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Complete the membership application at www.assp.org

CALL FOR SPEAKERS – 2025 Bakersfield ASSP Symposium

The Bakersfield ASSP Chapter is seeking speakers to be a part of the 2025 Bakersfield ASSP Symposium on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the Mechanics Bank Convention Center located at 1001 Truxtun Ave in Bakersfield, California.

Interested speakers must submit a proposal for review by the Symposium Planning Committee. The committee is interested in dynamic, technically oriented presentations with case studies but is open to all topical ideas including environmental, health & safety, human resources, Workers' Compensation, industrial hygiene, chemical safety, workplace wellness, regulatory updates, and much more. Sessions at the Symposium are expected to be one full hour.

Visit [Bakersfield ASSP Symposium](#) to submit your speaker proposal and to learn a bit more about the upcoming symposium. Please be prepared to provide your presentation title, presentation description, three learning objectives, and topic category.

December 4, 2024 Chapter Meeting

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

What do the Fire Inspectors look for during a Fire & 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.



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

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

January 8, 2025 Chapter Meeting

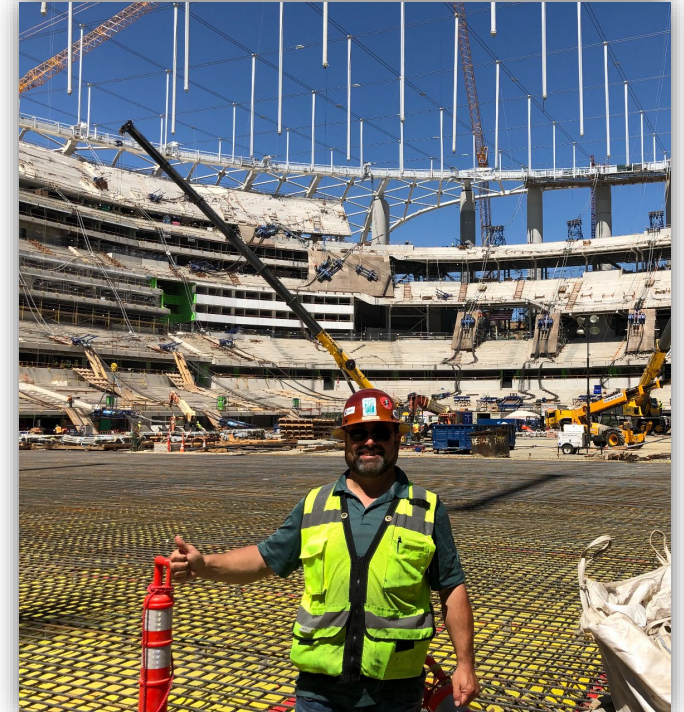
Tom Ritter, CHST-Safety Division Manager

BC Industrial Supply/BC Wire Rope & Rigging

Unlock the Essentials of Workplace Safety with ANSI Z359 Fall Protection Standards

Join us for an in-depth presentation on the ANSI Z359 series, the benchmark for fall protection that safeguards workers at heights across various industries. This session will guide you through the comprehensive elements of the ANSI Z359 fall protection standard, offering insights into how these guidelines are essential for preventing workplace accidents and ensuring a safe working environment. Elements include an overview of ANSI Z359, key components of fall protection, equipment and compliance, implementation strategies, and training and competency.

Tom has 18 years of direct work experience in Fall Protection and Construction Safety. He has 30 years of EHS Training experience including an OSHA Outreach Instructor. He is a Certified Fall Protection Instructor. He also has 12 years' experience as a Fire/EMS- Fire Fighter-Paramedic.



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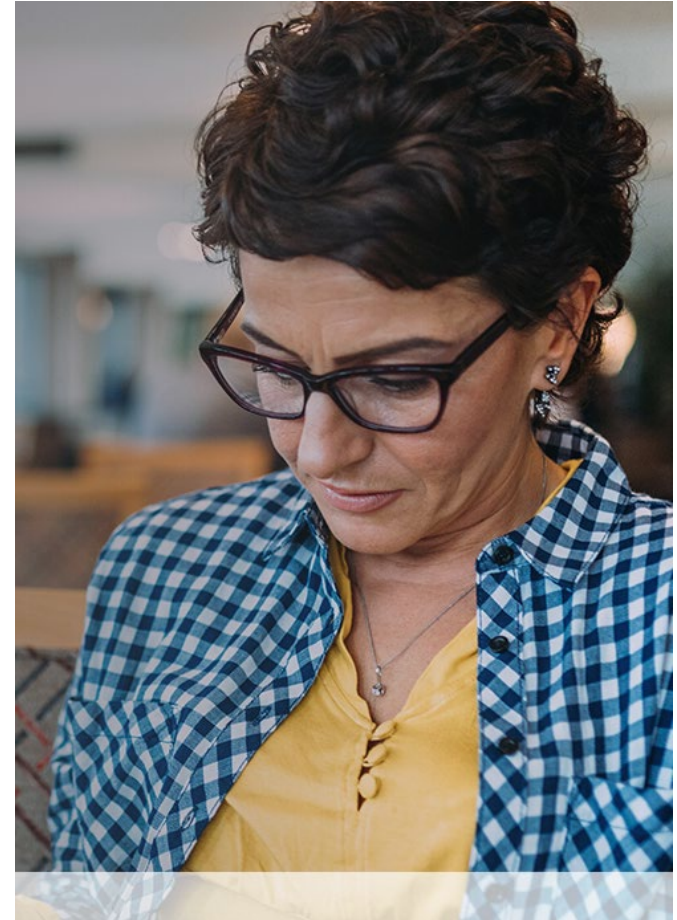


Join the Bakersfield Chapter in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program by donating new, unwrapped toys for children in our community. Bring a toy and you'll be entered to win a \$70 CALM gift card, which can be used for admission to the CALM Holiday Lights event! We recommend a \$20 toy value. You'll receive one entry ticket for each toy donated. Let's make this holiday season brighter for children in need!



ASSP Resources

- [Featured Publications](#) – Safety professionals trust ASSP publications to deliver the latest expert guidance. ASSP is known for delivering top-quality occupational safety and health information through our highly regarded and well-read publications, offering the safety community information on timely issues, the latest research, emerging trends and industry best practices.
- [Professional Safety](#) – Professional Safety is ASSP’s flagship publication and the most popular member benefit. Each month, this peer-reviewed journal delivers the latest technical knowledge on OSH and safety management, developed through research and on-the-job experience.
- [Online Bookstore](#) – ASSP has all the resources you need, from textbooks and standards to exam preparation materials, to help you enhance your on-the-job OSH knowledge, as well as pass any OSH certification exams.



Standards Development

STANDARDS
UPDATE

Gain a deeper understanding of the most widely adopted and highly regarded voluntary consensus [safety standards](#) from ASSP and other leading safety organizations.

Hydrogen Sulfide Training (Z390.1)

The ANSI/ASSP hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) training standard helps protect workers from overexposure to hydrogen sulfide, a gas that can cause a wide range of health effects. The standard establishes accepted practices, safety training and instructions for workers.

[Learn about Z390.1](#)

Lockout, Tagout and Alternative Methods (Z244.1)

The ANSI/ASSP Z244.1 standard focuses on lockout, tagout and alternative methods designed to help control the unexpected release of hazardous energy from machines, equipment and processes, thereby protecting workers from the related dangers.

[Learn about Z244.1](#)

Machine Guarding (B11)

The B11 series of machine guarding standards addresses how to safeguard new, existing, modified or rebuilt power and manual-driven machines that are used to process materials and the associated equipment used to transfer material or tooling.

[Learn about B11 standards](#)

Active Shooter/Armed Assailant Preparedness Plan (TR-Z590.5)

Workplace violence is a growing concern. The ASSP Technical Report: How to Develop and Implement An Active Shooter/Armed Assailant Plan incorporates recognized best practices from leading safety experts to provide organizations the tools they need to help protect their employees from harm.

[Learn about TR-Z590.5](#)

Confined Spaces (Z117.1)

ANSI/ASSP Z117.1 covers the safety requirements that employees should use when entering, exiting and working in confined spaces at normal atmospheric pressure.

[Learn about Z117.1](#)

Construction & Demolition Operations (A10)

ANSI/ASSP A10 standards cover safety requirements for a wide range of activities related to construction and demolition operations – from erecting scaffolding, to handling explosives, to pouring concrete.

[Learn about A10](#)



Veterans Day Parade

The Bakersfield ASSP Chapter once again took part in the Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade. Thank you to Michael Garcia and the team for representing the Chapter in our community, as well as for their service.

Bakersfield Chapter Scholarships

Deadline is January 31, 2025

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:

Please visit our [Scholarship Program](#) webpage for current information on the program, to download the application, and to learn about our [previous recipients](#).

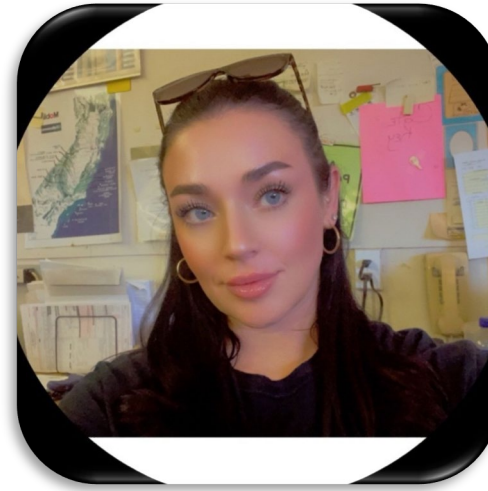
A couple items to note:

1. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2025
2. Must fulfill the student requirements to be eligible.
3. Applicants must submit a completed [APPLICATION](#)

Please feel free to contact [David Mersereau](#) – Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Chair with any questions.

EHS Professionals on the Move

- ❖ Carolynne (Carrie) Redick, PSM Technician, Bakersfield Renewable Fuels
- ❖ Bayron Fuentes, Associate Safety Engineer, California Department of Industrial Relations
- ❖ Armando Gonzalez, Plant Safety Supervisor, Foster Farms
- ❖ Michael Storie, Director of Corporate Safety, Clark Bros Inc.
- ❖ JT Parnell, Boretti Incorporated - President
- ❖ Sandra Monroy, Senior EHS Manager, Wonderful Citrus
- ❖ David Todd, HSE Manager, DRILTEK





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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