

THE PLEDGE

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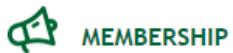


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Announcements

[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.

June is National Safety Month!

Join the National Safety Council in June for National Safety Month – the annual observance to help keep each other safe from the workplace to anyplace.

Since 1996, NSM has provided free safety resources to highlight leading causes of preventable injury and death. Let's make people safer this June and all year long!

Visit [National Safety Month - National Safety Council](#) for a variety of free safety tools and resources. As a participant, you will receive a month's worth of free resources to help prevent leading causes of injury and death among your colleagues, community, family, and friends.

2025 Weekly Safety Topics

JUNE 1-7



Continuous
Improvement

JUNE 8-14



Employee
Engagement

JUNE 15-21



Roadway Safety

JUNE 22-30



Wellbeing



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. Joy is pursuing a master's degree in the Sustainability field with a focus on Corporate Sustainability and Innovation at Harvard University.



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

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

Feature of the Month

Is there a story behind the newsletter's name, "The Pledge"?

In December 2018, the draft of the newsletter was sent out to the Executive Committee to review. During the executive committee meeting, it was mentioned that the newsletter did not have a name and many thought that it in fact should be named. We discussed naming it something that has a distinct connection to the Bakersfield Chapter. Since we open every monthly Chapter meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance, we ran with that concept because it was such a central and notable activity of the Chapter. We do this fun thing that after the pledge is complete - our Chapter Membership Chair will say, "And we pledge because we are the American Society of Safety Professionals." The American is emphasized by the entire audience and is such a great way to kick off meetings. Also, we researched the word pledge and found that one definition included "a person accepted for membership in a club." The combination of those two items made it very easy to name our newsletter The Pledge. In addition, it's a pledge from the Chapter leadership to provide useful and tangible information to our Chapter members on a monthly basis.

July 2, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Officer Santiago Hernandez – California Highway Patrol

Insights on Distracted Driving & CHP Resources

This session will include insights on:

- Distracted Driving
- CHP resources available to organizations
- Practical traffic insights
- How light synchronization influences traffic flow
- What data is used to determine traffic control specifics/methods
- How do new vehicles (EV, Hybrid self-driving) impact driving and response to vehicle incidents

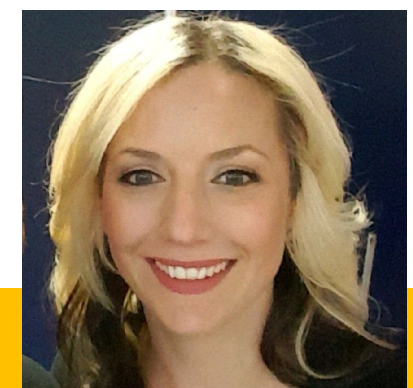


EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Kelly Elmore, Senior Safety Coordinator - A-C Electric Co.
- ✓ Travis Yarbrough, Regional Safety Manager - Rain for Rent
- ✓ Lindsey McMurren, Regional Safety Manager - Altium Packaging
- ✓ Veronica Ordaz, Safety Manager - Califia Farms
- ✓ Michael Cushine, Safety and HR Specialist - Grapery
- ✓ Gerardo Vargas, Safety Manager - Bolthouse Fresh Foods

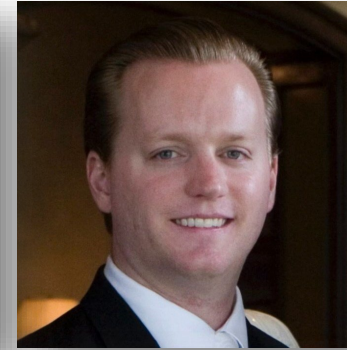
Professional Development

- ✓ Adam Acosta with Titan Coil Tools recently completed his AS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University
- ✓ Cassadra Apple with A-C Electric Company recently completed the requirements to become a Construction Health & Safety Technician® (CHST®)



- 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

- [ASSP Certificate Programs](#) – Certificate programs are designed so safety professionals can take a series of courses related to certain occupational safety and health (OSH) topics or concepts and become experts. Master specific areas of safety practice or enhance your leadership skills by enrolling in a professional certificate program.
- [Alliances and Affiliations](#) – ASSP collaborates with key stakeholders in safety, research, sustainability, human capital, and other occupations and industries dedicated to advancing safety in the workplace, protecting workers, and advocating for the safety profession. Have a look at the important and various organizations that ASSP works with.
- [ASSP Honors Five Visionaries for Revolutionizing Worker Safety](#) – The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has bestowed its highest honor, the Society's Fellow Distinction, upon five trailblazing members whose lifelong dedication has profoundly shaped workplace safety and health. Felix Nakpodia, Tim Page-Bottorff, Lawrence Schulze, Leslie Stockel, and Christine Sullivan join a distinguished list of only 152 Fellows since ASSP's founding in 1911.



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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