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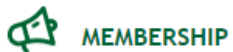


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Announcements

[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.

July 2, 2025 Chapter Meeting

***Officer Santiago Hernandez
California Highway Patrol***

Insights on Distracted Driving & CHP Resources

This meeting will feature Officer Santiago Hernandez with the California Highway Patrol. He will be presenting Insights on Distracted Driving & CHP Resources. In the presentation, Mr. Hernandez will explore distracted driving, CHP resources available to organizations, practical traffic insights including pavement markings for fog, how those pressurized traffic loops work at intersections and Q&A.

Officer Santiago Hernandez has been with the California Highway Patrol for 16 years including 5 years in commercial enforcement. He and his wife have a foster home which includes four children.

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

Zoom option [available](#) for January, April, July, and October meetings.



August 6, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Santiago Cepeda – Chevron SJV Field Safety Manager and Galon Gordon – HSE Specialist

Innovative Connected Hydration Technology to Mitigate Heat-Related Incidents in Central California's Summer

The Heat Management Program, with the help of technology is designed to tackle the challenges of high heat temperatures in the workplace, especially during the scorching summer months in Bakersfield. Our mission is to significantly reduce incident trends during summertime activities in the San Joaquin Valley. By implementing a comprehensive heat management campaign and cutting-edge technological safeguards, we aim to mitigate the effects of dehydration on worker cognitive response and drive meaningful behavior change. The program continuously evaluates the effectiveness of current safeguards and generates real-time heat illness alerts based on weather conditions.



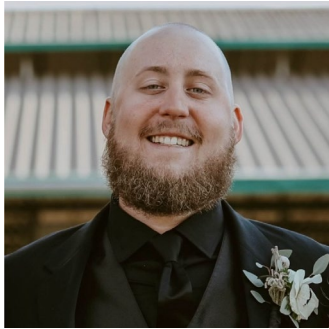
Feature of the Month

How has the Newsletter changed over the past 10 years?

The Chapter has gone from printing, stamping, and mailing newsletters to using technology to develop an electronic version. The Chapter has had 15 newsletter chairs or co-chairs from its inception. The newsletter at one time included Executive Committee meeting notes and predominantly consisted of running text from page to page with some graphics interplayed into it. The Chapter has always included a section celebrating those that achieved professional development, both in terms of completion educational degrees and completion professional safety certifications. Historically, the newsletter was created and formatted within Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher. In May 2020, we decided to change up the design and formatting of the newsletter. We played around with the format while using the official ASSP color scheme, transitioning into using PowerPoint to PDF to provide more options in terms of design, layout, and format. Over the years, we've continued to mix in various elements such as governmental affairs, national safety days/months of recognition, conferences, volunteer work from members, safety regulation updates, welcoming photos of new members, scholarship recipients, and celebration notes of professional development accomplishments. We've even provided job opportunity listings and special events hosted by the Chapter. We now include hyperlinks to various Society ASSP links, providing them easy access to news, information, technical studies, and resources hosted and provided by ASSP.

New Chapter Members

- Kelly Elmore, Jeff Parker - A-C Electric Company
- Rosanna Natividad - Panama-Buena Vista Union School District



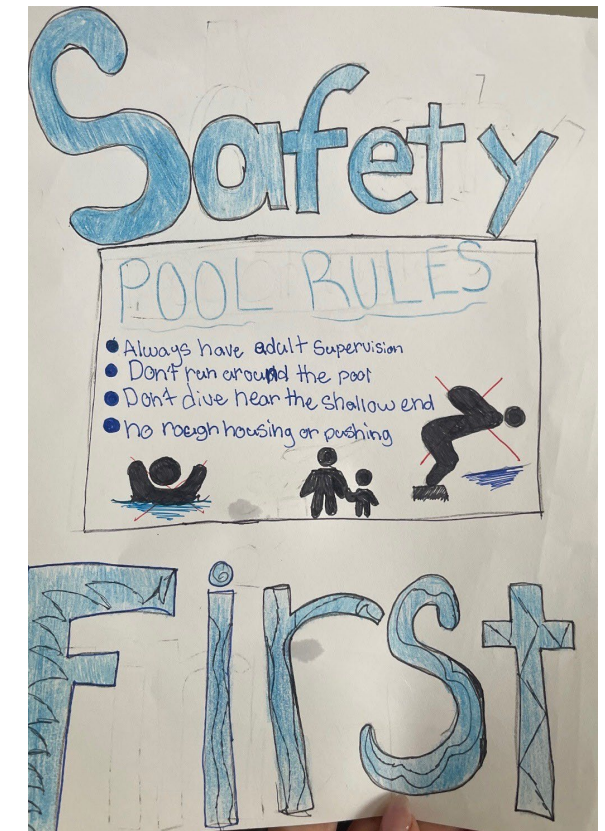
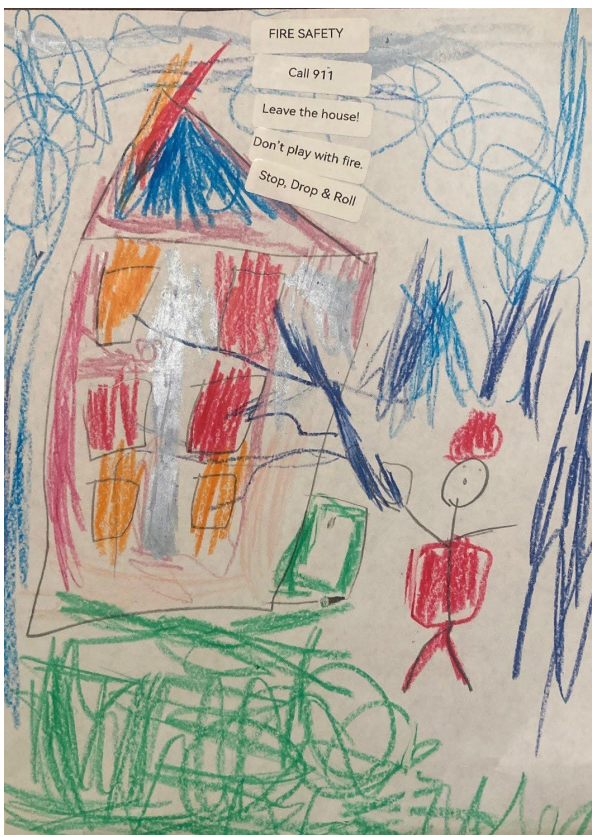
Thanks to Hector Lopez and Eli Patterson for sponsoring our new chapter members - Maria Vasquez, Jason Kerr, and Lisa Smith. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter and safety profession grow.

EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Adam Lopez, Sr. Risk Services Consultant - Sedgwick
- ✓ Glenn Marte, Sr. Safety Coordinator - A-C Electric Co
- ✓ Abel Varela, Safety Director - Calnex Engineering Company
- ✓ Francisco Uribe, HSE Advisor - CRC (McKittrick)
- ✓ Josh Sweaney, HES Technician - Cal Coast Acidizing
- ✓ Theresa Diaz, EHS Specialist - H.M. Holloway



MEMBERS UPDATES IN OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER



The Bakersfield ASSP Chapter hosted a Safety Poster Contest for kids! Three lucky winners received an art basket to explore their creativity over the summer.



Congratulations to Ellie (5-7 years old), Iza, (8-10 years old), and Galadriel (11-13 years old) on winning the contest! Amazing work from our kids!

Ellie explored fire safety. Iza considered helmet safety. Galadriel focused on pool safety. All very relevant safety themes!

News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [ASSP Testifies on OSHA Heat Rule to Protect Workers Nationwide](#) – On June 16, 2025, members of ASSP had a significant opportunity to provide testimony during a public hearing hosted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on its proposed rule for heat injury and illness prevention in indoor and outdoor work settings.
- [Work as an Engine of Well-Being](#) – Read this article from Pamela Walaksi, former monthly Chapter speaker. Work is constantly evolving. These changes can bring innovation and flexibility, but they can also introduce new risks. While physical safety remains critical, understanding worker well-being in a holistic manner is emerging as a high priority.
- [ASSP Statement on NIOSH Realignment](#) – For more than 100 years, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has been a steadfast champion of occupational environmental safety and health (EHS), grounded in solid science, sound technology and effective public policy. Our members, along with organizations and companies across industries, understand that workplace safety and health function most effectively through strong partnerships between the public and private sectors.

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

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](#).



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 the website and sent via email to our members.

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter, please contact [Dave Lee](#).



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