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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.

Formatting reminder when applying – no extra spaces when entering promo code in the promo code field.

October 5, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Emily A. Fisher – Exploration & Production Geologist with Area Energy, LLC. & Captain Andrew C. Freeborn, Public Information Office with Kern County Fire Department

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?

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.

November 2, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Being Prepared for a Community in Crisis (YES There is reason to be a “Prepper”)

This presentation will provide information to help understand the merits of being prepared when a community is in crisis and events may seem to be beyond your control. When transportation stops, utilities (gas, electricity, and water) cease to be functional, the food in your refrigerator rots, and the grocery store’s shelves are empty, those that prepare have a much lower probability of being a victim of the adverse event.

This presentation will discuss probable events that have the capacity to cause Kern County’s community to be in crisis mode. Coupled with that, this presentation will discuss “needs” that one should understand to prepare their family to survive an event that caused their community to be in crises. Most important are the three basics: Water, Food, Shelter. This discussion will also touch on the following “Prepper” topics:

- 1) Water (personal needs, hygiene needs, preserving water, etc.)*
- 2) Food (growing, gathering, preservation and storage)*
- 3) Non-food emergency stores (shelter, fuel storage, hygiene, meds, etc.)*
- 4) Alternative power sources (lights, batteries, etc.)*
- 5) Communication (knowing what is going on, letting family know status)*
- 6) DIY Medicine*
- 7) Personal Safety (Shelter-in-place vs Bug-out)*
- 8) When on-the-run becomes your best option*

**Michael D. Geyer PE,
CSP, CIH**



**KERNTEC Industries,
Inc.**

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Resources from ASSP

The Case for Safety

Episode 90 – Flame-Resistant Clothing: 5 Tips to Help Keep Workers Safe. Derek Sang, Technical Training Manager at Bulwark, shares tips to remember when selecting, using, and caring for flame-resistant garments. [Listen](#) right now!

Get the Safety Career You Want With These Expert Tips

Now is a great time to start or advance your safety career. Be sure to check out the best way to start or advance your career with these [eight key tips](#).

Uplevel Your Safety Programs Through End-to-End Video Visibility

A free ASSP webinar hosted on October 5th at 9:00AM. A connected video solution can help your organization conduct better incident investigations, improve efficiencies and collaborate across your teams. Register today via the [ASSP website](#).

Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade

Bakersfield ASSP members & friends, we need your help! As we await acceptance to the Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade (November 11th) we need your help in securing two more vehicles to be used.

If you have a “deuce and half” or similar military style vehicle that you would be willing to loan or drive for the parade, it would be appreciated. Or any other type of safety or emergency response vehicle would work too! Contact [Michael Garcia](#) with your contact information.



Pictures from 2019 Veterans Day Parade!



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



Construction Practice Specialty Meeting

The Construction Practice Specialty hosted a meeting on September 15th. They had a great roundtable discussion around occupational injury response and best practices. Each attendee brought new ideas and best practices for each other to utilize at their companies. Thanks to PCL for hosting and A-C Electric Company for donating lunch. The construction practice specialty group will meet again in January, date and location to be determined.



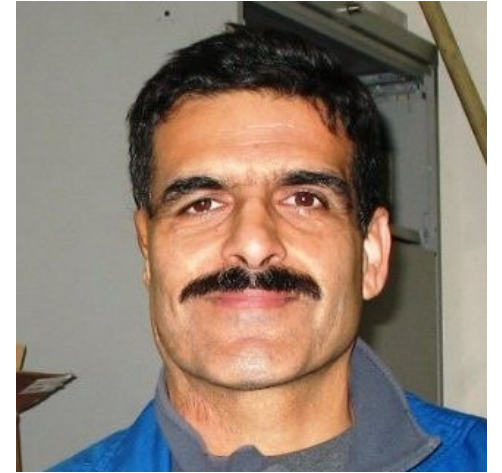
Bakersfield College

- Austyn Sorensen, Loy Salarda, Richard Mendoza, Cecilia Dominguez, Samantha Bravo, Brenda Bravo, Jose Villanueva, Jacob Miller, Fernando Fernandez
- Johnny Figueroa - Central Valley Eggs LLC/CSUB
- Joe Bianco - Knight's Pumping and Portable Services, Inc.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

EHS Professionals on the Move!

- ❖ **Lynn Bishop**, Safety & Security Coordinator – California Rail Builders
- ❖ **Ruben Nunez**, Safety Professional – ASRC Federal-Edwards AFB
- ❖ **Katie D Dobbs**, H&S Specialist/Advisor - Aera Energy
- ❖ **Martin Esparza**, Field Safety Specialist – Wonderful Orchards
- ❖ **Jose Abrica**, Safety Manager – Cummings Transportation
- ❖ **Daniel Kerr**, H&S Specialist/Advisor - Aera Energy LLC



Lynn, Martin, Jose, and Daniel pictured



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.



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