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July 3, 2024 Chapter Meeting

***Joseph Valenzuela, Operations Manager -
Pathfinder Optics Corporation***

Leveraging Technology to Mitigate the Risks of Mitigating EHS Risk by Using Robotics Technology

This presentation will include an overview of how robotics technology can improve EHS in industries such as water management, agriculture, electrical operations, industrial applications, forestry management, and traditional and renewable energy sectors. Mr. Valenzuela will offer insights for EHS professionals seeking to leverage robotics to inspect critical or difficult-to-access areas utilizing drones and crawlers (inside piping). He will also discuss submersibles to inspect/monitor infrastructure such as dams, bridges, pipelines, marine environments, and ecosystems. Hazardous environment applications will be highlighted where robotics effectively mitigate risks including confined spaces (e.g., tanks, vessels, vaults, underground sewer, and storm drain systems), wind turbines (e.g., Internal Blades), Solar Field and Overhead Power Line Inspections.

Attend in person at Hodel's (7:00AM-8:45AM).

Zoom option available for January, April, July, and October meetings.



August 7, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Randall Meyer & Joey Mier Advanced Personal Protection, LLC

Gun Safety

Randall Meyer and Joey Mier will include the following topics during this presentation: Carrying a Concealed Weapon (CCW) issuing requirements; Civil and criminal liabilities to consider when using a firearm for self-defense; Safe storage of firearms and the law; Safely transporting a firearm; and the law regarding bringing firearms into the state (if someone has moved from another state); and recently enacted laws.

Randall Meyer has been in law enforcement for over 20 years. While working in law enforcement, he has worked full time as an assistant range master. He spent 10 years on the SWAT team, 7 of those as a sniper. He started Advanced Personal Protection in 2011, focusing on preparing people to carry a gun safely in public and surviving deadly force encounters.

Joey Mier attended the California POST academy and has certifications in Level 3 and Level 2. Joey has attended multiple other classes and carries the following certifications: NRA Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun Instructor, Range Safety and Development Certification. He also holds certifications in DOJ Firearms Instructor and DOJ Firearm Safety Certificate Instructor.



DID YOU KNOW?

This year Forklift Simulator has nominated The Wonderful Company – Bakersfield College collaboration as the recipient of The 2024 Golden VR Goggles.

Their vision for the future of training and workforce development is inspiring, and their active collaboration between education and industry is a model to be replicated.

[Click here to watch the 3 minute YouTube video](#) and get to know more about the collaboration in the voices of the winners - Cindy Palacios (Associative Director of Technical Training at The Wonderful Company) and Robert Steele (Professor at Bakersfield College).

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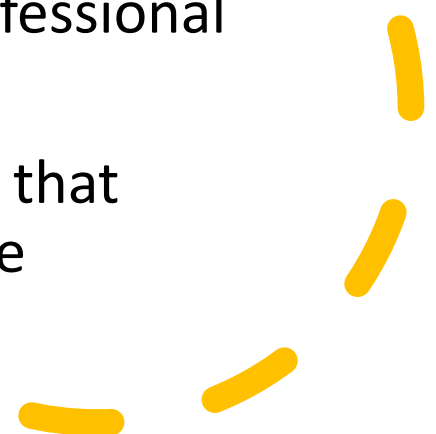
Standards and Resources

STANDARDS UPDATE

- [Fleet/Motor Vehicles \(Z15\)](#) – Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of work-related deaths in the U.S. Addressing this hazard requires a structured, proactive approach to identify system gaps and implement industry best practices. The ANSI/ASSP Z15.1 standard can guide an organization's effort to develop policies, procedures and management processes to control risks associated with the operation of motor vehicles.
- [Hydrogen Sulfide Training \(Z390.1\)](#) – The ANSI/ASSP Z390.1 standard establishes minimum requirements for site-specific hydrogen sulfide safety training programs that will enhance safety in occupational settings where hydrogen sulfide is present or is recognized as being potentially present.
- [Walking/Working Surfaces \(A1264\)](#) – The ANSI/ASSP A1264 standards aim to protect people who work in industrial & workplace settings that present the hazard of people or objects falling from elevated walking & work surfaces such as floor, roof or wall openings, platforms, runways, ramps, fixed stairs or roofs in normal, temporary, and emergency conditions.

ASSP Resources

- [By the Way, This Is Not the Way](#) – ASSP and its members take safety seriously, advancing and exercising workplace safety best practices every day. Photos of unsafe work practices are a powerful reminder that workplace safety requires daily diligence and the active involvement of employers and employees, alike.
- [Career Development Grants](#) – Career Development Grants are available for individuals within the occupational safety and health field (either students or professionals) who need financial support for certification expenses, conference attendance, webinar attendance, workshop attendance, and similar professional development support.
- [Become a Safety Professional](#) – If you are looking for a rewarding career that allows you to apply many different skills, work with people and influence leaders, the safety profession is for you.



- Bernardo Valencia - CSU Bakersfield
- Eli Patterson & William B Carter
- Leslie Gidden - Avantor
- Mike Coronado - Knight's Site Services
- Francisco Hernandez - Raw Welding Inc.
- Christopher Kiser - ASRC Federal System Solutions

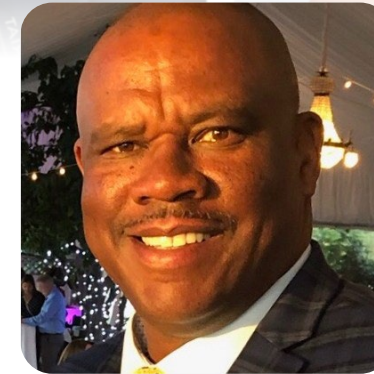
Thank you to Jevan Lane, Jon Hall, and Joe Bianco for sponsoring our new chapter members, Bernardo Valencia, Leslie Gidden, and Mike Coronado (respectively). Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the safety profession grow!



NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER

- Michael Cushine - Student Member
- Maurice Walker - PG&E
- James White - Student Member
- Gloria Miranda - The Wonderful Company
- Jesse Mendoza - The Wonderful Company

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EHS PROS ON THE MOVE

- Brian Dooley, Safety Specialist - Quantum Industries
- Kayli Miller & Lonnie Cobbs, Safety Instructors - WESTEC
- Jared Willingham, EHS Manager - Truitt Corporation
- Jenn Brady, FES Senior Compliance & Permitting Specialist - Kinder Morgan, Inc.
- Jimmy Clark, Safety Director - SME Steel
- Megan Silva, Regulatory Affairs Manager - SoCal Gas





Important Information on ASSP Membership

ASSP have some important news to share about how your ASSP membership will soon deliver even greater value to support your career growth and success and elevate the entire occupational safety and health (OSH) profession.

What's Changing?

Access to all our practice specialty and common interest group member communities will be included as part of your annual dues, meaning you will no longer be required to pay a separate fee to participate in them. For full members, dues will increase to \$215 USD over a three-year period as follows – \$195 for the first year, \$205 for the second year, and \$215 for the third year. Dues for emeritus and student members will remain at a discounted rate of \$15 while dues for active-duty U.S. military members will be \$80. To learn more, please visit [ASSP's announcement](#).



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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