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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 38,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future.

NEW MEMBER PROMO! Use code 2408Bakersfield to waive the \$25 application fee and receive a \$25 restaurant.com gift card. Complete an application at [ASSP Membership | ASSP](https://www.assp.org).



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SAFETY24

We had 40 Bakersfield Chapter Members that attended Safety24 Conference + Expo in Denver!

Shane Baird, Vanessa Galvan, Isabel Bravo, Kevin Carnahan, Maria Castellanos, Rollie Cochran, Cindy Cuasito, Camarie Davies, Stan Geist, Javier Gonzalez, Scott Hall, Stephanie Hall, Johnny Hernandez, Alex Holmes, Ellen Holmes, Martha Kazarian, Bryan Krugman, Albert Lopez, Hector M. Lopez, Angel Madena, Bob Mahan, Sarah Medina, Jesse Mendoza, David Mersereau, Gloria Miranda, Justin Molocznik, Sandra Monroy, Sean Moyna, Corina Page, Jacob Parsons, Jose Perez, Jessica Quijano, Jose Ramos, Clint Reuter, Tony Shelton, Chad Sicari, Tim Vaughn, Brett Wallace, Clay Wattenbarger, Steve Wittels



SAFETY24
CONFERENCE + EXPO



1.5
CEUs



200
Sessions



6000
Attendees



600
Exhibitors



LEARN

Challenge your assumptions and find out what's new in the industry



SHARE

Connect with other safety professionals and exchange ideas



ADVANCE

Find solutions to your challenges and come back reenergized

September 4, 2024 Chapter Meeting

David S. Beadle, CIH, CSP, MA – IH Business Development Manager for Safety Management Systems, LLC

Lead-Volution 2025 – Redefining CA Lead Safety Standards a.k.a Revised Lead Standard

Get informed – don't go down like a lead balloon! This session will review the revised lead standard that goes into effect January 1, 2025, including the nuances of the revised regulations, the Action Levels and PEL, trigger tasks, and how to perform a valid negative exposure assessment.

David holds a Bachelor of Science in Conservation of Natural Resources from Kent State University, complemented by a Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Santa Monica. With an impressive career spanning over 36 years, he's become a seasoned expert in Safety, Health, and Environmental practices. Throughout his career, David has lent his expertise in Industrial Hygiene to an array of distinguished organizations, including the Navy, Air Force, NASA, Department of Energy, Army Corps of Engineers, oil & gas industry, California State University system, and various municipal and state entities.

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

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



October 2, 2024 Chapter Meeting

***Shane Gardner, Fire Marshal
Bakersfield Fire Department***

What do the Fire Inspectors look for during a Fire and Life Safety Inspection?

Are you up to date with the Fire Code and Standards at your facility? Planning on putting up that new building or adding to an existing one? What operational permits are required for certain uses and/or types of storage by the California Fire Code (CFC)?

The mission of the Bakersfield Fire Department (BFD) is to protect, engage, and inspire a safe community while delivering legendary customer service. Complex inspections are conducted at all new construction, major remodels, and fire protection systems revisions to ensure compliance with the Fire Code, but what exactly does a fire inspector look for during a Fire and Life Safety inspection? Shane will provide a detailed look at the inspection process, challenges and resolutions, code updates, and provide the tools on how to ensure compliance at your next Fire and Life Safety Inspection. The Bakersfield Fire Department is also a CUPA Fire Agency so he will touch on the Hazardous Materials requirements for reporting as well. Shane has been teaching lessons learned from the recent Hydrogen fire including some basic chemistry of hydrogen and lithium (a “hot” topic for organizations going that way). He’ll give insight on the latest fire suppression strategy for Electric and hybrid vehicle fires as well.



Safe + Sound Week

[Safe + Sound Week](#) was a nationwide event held August 12-18 that recognized the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offered information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe.

Management Leadership



Provide the leadership, vision, and resources needed to implement an effective safety and health program.

- Deliver a safety and health message
- Establish a visible presence
- Formalize and publicize your commitment
- Take your commitment beyond your organization

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Worker Participation



Engage workers at all levels in establishing, implementing, evaluating, and improving safety and health in the workplace.

- Listen and ask for feedback
- Empower workers with safety and health information
- Recognize workers for contributions to worker safety
- Partner for safety and health planning

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Find and Fix Hazards



Establish an ongoing process that helps better identify and control sources of potential injuries or illnesses.

- Spotlight hazards and controls
- Engage workers with challenges and contests
- Conduct analysis to identify hazards
- Identify safety and health processes and procedures

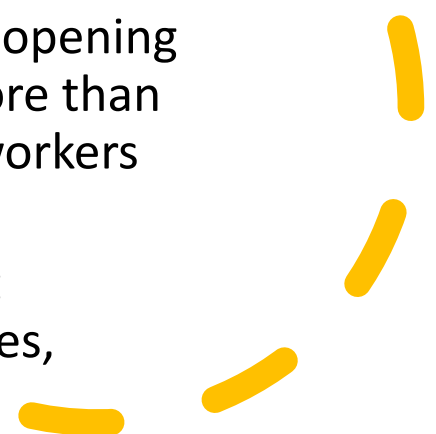
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ASSP Free Resources

Make the most of your membership and check out these free learning resources.

- [Taking Care of My FR/AR Clothing: Can I Mess It Up?](#) – Receive practical guidance on how to properly care for and maintain flame-resistant (FR) and arc-rated (AR) garments. In this webinar, Bulwark Protection's expert will answer some frequently asked questions and share best practices for maintaining FR/AR clothing. What you'll learn:
 1. Identify who is responsible for caring for and maintaining FR/AR garments
 2. Discuss the top 10 actions you can take to maintain FR/AR garments
 3. Discuss effective ways to manage mosquitos and ticks
 4. Provide tips on when you to use an industrial laundry versus home laundering
 5. Take away practical guidance on explaining how it is difficult to mess up good FR/AR garments
- [Foot Protection Training Guide](#) – At your next safety meeting, give your crew some eye-opening facts on foot anatomy, foot protection and why having the proper footwear matters more than they may know. This free guide from Red Wing provides expert tips to help keep your workers safe from potentially devastating foot injuries.
- [Risk Management \(ISO 31000\)](#) – Safety professionals can apply global risk management standards to many activities, including strategies, decision-making, operations, processes, functions, projects, products services and assets.



Bakersfield Chapter WISE Group

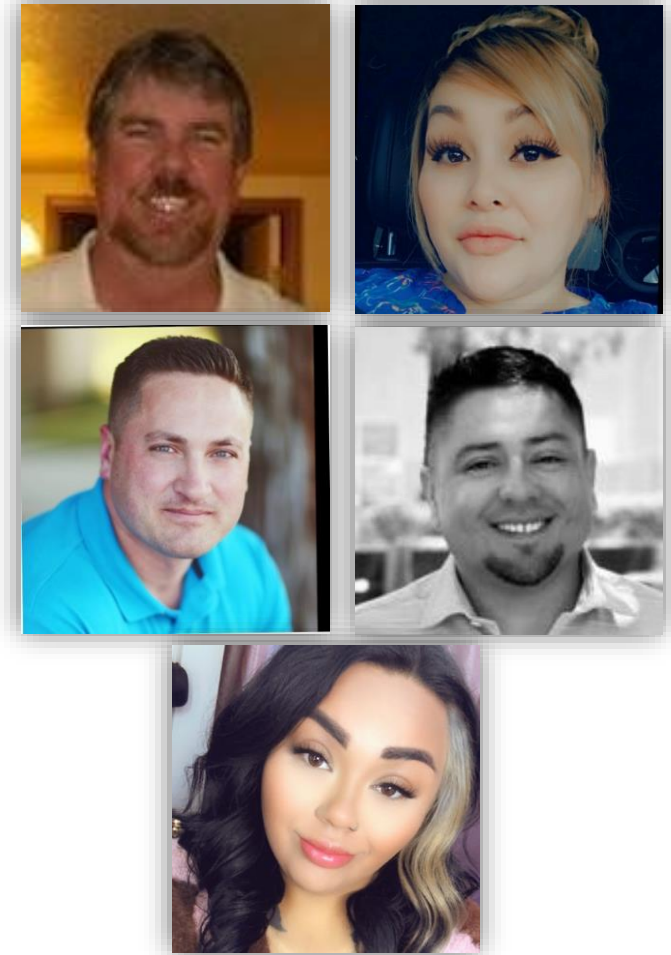


The Bakersfield ASSP Chapter's WISE group (Women in Safety Excellence) hosted a workshop – Know Your Strengths.

A specific thank you to Elizabeth Maldonado, Tawn Moore, and Diane Hagoort for coordinating this fun and interactive session for the WISE group at The Wonderful Career Center.



- John Mason - Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions
- Janet Palomares - CSUB
- Bryan Eakin & Chris Morales - JTI Electric
- Sean Irwin - Student Member
- Dennise Salinas - BC and CSUB
- Lance Steel - CSUB Safety & Risk Management



Thank you to Bryan Eakin and Tyler Payne for sponsoring our new chapter members - Chris Morales and Lance Steel. 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

- Valentin Barboza recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional
- Joe Cochran with CRC recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician
- Kevin James with Trinity Safety recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health and Safety Technician



ADVANCING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EHS PROS ON THE MOVE

- Shawna Beaver Thacker, Safety Manager - Webco Industries
- Zack Dransoff, HSE Manager Belridge Complex - CRC
- Ron Nunley, EHS Manager – Hess Corporation



OSHA QuickTakes – Did You Know?

Workplace human infections with Avian Influenza viruses do occur and everyone with exposure to potentially infected animals needs to be aware of the exposure risks for contracting avian flu as well as worker protection options.

OSHA's updated [fact sheet](#) on [avian influenza](#) (bird flu) reflects recent cases of poultry and dairy workers. Available in English, Spanish, and Polish, it addresses transmission and symptoms, workers at risk, and proper use of personal protective equipment that includes work practices in high heat conditions.

Join HSP (Hispanic Safety Professionals), Learn, and Stay Connected

Not a HSP member yet? Log into your ASSP account and then visit [Hispanic Safety Professionals - The ASSP Community](#). Join now for free with code 2409PSCIG.

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.



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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