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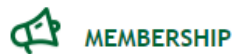
Chapter Recognition



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Announcements

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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.

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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.

Attend & Win \$200!

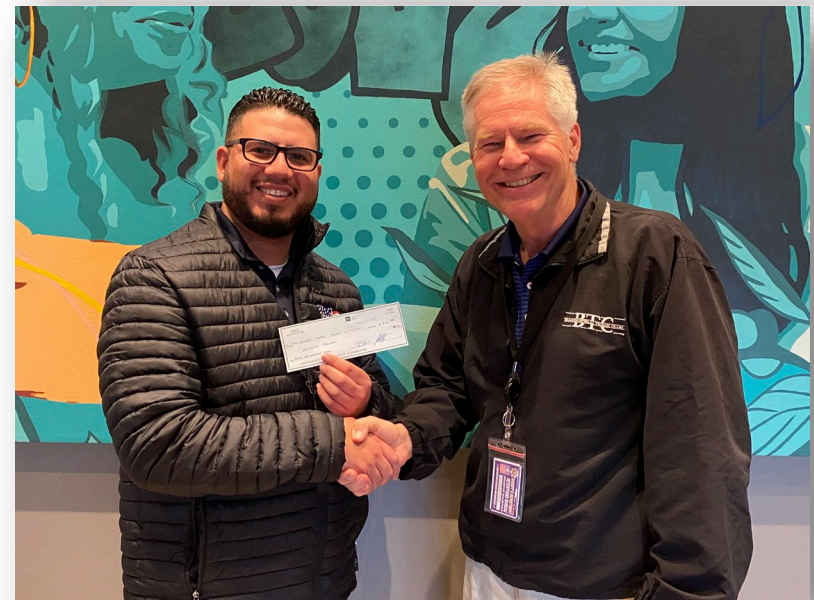
Congrats to Andrew Tiznado with Trinity Safety! He is our 2024 Bakersfield Chapter Year-End Membership Drawing Winner.

How does it work?

Each time a Bakersfield Chapter member attends an in-person chapter breakfast meeting, a raffle ticket with their name is added to the drawing. The drawing takes place at the end of the year!

The more you attend, the more chances you have to win \$200.

Past Winners – Chuck Templeton (23) Sonia Rodriguez (22) Dave Lee (21) Stan Geist (20) Erik Eklund (19), Sandra Monroy (18) Greg May (17) Stephanie Hall (16) Robby Deford (15) Dave Crow (14) Guy Waski (13) Ben Laverty III (12) Gary Chambers (11) Albert Lopez (10) Kim Lawler (09) Frank Beattie (08) Ernie Ernest (07) Norm Fox (06) Bill Ronge (05) Frank Rosenlieb (04)



The Nominations Committee proudly announces the nominees for election to the 2025-2026 Chapter Executive Committee. Chapter elections will take place at the monthly Chapter meeting on May 7, 2025.

*Per chapter by-laws, any fifteen (15) chapter members may submit a signed petition nominating one or more individuals for elective office. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the chairperson of the nominations and elections committee 30 days in advance of the election. The name and qualifications of such nominees shall be published and distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the election.



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Nominees for Election 2024-2025

President – Tony Mejia

President-Elect – Jason Kibbey

Secretary – Lisa Marriott-Smith

Treasurer – Javier Gonzalez

**Advisory Group Members –
Michael Garcia & Albert Lopez**

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.

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

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

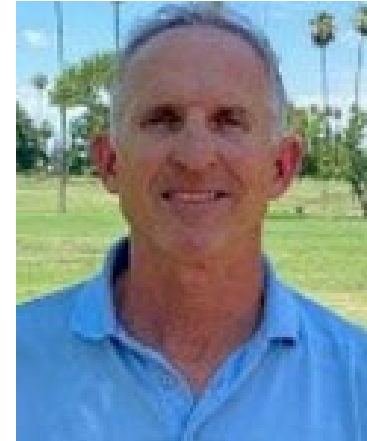


April 2, 2025 Chapter Meeting

***Darrin Stephens - Area Manager, Fresno
Cal/OSHA Consultation***

Indoor Heat Illness - Insights on the standard one year later. What have we learned and what has been become clearer?

The 2024 webinar discussed Why Heat Matters? and What is Heat Illness? The webinar also reviewed the regulations for outdoor (Section 3395) and indoor (Section 3396) heat, heat illness preventive measures and heat related resources including the Cal/OSHA Heat Illness webpage - <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html>. What have we learned and what has been become clearer?



Native American Community Engagement

Eli Patterson, the Chapter's Native American Community Engagement Chair, attended the 3rd Annual *Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Summit* via live stream. The event was full of stories, culture, and information on what's being done in California to combat human trafficking.

MMIP Tribal
Policy Summit

2025

SAVE THE DATES - The Yurok Tribe is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous People ("MMIP") Summit is scheduled for February 25th-26th, 2025 and would like to invite all Indigenous People and our allies to participate.

Opening remarks were presented by Assemblymember Valencia, and the keynote featured Assemblymember Ramos. Speakers included Senator Shannon Grove, Kern County Sheriff Deputy Dustin Contreras, and June Nachor (Vice Chairwoman of the Tejon Indian Tribe).

Topics covered:

- ✓ Survivor Voices, Family Journeys
- ✓ Feather Alert CHP Implementation
- ✓ Tribal Leader and Legislator Roundtable
- ✓ Youth Voices, Combatting Sex Trafficking
- ✓ On the Ground, In Action, Real-Time Response
- ✓ Legislation, Housing, & Supporting Families

To watch the reply on the Yurok Indian Tribes Facebook page, scan the QR Code.



News and Information from ASSP

- [Fall Prevention or Fall Protection? 5 Things to Consider](#) – Working at height is a known safety hazard. When determining the best way to protect a worker from the hazards of working at height, it's important to consider fall prevention *before* fall protection.
- [Lithium-Ion Batteries: How to Overcome Current and Future Safety Challenges](#) – Lithium-ion batteries have helped usher in incredible technological advances from smartphones to electric vehicles, but they carry dangers other batteries don't. As these batteries become more ubiquitous, safety professionals must understand how to handle them safely now and into the future.
- [10 Things Safety Professionals Should Know About Fire Sprinkler Systems](#) – Fire protection engineer Chris Butts (P.E., PMSFPE, AET, SET, CFPS, ARM) addressed several fire protection myths and provided a thorough review of fire sprinkler systems in a webinar for our Fire Protection Practice Specialty. In that discussion, he highlighted 10 things safety professionals should know about fire sprinkler systems.

On-Demand Annual Pass

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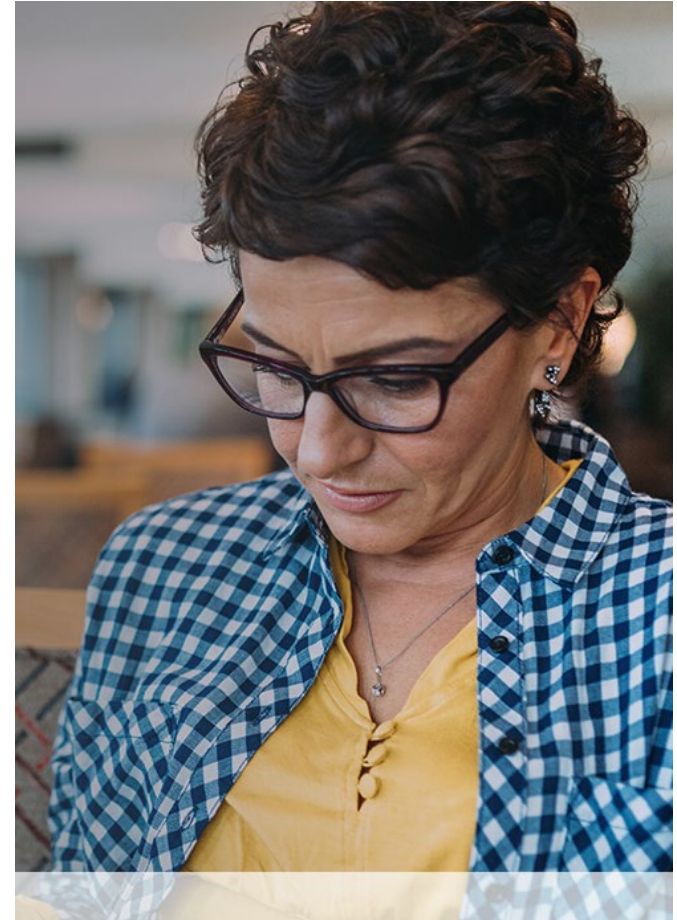


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EHS Professionals on the Move

- ❖ Bethany Barnhart, Senior EHS Specialist - Tesla
- ❖ Ian Haughie, Division Director of Safety - Southland Industries
- ❖ Jeff Eldridge, Manager OEMS, Workforce Health and Safety - Chevron
- ❖ Jason Kibbey, Regional Safety Director - A-C Electric Company



- Anthony Guey-Mock - Divine Safety LLC
- John Watkins - Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
- William Usher Jr. with CSI Electrical Contractors recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician® (CHST®)



NEW MEMBERS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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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