you have access to a wide variety of discussion boards?

Log in to your account and go to <https://community.assp.org/discuss>.

Browse the various categories including safety technical talk, customer service, community chatter, and COVID-19. Each category has a host of individual posts related to that topic.

For example, safety technical talk has posts on warehouse safety, radiation exposure, virtual reality training, confined space entry, state reporting, emergency showers, fire drills, safety auditing, and so much more!



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COMMUNITY



# The ASSP Community

## Forums Category List

### How to Use The ASSP Community

47 Topics

Learn how to use and engage with ASSP Communities from uploading a file to participating on a discussion thread.

### Safety Technical Talk

723 Topics

Post your questions and get answers on how to solve industry specific, real-world issues

### Customer Service

37 Topics

Get answers from ASSP Customer Service representatives on membership, events, and offerings.

### Community Chatter

504 Topics

Use this discussion category for general discussion and uncategorizable ideas!

### Personal Protective Equipment

9 Topics

### Workplace Violence

5 Topics

### Leadership

11 Topics

### Construction

67 Topics

Join the Construction Practice Specialty for access to a network of safety subject matter experts within the construction industry, as well as relevant industry education and information.

### Public Sector

231 Topics

Join the Public Sector Practice Specialty community for access to a network of public sector safety subject-matter experts, as well as relevant industry education and information.



# SAFETY 2022 ATTENDEES

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**Congratulations to Vanessa Galvan for presenting at Safety 2022!**

Vanessa serves as a Bakersfield Chapter Executive Committee colleague and co-chairs the Chapter's Hispanic Safety Professionals.

## Safety Strategies and Initiatives - Are You Hitting the Mark?

Vanessa Galvan, CSP, AFIS  
V7301



### **The Bakersfield Chapter was well represented at Safety 2022**

Aaron Aragon, Brad Aragon, Susie Ayon, Shane Baird, Maria Castellanos, Jeff Dickey, Vanessa Galvan, David Garza, Stan Geist, Gladys Gonzalez, Scott Hall, Johnny Hernandez, Martha Kazarian, Staci Kennedy, David Leach, Albert Lopez, Hector Lopez, Sarah Medina, Mayra Montano, Sandra Monroy, Sean Moyna, Arianna Perez, Jose Perez, Jessica Quijano, Chad Sicari, Oscar Tenorio, Julian Thorley, Abel Varela, Chris Vochoska, Clay Wattenbarger, Tracy Whittaker, and Royal Willard



## Recognize Safe + Sound Week 2022 – August 15-21, 2022

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

### Why Participate?

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety successes.

### Who Participates?

All organizations looking for an opportunity to recognize their commitment to safety are welcome to participate. Last year, more than 5,300 businesses helped to raise awareness about workers' health and safety!

Several resources are available to safety professionals to help and assist the development of a company's health and safety program. Learn more at <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/>.



# ASSP – Trenching & Excavation

- [OSHA Increases Focus on Trenching and Excavation Hazards](#) – 22 workers have died as a result of trenching and excavation hazards this year, surpassing the 2021 total of 15 from 2021 and prompting OSHA to launch enhanced enforcement initiatives.
- [Technical Brief Covers Excavation Safety](#) – ASSP's free technical guide provides an overview of the updated standard ANSI/ASSP A10.12-2022, Safety Requirements for Excavation, and highlights additional resources to help you learn more.
- [Podcast Episode 46: Trenching and Excavation Safety](#) – Eric Voight of the ANSI/ASSP A10 Committee shares best practices for keeping workers safe during trenching and excavation operations.

# Government Affairs Updates

## **Fed-OSHA extends its National Emphasis Program on COVID-19**

- “Uncertainty in the rulemaking process” is causing delays
- The COVID-19 health-care rule is an “immediate focus” of agency

Fed-OSHA will soon announce an extension of the agency’s National Emphasis Program for Covid-19, while continuing to work on permanent standards for both its pandemic-related and general infectious disease regulations. Fed-OSHA also announced it will then focus on a permanent infectious disease standard once the agency establishes its COVID-19 rule. This infectious disease standard would concentrate on the health-care industry, but the scope may widen to include other “high-risk” industries.

## **Cal-OSHA’s Covid-19 ETS is alive and revised**

Revised Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) are Effective May 6, 2022. Defining and re-defining what constitutes multiple COVID-19 infections and what constitutes a COVID-19 “outbreak” is evolving. The [website](#) provides the best information.



# Government Affairs Updates

## **Fed-OSHA begins rulemaking process to revise standards for occupational exposure to lead**

Fed-OSHA asks the public to comment on the following areas of the lead standards:

- Blood lead level triggers for medical removal protection
- Medical surveillance provisions, including triggers and frequency of blood lead monitoring
- Permissible exposure limit (PEL)
- Ancillary provisions for personal protective equipment, housekeeping, hygiene and training

Submit [comments online](#) by August 29 via the federal portal and refer to Docket No. OSHA-2018-0004.

## **Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee**

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in cooperation with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), have developed an [Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Fee](#). Who pays the fee? An employer in an industry category that has been identified by the CDPH as having a potential for occupational lead poisoning. Why? To prevent occupational lead poisoning. The “fee” was established by SB 240 and added [California Health and Safety Code Section 105185](#).

# ***September 7, 2022 Chapter Meeting***

## ***Wildfire Smoke***

*This presentation will cover what all organizations need to know and how to handle situations where the AQI level is of concern or hazardous, due to such things as wildfires. It will include:*

- 1) What is the AQI*
- 2) How is it measured*
- 3) How is it reported*
- 4) What specific action must employers take*
- 5) How does this impact respiratory protection*

*This will help our members and guests better understand what they need to know and how to respond to protect their employees who work outside.*

**We encourage you to attend in person at Hodel's for only \$15!**

***Dennis Stephenson***  
***Cal-OSHA Consultation***



- Joey Daddario (pictured) with Aera Energy, LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Occupational Hygiene & Safety Technician (OHST)
- Cody Allen Russel (pictured) with Aera Energy, LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional (CSP)
- Congratulations to Brittney Mayfield (pictured) with her new role at E&B Natural Resources as a Senior Environmental & Safety Specialist
- Let's welcome Alexis Salmeron with Flatiron Construction to our Chapter!



# NEW MEMBERS & ACHIEVEMENTS

# Safety Training – Bakersfield College

Bakersfield College is pleased to offer several short courses in electrical safety, which combined earn a certificate in electrical safety. Taught by Health Taylor, CEMCP, CSP, the courses are offered for credit or non-credit. There is no charge for non-credit courses. Each course will be held over two Saturdays from 8:00am-12:30pm (9 hours each).

- 1) OSRM B63 Introduction to NFPA 70E – July 16 & 23
- 2) OSRM B70 Advanced Electrical Safety & NFPA 70E – August 20 & 27

Instruction covers the basics of electrical safety, including associated hazards, the hierarchy of control and its application in controlling electrical hazards. Advanced instruction on arc flash and arc blast protection will also be covered.

Current students can register through the Bakersfield College website. New students should contact below for registration assistance.

Endee Grijalva, [endee.grijalva@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:endee.grijalva@bakersfieldcollege.edu)

Lizabeth Ramirez, [lizabeth.ramirez@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:lizabeth.ramirez@bakersfieldcollege.edu)







# 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.

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](#).

Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional? Contact [Chris Vochoska](#) to have the opening posted on this 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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