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2020-2021



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2019-2020



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2018-2019



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2017-2018



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2016-2017

Feature of the Month

Veterans Parade – November 11th

Bakersfield ASSP Community – We are awaiting acceptance to the November 11th Bakersfield Veterans Parade. Thanks to the following folks for their vehicle donation support: 5-ton truck (Chris), Humvee (Duane) and the Olive Drab Driver Group (Jeffery Al Goines). A rickshaw will also be provided by Donald Frye, the ASSP Bakersfield College Student Section President.

Whether you are a Veteran or want to support our Chapter in supporting Veterans, we are looking for people who want attend by riding on these awesome vehicles OR by walking the parade. Seats are going fast! If you are interested in participating, please contact Michael Garcia via email at jmisventures@yahoo.com with your contact information.

November 2, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Michael D. Geyer PE, CSP, CIH – KERNTEC Industries

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

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*

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



December 7th Meeting
Vanessa Galvan, CSP, AFIS
“Safety Strategies & Initiatives
Are You Hitting the Mark?”

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.

Resources from ASSP

Free Project Audit Guide for Construction Sites

ANSI recently updated ANSI/ASSP A10.39-2022 standard, Construction Safety and Health Audit Program, establishes an internal method of measuring compliance with an organization's written safety and health program requirements. Get started on your audit program with [their free guide](#) based on Appendix A and B from the standard.

Steps for Improving the Safety and Health of Temporary Workers

Episode 92 of “The Case for Safety” podcast features Scott DeBow, principal of HSE at Avetta. The team discusses the guidance document “Protecting Temporary Workers: Best Practices for Host Employers.” Check out the great episode and [listen now!](#)

Bakersfield Chapter Scholarships

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!
Deadline is January 31, 2023

Part of the driving force behind why we exist is to promote and support programs that advance the safety profession. One of the ways we accomplish this is by awarding UP TO \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS every year for eligible students.



Your ASSP Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Program has been updated since last year.

Please visit our [WEBSITE](#) for current information on the program, to download the application, and to catch a peek at our [previous recipients](#).

A couple things to note:

1. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2023
2. To be eligible, you must fulfill the student requirements [HERE](#)
3. Applicants must submit a completed [APPLICATION](#)

Please feel free to contact David Mersereau – Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Chair @ mersereau.david@gmail.com with any questions.

WISE Meeting

Date: November 30, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Speaker/Topic: Hannah Camp, PE EE

Hannah Camp is a licensed Electrical Engineer that has worked in the Water/Wastewater/Power sector for 6 years. Her talk will focus on how to consider safety at every phase of a project—from initial site evaluation to project scoping, design, construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance activities. Hannah believes that collaboration between design, operation, maintenance, and safety professionals is the key to successful projects. At this session she will share some “tricks of the trade” that will help ensure your project, facility, and staff operate in a safe, productive, and efficient way.

This WISE meeting will be a combined meeting with the BC student OSRM club, and CSUB is welcome as well!

Location: Bakersfield College, General Science Building (formerly known as Science & Engineering), Room 48.

WISE

Women in Safety Excellence



Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

This WISE meeting will be a combined meeting with the BC student OSRM club, and CSUB is welcome as well! Location: Bakersfield College, General Science Building (formerly known as Science & Engineering), Room 48.

Contact [Catherine Jones](#) if you have questions.

Standards News

**STANDARDS
UPDATE**

- [A10.49 Standard Updated](#) – The ANSI/ASSP A10.49-2022 Control of Chemical Health Hazards in Construction and Demolition Operations standard aims to reduce the risk of worker exposure to chemicals and toxic substances on construction & demolition sites.
- [Updated A10.39 Standard Published](#) – The ANSI/ASSP A10.39-2022 Construction Safety and Health Audit Program standard establishes an internal method of measuring compliance with an organization's written safety and health program requirements.
- [OSHA's Enforcement of Silica Standards in the Construction Industry](#) – This Professional Safety article describes the hazards of respirable crystalline silica (RCS) in construction and summarizes OSHA's history of RCS standards and enforcement.

Complimentary ASSP Webinar

Now that ANSI/ASSP Z16.1-2022 has been available to OSH professionals for a little more than a year, what has been the impact? This webinar will provide a high-level overview of its concepts and will focus on how to implement it and what impact it has had since being published.

Save the date – November 9th @ 10AM
Featured speaker – Pam Walaski
Register [today here](#).



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**Implementing ANSI/ASSP Z16.1-2022
– Making the Transition from What
We've Done to What We Should be
Doing**

Speakers



Pam Walaski, CSP, FASSP

Senior Program Director • Specialty Technical Consultants

Pam Walaski, CSP, FASSP has been a dedicated occupational safety and health professional for more than 25 years. She is currently a Senior Program Director with Specialty Technical Consultants, and holds the Certified Safety Professional Designation. Pam is a Professional Member of ASSP and is the Senior Vice President. She has a national reputation as a seminar leader, and conference/webinar presenter covering multiple occupational safety and health topics including risk management, occupational safety and health management systems, and performance measurement.

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.

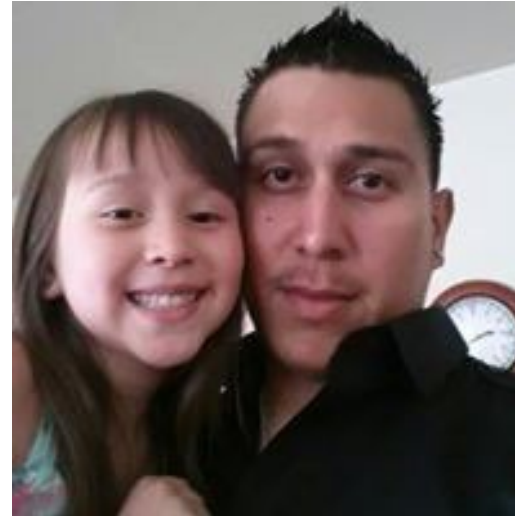
Public Sector

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.



- Dennis Mehas - Superior Glove
- Nathan Perez - Tiger Cased Hole Services
- Daniel McFadzean – California State University, Bakersfield



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



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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