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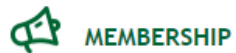


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ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable!



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

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[Build Your Leadership Skills](#) →

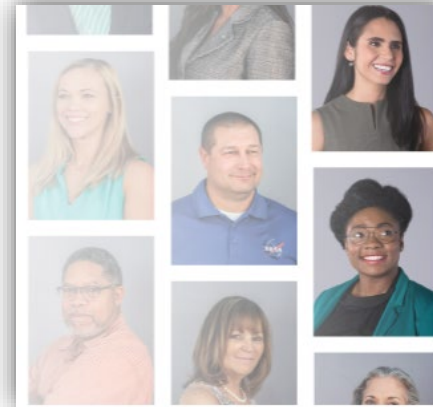
Serving on an ASSP committee is a great way to build new skills, meet new contacts and make a difference in the OSH profession. We have opportunities in member communities, education, standards and advocacy areas.

As an ASSP member, did you know you there is an exclusive online membership community that connects you with great resources and great people to help you grow professionally and engage with colleagues on a global scale?

Go to the [Online ASSP Community](#) main page to:

- ✓ Connect and network with a vibrant community of 36,000 OSH professionals
- ✓ Gain exclusive access to member-only conversations sharing expert knowledge and best practices that can help you solve a workplace challenge
- ✓ Establish yourself as a thought-leader within the OSH profession by sharing content and participating in group discussions
- ✓ Become more involved in ASSP and connect with volunteer opportunities to grow your leadership skills

The ASSP Community



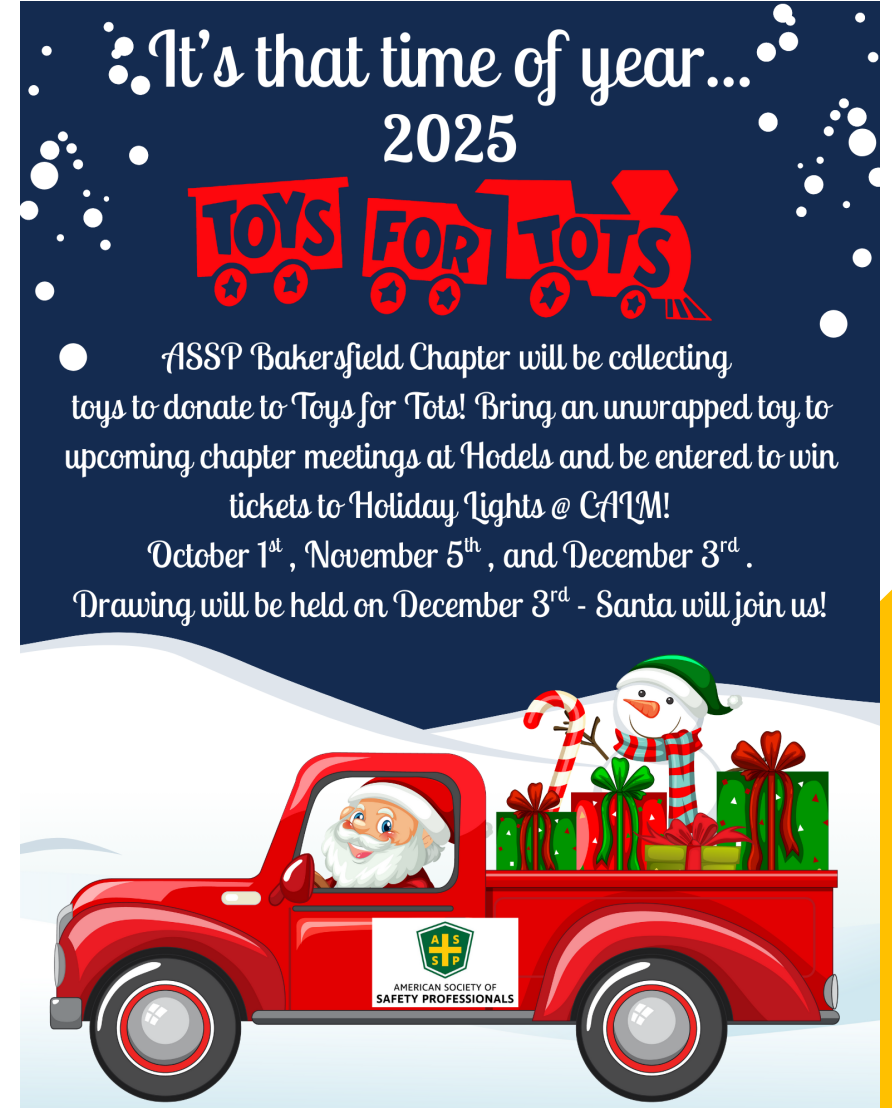
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Toys for Tots!

Join the Bakersfield ASSP Chapter in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots** program by donating new, unwrapped toys for children in our community.

Bring a toy to the upcoming October, November, or December chapter meetings at Hodels, and you'll be entered to win a \$70 CALM gift card, which can be used for admission to the CALM Holiday Lights event! The Bakersfield Chapter is recommended a \$20 toy value. You'll receive one entry ticket for each toy donated.



September 3, 2025 Chapter Meeting

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

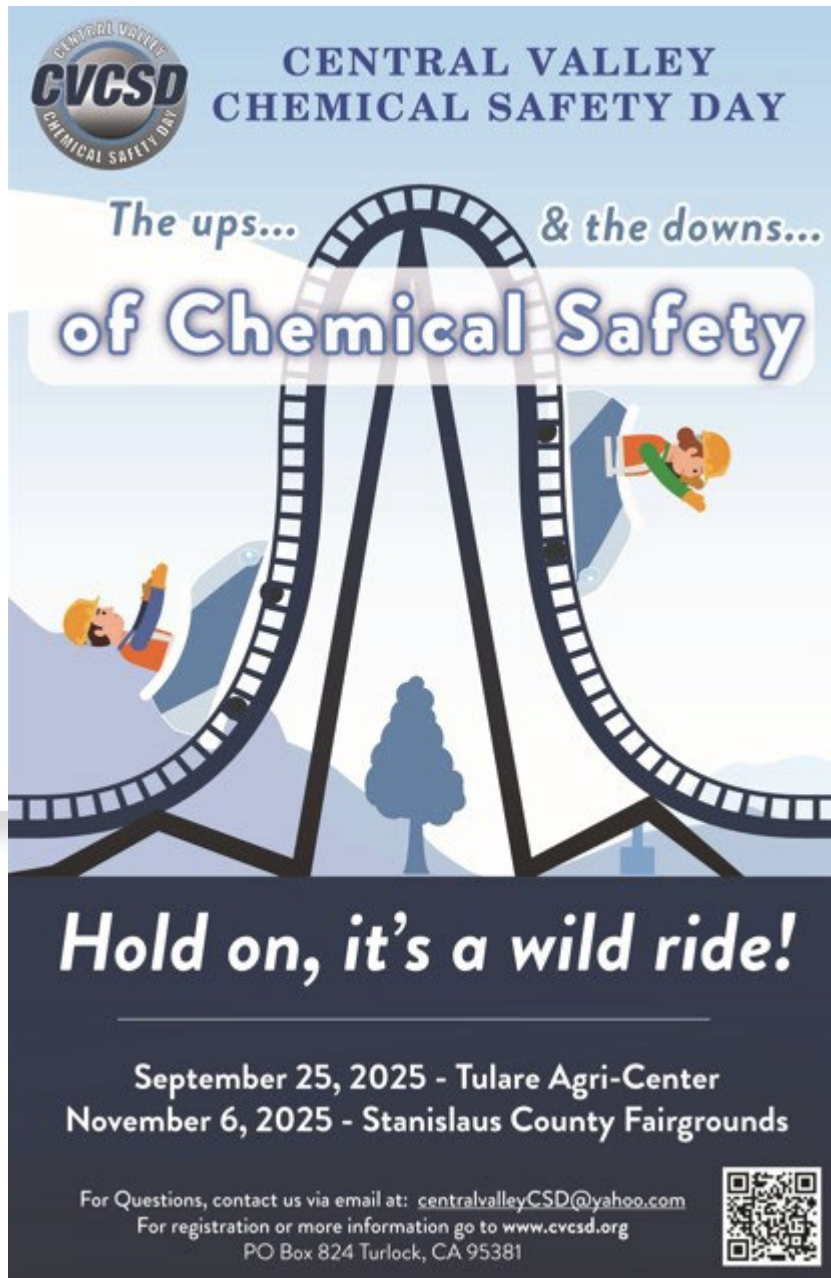
Overview of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

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.



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

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



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.cvcسد.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



New Chapter Members

- Juan Escalante - MP Environmental Services
- Alex Cordier - Midstream Energy Partners
- DeeJay Biter - A-C Electric Company



Professional Development

- Cole Cates with Sovereign Safety Consulting recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional®
- Kevin James with Safework recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Management Professional™
- Jacob Rawlins with California Compaction recently completed his BS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University
- David Suarez with KC Superior Court recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Instructional Trainer®



MEMBERS UPDATES IN OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER



EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Joe Hernandez, Field Safety Coordinator - Grapevine Energy
- ✓ Jesse Hernandez, HSE Manager - Strategic Mechanical Inc.
- ✓ Arianna Perez, Safety Administrator - Wonderful Orchards
- ✓ Jose Ramos, Safety Program Manager - PG & E Company
- ✓ Shelby Forster, Corporate Process Safety Manager - Curia

News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [Free Training Funded by OSHA Susan Harwood Grant](#) – Explore free learning resources that cover important and emerging safety topics through training funded by OSHA's Susan Harwood Training Grant Program. Grants are awarded to provide training and education programs for employers and workers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces.
- [The Case for Safety Podcast](#) – The Case for Safety Podcast brings you conversations with workplace safety experts across industries. Subscribe on Apple Podcasts or Spotify and learn how to manage risks, mitigate hazards and build a strong culture.
- [Government Affairs News](#) – ASSP shares the latest news on occupational safety and health legislation and regulation as well as updates on our member-driven initiatives to ensure that safety professionals are part of the conversation.
- [Return on Investment in Safety](#) – Sound safety practices are both socially responsible and good business. Research and industry experience suggest organizations that invest in occupational safety and health experience a return on investment (ROI).

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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