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2019-2020



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2018-2019



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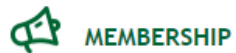


GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2012-2013

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.

As a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals, did you know that you have access to a wide variety of discussion boards?

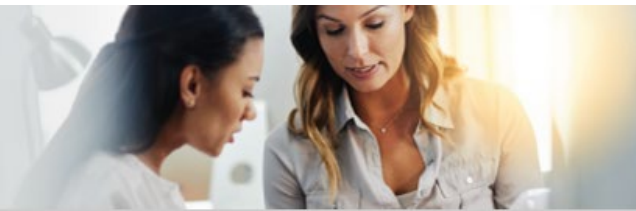
Log in to your account and go to <https://community.assp.org/discuss>.

Browse the various categories including safety technical talk, customer service, community chatter, and COVID-19. Each category has a host of individual posts related to that topic.

For example, safety technical talk has posts on warehouse safety, radiation exposure, virtual reality training, confined space entry, state reporting, emergency showers, fire drills, safety auditing, and so much more!



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COMMUNITY



The ASSP Community

Forums Category List

How to Use The ASSP Community

47 Topics

Learn how to use and engage with ASSP Communities from uploading a file to participating on a discussion thread.

Safety Technical Talk

723 Topics

Post your questions and get answers on how to solve industry specific, real-world issues

Customer Service

37 Topics

Get answers from ASSP Customer Service representatives on membership, events, and offerings.

Community Chatter

504 Topics

Use this discussion category for general discussion and uncategorizable ideas!

Personal Protective Equipment

9 Topics

Workplace Violence

5 Topics

Leadership

11 Topics

Construction

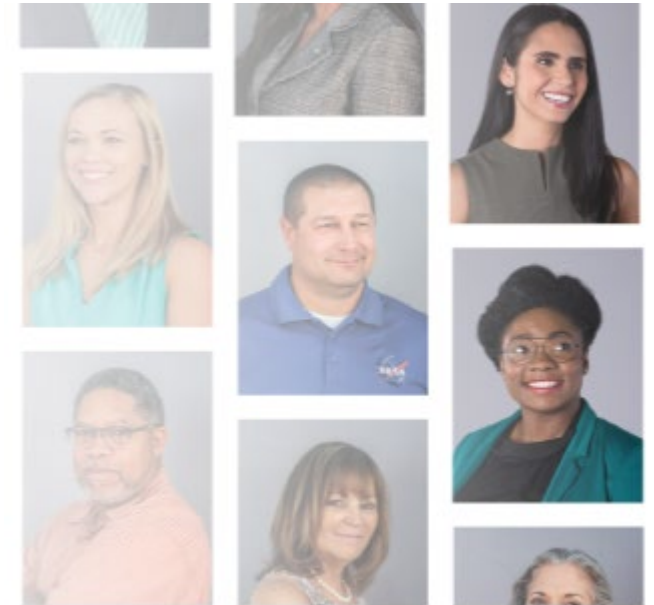
67 Topics

Join the Construction Practice Specialty for access to a network of safety subject matter experts within the construction industry, as well as relevant industry education and information.

Public Sector

231 Topics

Join the Public Sector Practice Specialty community for access to a network of public sector safety subject-matter experts, as well as relevant industry education and information.



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.

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

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



September 3, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Chad San Juan - CalARP/ER/LEA Supervisor @ Kern County Public Health Services Department

Overview of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Kern County Environmental Health acts as the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) with oversight of the CalEPA hazardous materials management programs such as hazardous material business plans, hazardous waste, above ground storage tanks, underground storage tanks, and the California accidental release prevention program. In addition to the CUPA programs, a section will be discussed on medical waste. Though it is not a CUPA program, it is a program that is overseen by Kern County environmental health under the authority of California Department of Public Health and is commonly associated with medical facilities. This presentation will provide a basic overview of each program and focus on applicability and common violations. This presentation will be presented by a team of representatives from Kern County Environmental Health.

Chad San Juan has a bachelor's from CSU Fresno in Environmental/Occupational Health and Safety and a Masters in Quality Assurance from CSU Dominguez Hills. He has been with Kern County Environmental Health for almost 10 years and is currently the Supervisor over the California Accidental Release Prevention Program that oversees facilities that utilizes highly hazardous substances in their processes, the Local Enforcement Agency that oversees solid waste management, and the Hazmat Emergency Response team for Kern County Environmental Health.



Feature of the Month

What do we hope our members get out of the monthly newsletter?

Over the past three months, we have highlighted the history of the newsletter. This included - 1) What inspired the creation of the newsletter?, 2) Is there a story behind the newsletter's name, "The Pledge"?, and 3) How has the newsletter changed over the past 10 years? In this final installment, we are presenting more information about the purpose of the newsletter.

The Chapter hopes to provide a monthly feature that provides more insight into what the Chapter is doing while also providing the members with tools and resources for their safety profession. The Bakerfield Chapter hopes the newsletter is an opportunity for members to look through the distribution and find something that they can utilize in their day-to-day safety profession and function. This includes links to safety articles, ASSP resources, training opportunities, conference announcements, regulatory updates, standards updates, career development, symposium details, and webinar options. The Chapter also hope our members understand that the newsletter is for them, and our aim is to provide additional insight about the safety industry through a different means of communication.

New Chapter Members

- Betsy Lopez - Kern Community College District
- Szu-Ching (Janet) Fang - Student Member (MBA-USC Marshall School of Business)

Professional Development

- James Mothershed with Kern Oil & Refining recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Trained Supervisor®
- Tyler Payne with EMCOR Services recently completed his BS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University



Join ASSP Today!

New members can join through the [online application](#). Use the coupon Code 2508BAKERSFIELD and earn yourself a \$25 gift card and waive the \$25 application fee!

MEMBERS UPDATES IN OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Adam Lopez, Sr. Risk Services Consultant - Sedgwick
- ✓ Michele Herstad, Safety Consultant - MSC Industrial Supply
- ✓ Jose Abrica, Director Safety Risk Management - Esparza Enterprises
- ✓ Chris Marin, Safety Specialist - Truitt Corporation
- ✓ CJ McAninch, Supervisor, Electric Safety - PG&E
- ✓ Eugene Vega, Civil Construction and Electrical Distribution - Utility Inspector - Tulsa Insp Resources
- ✓ Nick Romero, Safety Manager - Superior Tank Company
- ✓ Estevan Martinez, Project Safety Manager - Cupertino Electric, Inc.
- ✓ Kimberly Lawler, EHS Director - Ruiz Foods
- ✓ David Medina, Safety Professional - DPR Construction



Safe + Sound Week – August 11-17, 2025

Safe + Sound Week is a nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace safety and health programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe. This year Safe + Sound Week will provide resources and activities for businesses on emergency preparedness and response that can be done at work or at home.

Why Participate?

Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help get your program started, energize an existing one, or provide a chance to recognize your safety and health accomplishments.

Want to Participate? It's as Easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) [Sign up to participate](#)
- 2) [Find materials and activities](#)
- 3) [Recognize your participation](#)



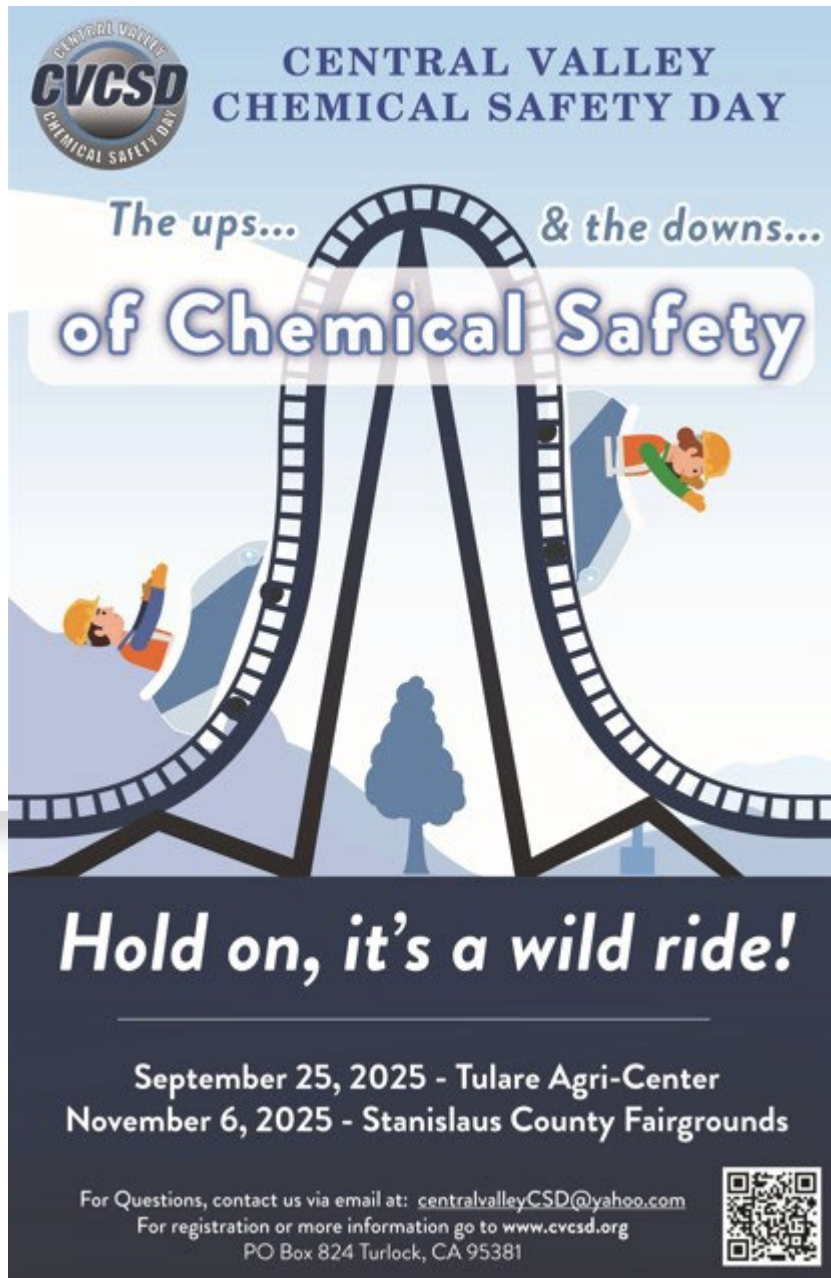
SAVE THE DATE
August 11-17

**SAFE +
SOUND
WEEK
2025**

GUARDE LA FECHA
11-17 de agosto

Semana
SAFE + SOUND
SANO + SALVO 2025

osha.gov/SafeAndSoundWeek



Central Valley Chemical Safety Day (CVCSD) is back in the Central Valley this year! CVCSD has been developed to increase company and public awareness about the importance of preparing for chemical emergencies and to encourage companies and their employees to take action. Their mission is to provide educational opportunities for the awareness and safe use of hazardous chemicals.

This year's Southern Central Valley Chemical Safety Day is being held on September 25, 2025 in Tulare, CA. If you are interested in participating, please visit the Central Valley Chemical Safety Day website (www.cvcsd.org) for all registration information.

Event Location – International Agri-Center, 4500 S. Laspina St., Tulare, CA 93274

Event Date/Time – September 25, 2025

Check-in/Registration: 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

Event starts at 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM



News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [Stand-Up for Standards: Fleet Safety & Risk Control with ANSI/ASSP Z15.1](#) – Discover how ANSI/ASSP Z15.1 can strengthen your motor vehicle safety program. This consensus standard offers a structured approach to reducing work-related injuries, fatalities, financial losses, and reputational risks. The 2024 update introduces an improved framework to evaluate program effectiveness, identify gaps, assess risk, and drive meaningful improvements.
- [Online Learning](#) – Learn valuable skills to advance your safety career, while earning continuing education credits. ASSP is a trusted source among safety professionals for relevant occupational safety and health (OSH) training and education that you can immediately apply in your workplace and use to advance your career. Sharing knowledge is at the heart of what we do, which is why we strive to make learning immersive, accessible and practical through several virtual learning avenues.
- [Career Center](#) – Whether you are new to the safety profession, looking for a new opportunity or searching for the best candidate for an opening, the American Society of Safety Professionals has resources for you.

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



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 sent via email to our members and mailing list.

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



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