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Bakersfield Chapter

Chapter Recognition



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2023-2024



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2022-2023



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2021-2022



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2020-2021



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2019-2020



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2018-2019



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2017-2018



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2016-2017



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2015-2016



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2014-2015



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2013-2014

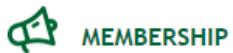


GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2012-2013

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 40,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future. Complete the membership application at 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.

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 2025-2026

President – Tony Mejia

President-Elect – Jason Kibbey

Secretary – Lisa Marriott-Smith

Treasurer – Javier Gonzalez

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

May 7, 2025 Chapter Meeting

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

Kern County and Silica Exposure: Local Risks, Practical Controls

Explore how silica affects Kern County industries and what tools safety professionals need to stay ahead of it.

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. He is an active member of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and is also recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) and the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (CIH).



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

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

June 4, 2025 Chapter Meeting

***Joy Brooks, PE, CPP – Senior Manager of Air,
Climate & Sustainability at SCE***

Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance

This session will discuss ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance). What is it? What are self-assessments? What are supplier assessments? What strategies and/or tools can organization implement to improve their ESG Scorecard?

At Southern California Edison, Joy leads a diverse team of highly skilled engineers and scientists to ensure the company's environmental compliance obligations are met while promoting corporate sustainability and environmental stewardship where we and our families live and thrive. Joy has over 20 years of experience in engineering and corporate sustainability and over 15 years of organizational management experience. Prior to joining SCE, she was a Senior Associate at Ramboll and a Process Engineer/Laboratory Manager at the General Electric Company. She also has a strong analytical background from her combustion and petroleum research at the University of Utah, where she earned her BS and MS in Chemical Engineering. Joy is pursuing a master's degree in the Sustainability field with a focus on Corporate Sustainability and Innovation at Harvard University.



Feature of the Month

What inspired the creation of the newsletter?

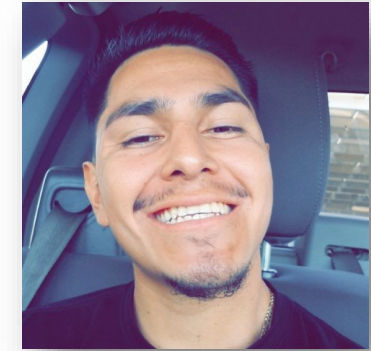
The first Bakersfield Chapter section meeting was held on January 18, 1996. From the beginning, we took ourselves seriously as a Chapter and that included taking notes of meetings and the topics presented. We had such interesting speakers that folks would talk about it and discuss in our board meetings. The notetaking grew into a hardcopy newsletter so we could distribute a summary of the presentation to the whole chapter. This was before we had the ease of loading the PowerPoint and Word file or other notes onto the webpage for easy access. The newsletter was also the vehicle we used to highlight events, people, and job openings. Every month the newsletter was printed on paper, folded, and stamped all by hand. Yes, a giant roll of stamps was used every month because we did not have a postage meter. Also, this was before clip art was readily accessible, so some graphics were literally cut, paste, and copied onto the document for printing. Catherine Jones, our original newsletter chair, still remembers the only time it earnestly snowed in Bakersfield, and it was preceded by our Chapter newsletter with a clipart snowman graphic.

EHS Professionals on the Move

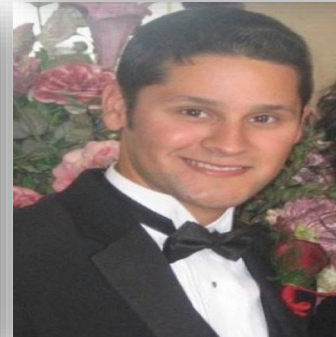
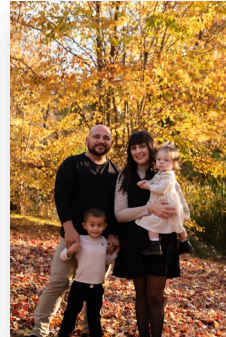
- ✓ Elizabeth Hollman, Health & Safety Manager – Primient
- ✓ Chuck Cartwright, Director of Occupational Health, Safety & Security - Bolthouse Fresh Foods

Professional Development

- ✓ Adam Acosta with Titan Coil Tools recently completed his AS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University
- ✓ Sabrina Delgado with Southern California Gas recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)
- ✓ Brock Morrow with Sentinel Peak Resources recently completed his BS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University
- ✓ Bernardo Valencia with CSUB Safety & Risk Management recently completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®)



- Maria Vasquez - DMH Professional Services
- McKenna Stevens - Signal Energy LLC
- Philip Portillo, Erica Chavez, Ruben Rodriguez - Lyles Services Co.
- Hogan Meyer - 3M
- Jay Cruz - Certex
- Lisa Brown - Bakersfield College
- Jason Kerr - Kern Energy



Thanks to Hector Lopez and Eli Patterson for sponsoring our new chapter members - Maria Vasquez, Jason Kerr, and Lisa Smith. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and safety profession grow.

NEW MEMBERS TO OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls is May 5-9](#) – The American Society of Safety Professionals encourages safety professionals and employers to raise awareness and participate in the 12th annual [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#). The observance is part of a year-round campaign led by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- [Leading Through Change](#) – Pamela Walaksi, past Chapter speaker, shares that protecting worker safety, health, and well-being is an operational necessity in every business. In our role as trusted advisors, we strive to help our members support their organizations' efforts to always keep workers safe. This takes on greater urgency during times of change and uncertainty.
- [Tips & Tricks for Navigating the OSHA Website Efficiently](#) – This is a free 45-minute webinar on May 15, 2025. Our experts, former compliance safety and health officers turned industry leaders, will guide you on an investigative journey to uncover key resources available to you on the OSHA website. Gain insights to refine your company's risk profile, improve your internal audits, and prepare for an OSHA compliance visit.

On-Demand Annual Pass

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!

LEARN AND EARN ALL YEAR LONG

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.



Pricing Plan	Essential \$49/month (\$588 year)	Professional \$149/month (\$1,788 year)	Enterprise Based on Package
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	—	✓	✓
20% Off ASSP/ANSI Standards	—	—	✓
20% Off ASSP Technical Publications	—	—	✓
Monthly Reporting	—	—	✓
	\$4,250 Value	\$7,500 Value	Save with Group Pricing



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SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

The Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals [ASSP] is hosting a Safety Poster Contest for kids! Three lucky winners will receive an Art Basket to explore their creativity over the summer.

Contest Rules:

- **Eligibility:** Open to children ages 5-13 who are associated with ASSP members or meeting guests. One entry per child.
- **Submission Requirements:** Submit an 8.5" x 11" poster promoting safety in the community, featuring key safety tips and visuals.
- **How to Submit:** Entries must be submitted via the linked Google Form [[CLICK HERE](#)] or by scanning the QR Code below.
- **In-Person Submissions:** Entries may also be dropped off at 900 Mohawk St., Ste. 120, Bakersfield, CA 93309 between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM through May 29, 2025.
- **Entry Information:** All entries must include the adult's name, phone number, child's name, and age category.

AGE GROUP PRIZES:



- **5-7 YEARS OLD**
- **8-10 YEARS OLD**
- **11-13 YEARS OLD**

ENTRIES MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY:

MAY 29, 2025

Get creative and share your vision of safety in the community!

A panel of independent judges will select the three winners based on creativity in illustrating the theme, "Safety in the Community." Once the winners are announced, selected entries may be shared on the ASSP's social media channels, newsletter, and/or website. The winners will be officially announced at the Bakersfield Chapter ASSP meeting on June 7, 2025, in celebration of Safety Month.



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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