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2020-2021



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2019-2020



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2018-2019



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER  
2017-2018



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2015-2016



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2014-2015



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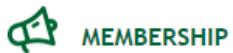


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## Announcements

### [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.

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As a busy safety professional, staying on top of your professional development can feel like a constant challenge. But it doesn't have to be. [ASSP's On Demand Annual Pass](#) offers you a seamless way to prioritize your development while saving both time and money. As an Annual Pass subscriber, you'll have immediate access to a growing safety education library with new courses added throughout the year. From quick one-hour sessions to more intensive courses, there is a plan that works for everyone. With the ASSP On Demand Annual Pass, you'll stay informed on the critical issues affecting OHS professionals today. You'll not only keep your skills sharp and earn CEUs but also save on your annual education costs. It's a win-win!

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You can learn anytime, anywhere with the ASSP Education On-Demand Annual Pass. Access our extensive library of content and choose from topics that are most relevant to you. From quick one-hour sessions to more intensive courses, there is a plan that works for everyone.



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Earn CEUs	Up to 14 CEUs	Up to 29 CEUs	Up to 29 CEUs
100+ On-Demand Webinars	✓	✓	✓
10+ Self-Paced Courses (excludes Certification Prep Courses)	—	✓	✓
20% Off Any Education Course	—	✓	✓
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20% Off ASSP Technical Publications	—	—	✓
Monthly Reporting	—	—	✓
	\$4,250 Value	\$7,500 Value	Save with Group Pricing

# **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.*



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

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



# March 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting

**Georgianna Armstrong, Kern County Emergency Services Manager**  
**Jolene Murillo, Assistant Emergency Services Manager**

## How Does Kern County Emergency Services Plan & Pre-Mitigate Disaster Events

This session will concentrate on Kern County's focus on hazard mitigation and the County's notification system by highlighting some significant capability improvements. The County will be initiating a process shortly to update the Kern County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, which requires update every 5 years and focuses on the important behind-the-scenes efforts to pre-mitigate impacts of disaster events. The process is more aligned with technical experts rather than our usual first responder stakeholders. Lastly, a few minutes will be set aside on disaster long-term recovery, specifically the Borel Fire recovery.

*Georgianna Armstrong has served as the Kern County Emergency Services Manager since January 2005. During her tenure, the Kern Operational Area has experienced multiple disaster events. She served as the local lead for several emergency management exercises, the update or/creation of various emergency response plans, administers the Homeland Security Grant program, and manages the Kern County Emergency Operations Center.*

*Jolene Murillo has served as the Kern County Assistant Emergency Services Manager since March 2022. As the County's Assistant Emergency Services Manager, Jolene has experience during the 2023 March Storms and 2024 Borel Fire. She serves as the lead for the County's alert and warning system that is responsible for sending out evacuation notices to Kern's constituents and visitors, as well as serving as the lead to update the Kern County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.*



# Bakersfield Chapter WISE Group

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Last month, WISE hosted an inspiring WISE Vision Board Party at the University of La Verne, co-hosted with Norma Dunn and the Kern Women Business Center. Together, they dedicated time to visualize our professional, health, and personal goals, setting the foundation for clarity, focus, and execution as they step into the new year.

A big shoutout to all the amazing ladies who took the time this Saturday to invest in themselves! Your energy, ambition, and support for one another made this event truly special. Here's to manifesting our dreams and turning our visions into reality in 2024!



# WISE

Women in Safety Excellence



- Anthony Cato, David Hall, Matthew Jackson, Karleen Moran, Fred Ullrich, James Weeks - Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
- Colton Clifton, Johana Contreas – CSUB
- Dwayne Kitchen - Pearce Services LLC
- Anthony Kelly - The Garlic Company
- Eric Williams - Fervo Energy
- Iridian Pineda - Ag-Wise Enterprises, Inc.
- Eva Brennan, Juan Velasquez, Chris Davis, Lisa Valles - Student Member

Thanks to Isabell Anzures for sponsoring our new chapter member Anthony Kelly. 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

- Jennifer Bowers recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Trained Supervisor® (STS®) and a Construction Health & Safety Technician®
- Majic Safeeh with Chevron recently completed his Bachelors of Science in OS&H from Columbia Southern University and to become a Graduate Safety Professional®
- Yolanda Samano-Schroeder with Zenith Insurance recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional®



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENT



# EHS Professionals on the Move

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- ❖ Adrian Lozano, EHS Specialist - Avantor
- ❖ Abigail Lewis, EHS Leader - Caterpillar Inc.
- ❖ Juan Torres, Health & Safety Specialist - Amazon
- ❖ Cari Long, Air Compliance Coordinator - DCOR, LLC



# Roles and Responsibilities of the Safety Professional - Successful Safety Programs Make Successful Organizations

Successful safety and loss prevention programs hinge on safety professionals having defined roles and responsibilities that can make a real impact. Organizations seeking a return on investment from their safety and loss prevention programs are more likely to succeed if they understand and support the fundamental roles and responsibilities of safety professionals — empowering safety professionals to drive initiatives that produce results, rather than focus primarily on compliance duties. Learn more about the roles that make a difference and qualifications that matter by visiting [Safety Professionals' Roles and Responsibilities](#).

## Standards Topics

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

- **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.
- **Temporary Workers (Z590.9)** – The future of work brings new challenges to occupational safety and health, including how to best protect workers employed through non-standard work arrangements. The ASSP TR-Z590.9 technical report is free of charge and provides expert guidance for host companies.
- **Walking/Working Surfaces (A1264)** – The ANSI/ASSP A1264 standards for walking/working surfaces establish provisions for safe working and walking environments where the potential for slips and trips exists because of surface characteristics and conditions.



# Free Learning Resources from ASSP

Get started with these key topics in safety at [Free Educational Resources for Safety Professionals | ASSP](#)



Compliance



Safety Management Systems



Fall Protection



Risk Assessment & Management



Total Worker Health



Business & Leadership



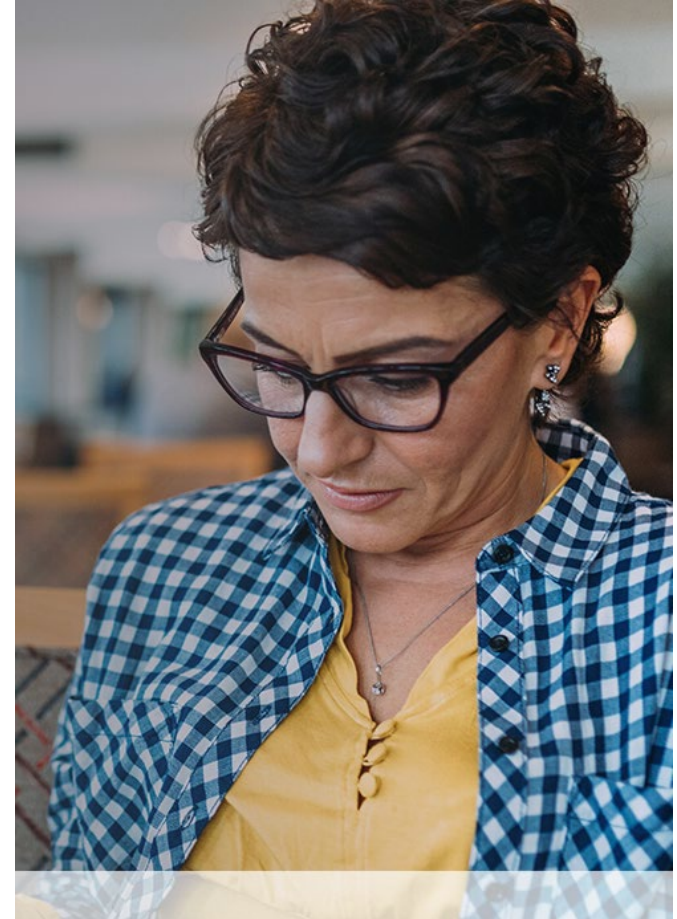
Certification Prep



Math Toolbox

# 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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