

# THE PLEDGE

*WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, STRONGER FUTURE*  
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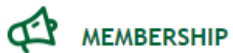
## Chapter Recognition



# ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable!



ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable! As a 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. Complete the membership application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).



## Announcements

### [Online ASSP Community](#) →

Our exclusive online member community connects you with great resources and great people to help you grow professionally and engage with colleagues on a global scale.

### [Build Your Leadership Skills](#) →

Serving on an ASSP committee is a great way to build new skills, meet new contacts and make a difference in the OSH profession. We have opportunities in member communities, education, standards and advocacy areas.

# Bakersfield Chapter Scholarships

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**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.

# ***January 8, 2025 Chapter Meeting***

***Tom Ritter, CHST-Safety Division Manager  
BC Industrial Supply/BC Wire Rope & Rigging***

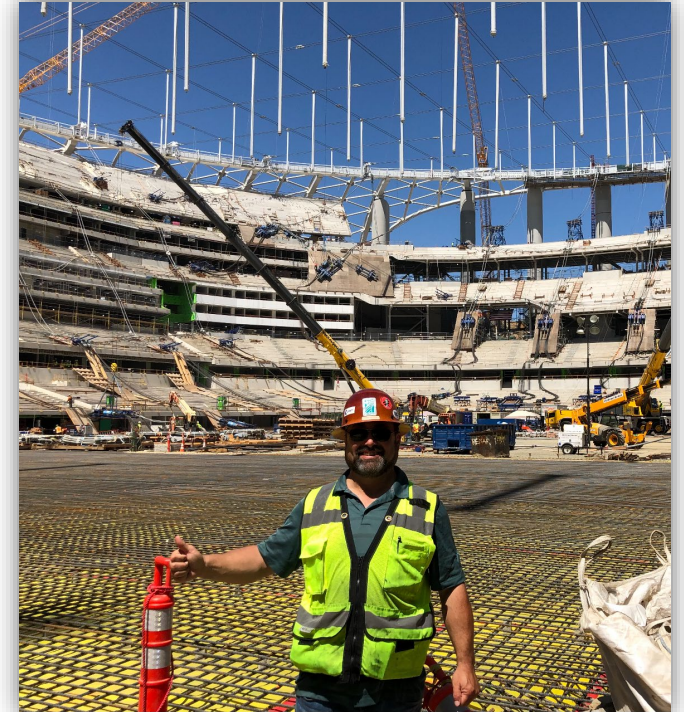
## ***Unlock the Essentials of Workplace Safety with ANSI Z359 Fall Protection Standards***

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.*

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

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





# ***February 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting***

***Todd Giurlani, Safety Consultant & Founder  
Global Safety Group, LLC***

## ***Incident Investigation: Best Practices, Tips & Tricks***

This session will provide an overview of the important elements when conducting an accident/incident investigation. The material addressed will include duty to report serious accidents, keeping the two goals in mind throughout the investigation, importance of timely investigations, interviewing witnesses, gathering and securing evidence, completing the accident report, and “Do’s & Don’ts” Case study exercises will be included (time permitting).

*Mr. Giurlani is a veteran safety consultant with 40 years experience, 30 of those years being the founder and co-owner of Global Safety. Mr. Giurlani has acquired an impressive list of credentials related to health and safety - OSHA Construction outreach instructor, MSHA Part 48 instructor, Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist, EMT, Ansul Fire School graduate, Crane Operator (Train-the-Trainer), and more. He has been a guest speaker several time at the Bakersfield chapter, ASSP symposiums, and the International Mine Safety Society in Pittsburg, PA. Todd has been investigating accidents throughout his entire career for clients in a variety of industries from near misses to fatality, as well as teaching Accident Investigation to many top-level management personnel.*



MARINE CORPS RESERVE



At the December Bakersfield Chapter meeting, members donated toy in support of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. One luck donor took home a \$70 CALM Holiday Lights gift card. Thanks for all the members that helped make this holiday season a little bit brighter for children in need!







**NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER**

- Trent Toy & Joshua Kane - Student Member
- Terrence Beard - CSUB S&R Management
- Juan Torres - CSUB and Intern at Grimmway Farms
- Melissa Jepsen - Bakersfield College
- Oscar Iniguez - RLH Fire Protection
- William Usher & Cynthia Dietz - CSI Electrical Contractors
- Zach Stewart - MSA Safety
- Jackie Koster - Key Staffing & Consulting Group
- Dilan Sandoval- CSU Bakersfield
- Cristhian Cruz & Zach Pierce - Pro Safety and Rescue
- Johnny Simpson & Francisco Uribe - Sentinel Peak Resources
- Brian Dalziel - 3M

Thanks to Andrew Hollaway, Elizabeth Hollman, and Tyler Payne, for sponsoring our new chapter members - William Usher, Dilan Sandoval, and Terrence Beard. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and the safety profession grow!

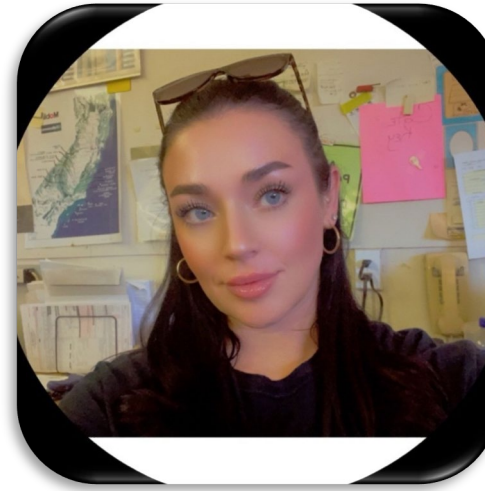
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# EHS Professionals on the Move

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Austin Witt, Industrial Hygienist, Bechtel Corp
- ❖ Jerald Goodman, Safety Professional, Signal Safety Services



- Scott Meyers with the Wine Group recently completed his MS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University
- Adalin Llerenas Acevedo with Sierra International recently completed his BS in OS&H from Columbia Southern & Graduate Safety Professional®
- Guy Hairfield with CRC received the Safety Leadership Award from the Construction Safety Research Alliance
- Nick Tisinger with Chevron recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional®
- Juan Torres, Intern at Grimmway Farms recently completed his BS in Environmental Resource Management with an OS&H concentration from CSUB



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT

# 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 (H<sub>2</sub>S) 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)

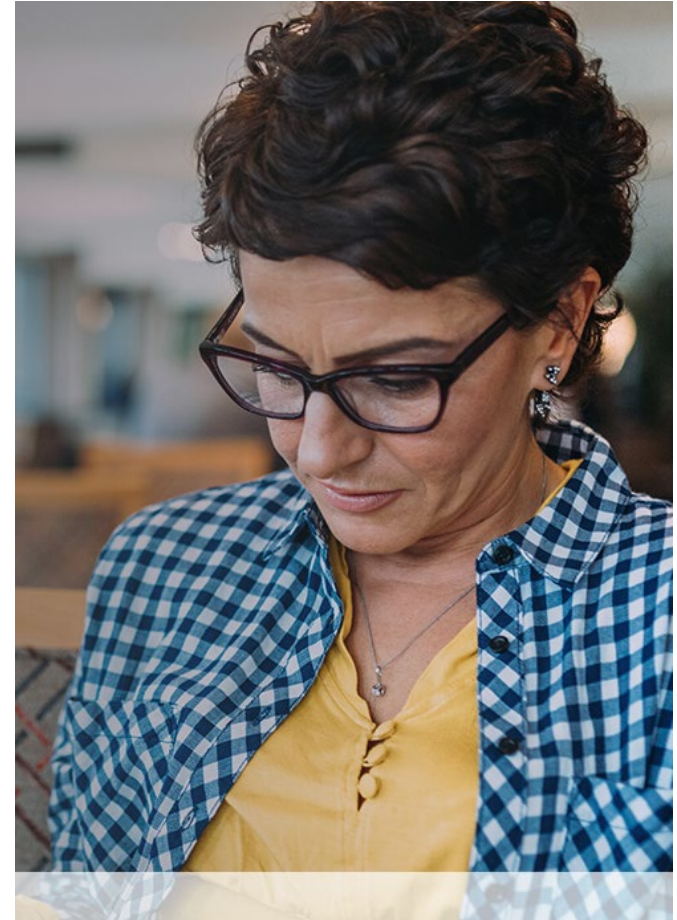
ANSI/ASSP A10 standards cover safety requirements for a wide range of activities related to construction and demolition operations – from erecting scaffolding, to handling explosives, to pouring concrete.

[Learn about A10](#)



# 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.





# 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](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).



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