

THE PLEDGE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, STRONGER FUTURE

December 2022 Chapter Newsletter (Volume 8, Issue 12)

American Society of Safety Professionals

Bakersfield Chapter



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Bakersfield Chapter



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

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.

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.

Feature of the Month

Bakersfield ASSP Chapter Membership Survey

With a new year upcoming for this Chapter and its members, the Bakersfield Chapter Executive Committee wants to hear from you in this end of the year membership survey.

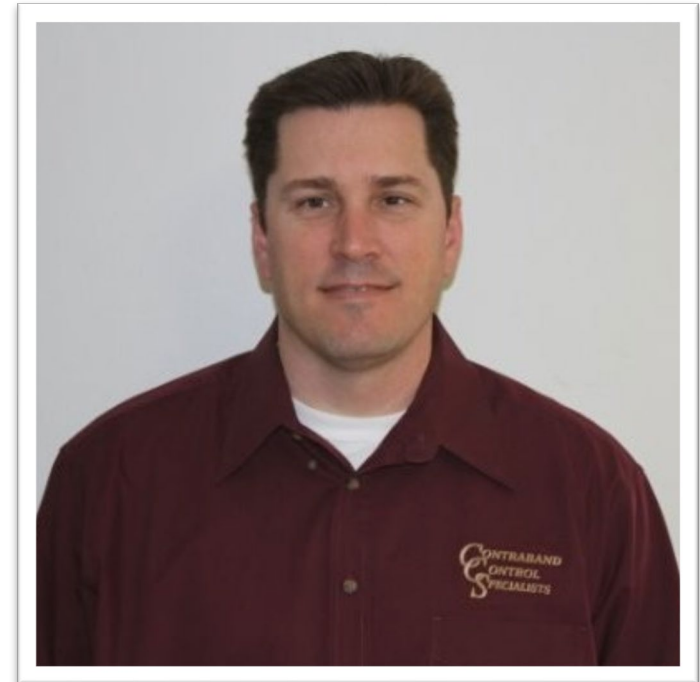
Please take 5 minutes of your time to give us feedback by [clicking this link](#). Thanks in advance for participating!

December 7, 2022 Chapter Meeting

**Moriah Mendenhall, General Manager
Contraband Control Specialists, Inc.**

Drug Testing Update: What is New?

Those who have responsibility for both DOT and non-DOT drug testing programs can learn what is new in regulatory compliance and how to manage the issues. If you have not reviewed your Drug and Alcohol policy in a while, this presentation will give you some guidance. This presentation will cover a variety of topics in the arena of drug testing, such as: AB 2188 Discrimination in employment: use of cannabis and Fentanyl. What are the requirements for pre-hire, random, for cause and post incident testing along with the timeframes for testing? What does it mean to do 50% or 100% random testing? What are the benefits and potential problems of drug testing techniques - urine, blood, and hair? How drug tests are conducted matters (observed, supervised, private), What are the different drug panels and cut off levels and how do they apply to my employees? What are the recent workplace statistics and trends - Skittles and Gummies are not just candy anymore! What should we be looking for to detect possible drug use in the workplace?



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

EHS Professionals on the Move!

- ❖ **Divina Jover**, EHS Training Supervisor
Wonderful Citrus
- ❖ **Chris Headley**, Assistant Safety Manager
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.
- ❖ **Michael Jaurena**, Senior Consultant
Patriot Environmental Services
- ❖ **Angel R. Jimenez**, Senior Safety Manager
MATT Construction
- ❖ **Arturo Sotelo**, EHS Specialist
Forensic Analytical Consulting Services, Inc.
- ❖ **Adrian Nombrano**, Senior Loss Control Specialist
Vensure Employers Services
- ❖ **Joseph Valenzuela**, Site Safety Professional
Braun Electric Company



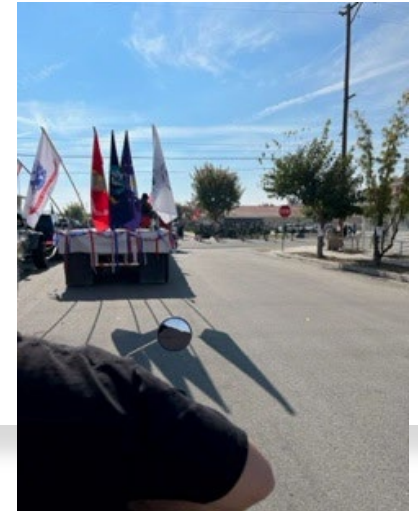
Divina, Chris, Michael, Angel, Arturo, Adrian, and Joseph pictured



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.

The November WISE meeting featured Hannah Camp, PE EE (pictured right). Her talk focused 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.





2022 Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade

Daniel Bustos & Family; Humvee Duane; Army Veteran Daniel Bustos & USMC/Army Veteran Michael Garcia; Donald Fyre's rickshaw



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Bakersfield Chapter

STATION

January 4, 2023 Chapter Meeting

**Iain Haughie CSP – EHS Risk & Response Manager
Aera Energy LLC**

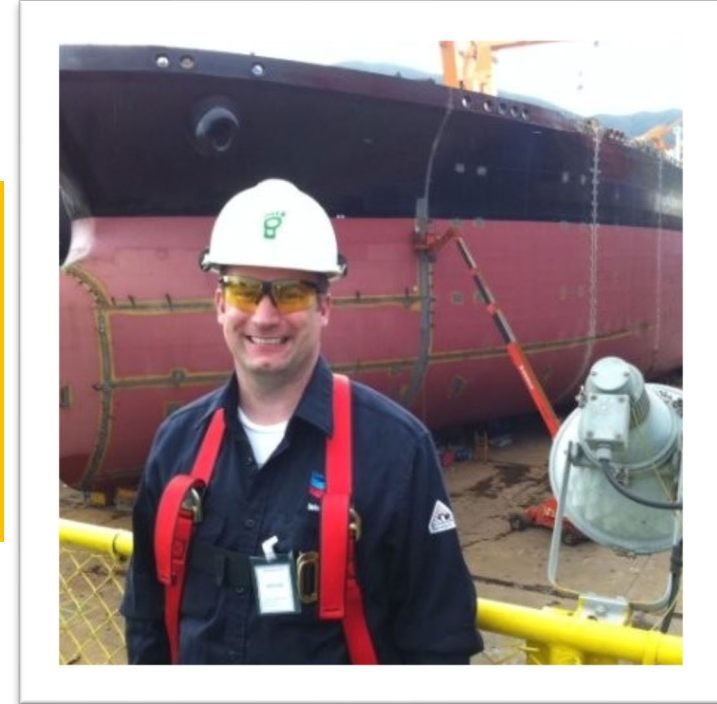
Metrics!!! Are We Measuring the Right Things?

As we begin a new calendar year, what performance measurements will our organizations use for Health and Safety (H&S)? Will organizational leaders establish lower H&S targets without making any changes and still expect improved results?

A lot of H&S data may or may not be available. Good metrics have clear understanding. Good metrics prompt discussion/action. Options for Leading Metrics have pros and cons so we must be very thoughtful on the value and intent of each metric. To be meaningful, metrics need to continuously evolve.

This presentation will discuss performance monitoring including: How to develop the metrics organizations need to monitor; Relative vs absolute metrics; How leading metrics, lagging metrics and leading indicators are connected (including catching “Drift” through Leading Metrics).

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



CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

Iain Haughie with Aera Energy LLC recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional®

Bryan Arndt with Pacific Gas and Electric recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health and Safety Technician®

Michele Herstad with Mistras Group, Inc. recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional®

Tim Vaughn with the Wonderful Orchards recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Management Specialist®



Let us know if you have taken on a new job position or if you have successfully completed a professional development program!

Iain, Bryan, Michele, & Tim pictured

The Ammonia Tabletop Exercise (TTX) sponsored by EPA Region 9 is scheduled for December 6th. [Registration information can be found here](#). Register is encouraged in order to secure an accurate head count for those who will be attending. The purpose of the TTX is to reveal the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) used in Kern County for response to ammonia emergencies. The objective is to show how the TTX can help to solidify pre-emergency readiness for a realistic level of response challenge.

There are two locations that will be hosting the class members

- 1. Emergency Responders:** Fire service and facility responders who would be at the scene of the simulated emergency event (at Kern Ice and Cold Storage). They will meet at the Kern County Training Center by 8:30 on December 6th. They will have their Tabletop Facilitator Will Grass working with the on-scene response discussion. Will is a 30 year veteran of the fire service and he worked at Las Vegas FD as the Hazmat Coordinator for the last 10 years of his career.
- 2. Industrial and Emergency Managers:** Those who would work from an EOC or off-site location and wouldn't be on-scene will meet at the WESTEC facility at 5801 E. Lerdo Hwy in Shafter.

The TTX exercise will end at 12:30PM. ASTI will conduct live ammonia training at the WESTEC facility at 1:45-2:45PM. Lunch is being sponsored by the Bakersfield Safety Day Committee at the WESTEC facility. Those attending the Emergency Responders session at the Kern County Training Center are invited to attend the luncheon at WESTEC.

Virgil Pattarino

Virgil Pattarino passed away suddenly on November 7, 2022. The family is having a Celebration of Life for Virgil on Thursday December 8, 2022 starting at 11:00AM at Hodel's. The family would like to invite all who knew Virgil to join them at the Celebration of Life Service and luncheon after the service.

Virgil was a past President of the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter (2011-2012), an active member with many friends in the ASSP and safety community, and a dedicated servant in the health and safety industry.





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.



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Bakersfield Chapter

