

# THE PLEDGE

*WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, STRONGER FUTURE*  
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## American Society of Safety Professionals Bakersfield Chapter



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2020-2021



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER  
2019-2020



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2017-2018



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER  
2016-2017

# Feature of the Month

## NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

Join the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP and take advantage of this discount for new (full) members!

Complete application at <https://www.assp.org/membership/apply-to-join>.

New Member Promotional Code – use code **228Bakersfield** to waive the \$25 application fee and receive a \$25 Restaurant.com gift card.

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

***Darrin Stephenson, ARM – Safety Consultant  
Cal-OSHA Consultation Services***

## ***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.*

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).

# October 5, 2022 Chapter Meeting

## ***Earthquakes: Why the Earth Moves & What to do about it” (Preparedness and Response)***

*In California we’re surrounded by faults that are causing earthquakes all the time, some of them might be big enough for us to feel!*

*Our speaker will answer your questions about how earthquakes work and what we can do to prepare for them. They’ll present some interesting facts, relating earthquakes to colonial architecture and the best place to be in an earthquake will surprise you. We’ll cover the new technology in early warning systems and review how to prepare now and what to do when the ground starts moving. The earthquake preparedness & response will touch on hazard awareness and insights for work and at home. (e.g., utilities, roads, communications).*

*Will California fall into the ocean or will I get beachfront property? Why do we get all these earthquakes? What can organizations and individuals do to prepare? What is the warning system in California and in Kern County? How does it work? How will organizations and citizens be notified? How far in advance will the notification be sent? What if cell towers are out?*

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***Emily A. Fisher***



***Exploration &  
Production Geologist,  
BFD PIO Officer***

# Standards News

**STANDARDS  
UPDATE**

- [ANSI/ASSP Z359.13-2013 \(R2022\) Standard Reaffirmed](#) – This standard that establishes requirements for the performance, design, instruction, testing, and maintenance of personal energy absorbers and energy-absorbing lanyards has been reaffirmed by the Z359 Standards Committee.
- [Survey Uncovers Key Findings on Falls from Height](#) – A survey conducted last year by CPWR– The Center for Construction Research and Training, supported by ASSP, gathered insights from safety professionals that will help advance fall protection.
- [Z459.1 Technical Brief Addresses Rope Access](#) – ASSP’s technical brief for ANSI/ASSP Z459.1-2021, Rope Access Safety Standard, is now available. This free guide provides an overview of the standard and highlights additional resources to help you learn more about fall protection.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The construction industry has one of the highest rates of suicides among all occupations — four times higher than in the general population.

September 5-9, 2022 is [Construction Suicide Prevention Week](#), when events will be held nationwide to raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by construction workers and what we can do to help safeguard their mental health and lives.

- ☐ [Suicide Prevention Resources Library](#)
- ☐ [Register your Participation Online](#)
- ☐ Sign up for a [free September 8<sup>th</sup> webinar](#)
- ☐ [OSHA's Preventing Suicide webpage](#)
- ☐ [998 Help Yourself](#) Crisis Lifeline

# Construction Suicide Prevention Week



If you're in crisis, there are options available to help you cope. You can also call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at any time to speak with someone and get support. For confidential support available 24/7 for everyone, please call 988 or visit <https://988lifeline.org/chat/>.



Smith System has added a DriverTrainer Certification Course option in Bakersfield. Classes are on a first come first serve basis and fill up quickly.

November 14-18, 2022  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Towne Place Suites  
8300 Granite Falls Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93312

Register on [Smith System's website](#).

During this multi-company DriverTrainer course, Smith System instructors will provide your trainers with the skills necessary to bring their proven collision prevention methods to your fleet drivers. Your trainers will learn how to identify each driver's strengths and weaknesses and provide personalized, practical solutions to various driving deficiencies.

The DriverTrainer course will be a 5-day class with a maximum of five participants or a 4-day class with a maximum of four participants. All attendees will be required to wear a mask during the class and follow any local ordinances regarding COVID-19.

DriverTrainer Certification – \$3,203.95 per person



# Resources from ASSP

## ***Free Webinar: The New View: Safety Professionals as Change Agents***

Successful safety and health management systems initiate, implement and sustain change. This complimentary webinar shares how you can be the change agent in your organization. [Watch now](#) simply by providing your email address and name!

## ***Download the Z10.101 Manual for Smaller Organizations***

Developing a safety & health management system can be challenging for smaller organizations. ASSP's complimentary Z10.101 guidance manual outlines the basics and provides tools and approaches to help you succeed. [Download](#) it for free right now!



# 10 Key Lessons From This Year's Member Survey

The vibrant ASSP community is comprised of safety professionals from different backgrounds and industries who are all working toward the same goal – ensuring their teams go home safe at the end of the day. A recent survey shed further light on our membership — who they are, what they want from our Society, and how we can help them advance their careers. Here are 10 key findings.

- 1) Professional Development Is a Top Priority
- 2) Members Want to Connect
- 3) We Are a Certification Education Destination
- 4) Membership Offers Different Benefits at Different Stages
- 5) There's Value in Getting More Involved
- 6) Staying Up to Date Is Critical
- 7) Safety Professionals Are Facing New Challenges
- 8) Benefits and Value Bring Loyalty
- 9) Members Are Invested in the Future of the Profession
- 10) There's Always Room For Improvement



Get all the details of the survey and talking points on the ten key findings by hitting this link below to this year's membership survey:

<https://www.assp.org/news-and-articles/10-key-lessons-from-this-year-s-member-survey>

# Landscape & Horticultural Services

Landscaping and horticultural service workers are at risk of injury from a variety of potential hazards, including exposure to chemicals, noise, machinery, lifting, construction, and weather-related hazards. Hazards are addressed in OSHA's general industry standards if work is considered maintenance activity, and construction standards if work is related to building activity. Implementing a comprehensive safety and health program is an important tool in providing both a safe, and profitable workplace.

For help identifying hazards and solutions, visit OSHA's [Landscape and Horticultural Services webpage](#).

## Hazards and Solutions

Helps identify potential hazards and possible solutions to specific activities within the landscape and horticultural services industry.

[More »](#)

## Safety and Health Programs

Provides references that were selected to assist in developing a safety and health program for the landscape and horticultural industry.

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## Standards

Landscaping and horticulture hazards are addressed in specific OSHA standards for general industry if work is considered maintenance activity and construction if work is considered building activity.

[More »](#)

## Industry Codes

Provides information related to the three main segments of this industry -- Landscape Design and Consultation, Landscape Installation and Maintenance, and Tree Pruning and Arboriculture.

[More »](#)



# Government Affairs Updates

## **Drug Testing for Cannabis?**

Employers in California, where marijuana has been legal for years, would be prohibited from disciplining workers for consuming cannabis on their time off under legislation headed to Governor Newsom's signature. If signed into law, AB 2188 would make California the 7<sup>th</sup> state to restrict the ability to penalize employees when a drug test comes up positive for the presence of cannabis byproducts. The Assembly voted 41-15 and the Senate votes 27-11. It would go in effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

## **OSHA is Looking at Revising the PSM Standard**

OSHA invites interested parties to participate in an informal stakeholder meeting concerning the rulemaking project for OSHA's Process Safety Management (PSM) standard, at which OSHA will provide a brief overview of its work on the PSM rulemaking project to date. Additionally, OSHA invites participants to provide public comments related to [potential changes to the standard](#) that OSHA is considering.

# Government Affairs Updates

## **CDC Revises COVID Guidance**

CDC is streamlining its [COVID-19 guidance](#) to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus. A summary of significant changes include:

- isolation and quarantine protocols for persons alleged to be exposed,
- isolation protocols for persons testing positive,
- screening asymptomatic people without known exposures is no longer recommended, etc.

## **Cal-OSHA's Covid-19 ETS is Still Alive and Well**

The 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. More information provided on the [Department of Industrial Relations](#).

# 2022 Fire Protection Engineering Symposium

The Southern California Chapter of Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Protection Engineering Symposium. The 2022 Symposium will be a live in-person event at The Grand Conference Center (Long Beach, California) on October 25, 2022 from 7AM-4PM. Registration is now open at [www.sfpesocal.org](http://www.sfpesocal.org).

## SPEAKERS / TOPICS



**Doug Fisher**  
Fisher Engineering

*Flammable Liquid  
Storage & AFFF*



**Jack Poole**  
Poole Fire Protection, Inc.

*Understanding  
Commissioning &  
System Acceptance  
Testing*



**Mark Chase**  
Los Angeles City Fire Dept

*Bridging the gap  
between fire service &  
design/contracting  
communities*



**Noah Ryder**  
Fire & Risk Alliance, LLC

*Challenges & Advances  
in Suppression; Tackling  
Challenging Designs*



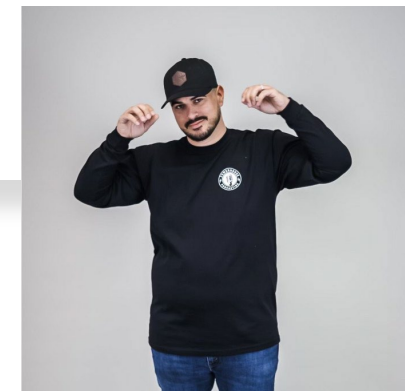
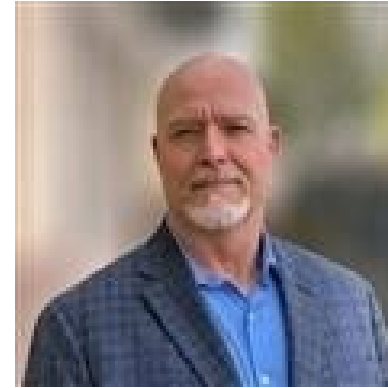
- Chevelle Krinitt - Macpherson Energy
- Logan Kelsey - Armour Safety LLC
- Jeremy Frick - Terra-Gen Operating Company
  - Karen La-Pham - CSUB
- Cole Cates - NOV Fiberglass Systems
- John Calcote - Safety Management Systems



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

# EHS Professionals on the Move!

- ❖ **Ben Palmer**, H&S Manager – Bakersfield Renewables
- ❖ **Cameron Parson**, Workforce Manager – PCL Industrial
- ❖ **Gerardo Vargas**, Senior HS&E Rep – Berry Petroleum
- ❖ **Walter Martinez**, Safety Supervisor – Safety #1 Pro Services
- ❖ **Matthew Creasey**, Director of Donor Services – Houchin Community Blood Bank
- ❖ **Jesse Hernandez**, EHS Manager – Granite
- ❖ **Marvin Harris**, HSE Coordinator – PCL Industrial
- ❖ **Alex Estrada**, Safety Consultant – American Safety Services





# 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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