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2019-2020



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2015-2016



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2014-2015



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2013-2014

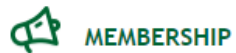


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2012-2013

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.

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.



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:

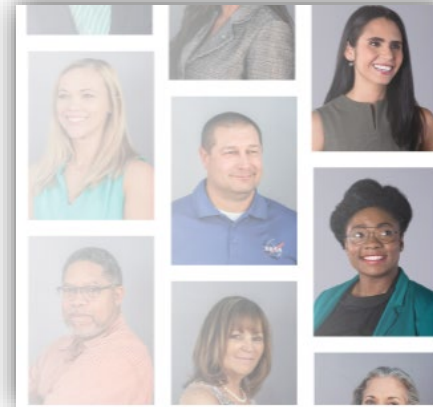
- ✓ Connect and network with a vibrant community of 36,000 OSH professionals
- ✓ Gain exclusive access to member-only conversations sharing expert knowledge and best practices that can help you solve a workplace challenge
- ✓ Establish yourself as a thought-leader within the OSH profession by sharing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



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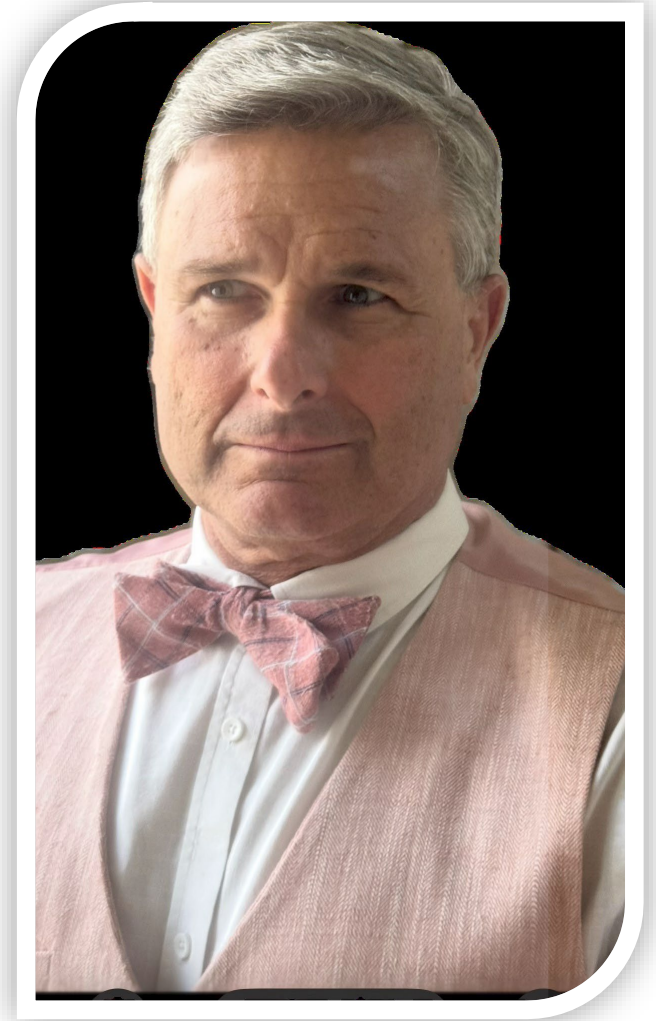
November 5, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Dr. Jeff Freesemann MD, Medical Director at ABC Occupational Medical Center

Workplace Eye Injuries – Common and not so Common

This session will review common workplace eye injuries. Dr. Freesemann will also explain a few non-work-related eye issues, latest treatment options including cataracts, corneal transplants, and Lasik eye surgery.

Jeffery M. Freesemann, M.D., is the Medical Director and owner of ABC Occupational Medical Center (ABC) in Bakersfield and Delano. He has over 14 years of Occupational Medicine experience. His primary duty at ABC is to provide administrative support, and medical guidance, to the medical providers at ABC. Additionally, Dr. Freesemann provides medical treatment, and claims management, for patients that have suffered a work-related injury/illness. Freesemann is also a Medical Review Officer (MRO) and performs DOT exams as a member of the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME). Additionally, he performs medical-legal disability evaluations as a Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME). Dr. Freesemann earned his medical degree at Georgetown University of Medicine and Internal Medicine internship at Oregon Health Sciences University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.



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

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

December 3, 2025 Chapter Meeting

***Nicole Kraus, Sr. Public Safety Advisor
Southern California Edison***

Safety Practices for Downed Power Lines (including Incident and Hazard Reviews)

This session will cover crucial safety protocols for downed power lines, including how to assess hazards, respond to incidents, and perform effective reviews. Participants will learn to protect themselves and others from electrocution and other dangers.

Nicole is a Senior Public Safety Advisor and has been with Southern California Edison for over 15 years. She has held various roles, including Senior Management. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning from the University of Arizona and a Master's Degree in the same field from USC. She also earned a second Master's Degree from USC in Gerontology.



New Chapter Members

- Michael Madrigal - Fisher Tank Company
- Shannon Edwards - Professional Safety Solutions
- Anthony Nerio - Environmental Safety Solutions
- Christopher De La Mora and Richard Gooden – Continental Labor & Staffing Resources



Professional Development

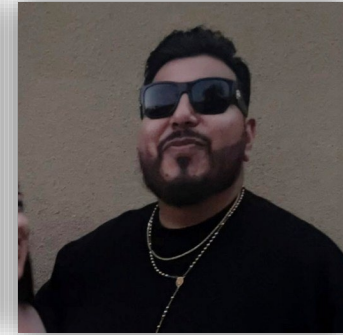
- Kent Gengler with Rain for Rent recently completed the requirements to become a Safety Management Professional™
- Manuel Gutierrez with Tasteful Selections recently completed his BS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University



MEMBERS UPDATES IN OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Nick Tisinger, Senior Organizational Learning & Investigation Advisor - Chevron
- ✓ Steven Salazar, Emergency Management & Security Specialist - Chevron
- ✓ Daniel Morales, EHS Manager - NOV
- ✓ Eddie Ochoa, Safety Specialist - Safety Management Systems (Bakersfield)
- ✓ Cynthia Dietz, Safety Coordinator - Sunridge Nurseries Inc. (Bakersfield)
- ✓ Luis Magallanes Jr., Director of Safety HSE / Corporate - PBI International, LLC
- ✓ Richard Gooden, Safety Supervisor - Continental Labor & Staffing Resources



News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [Business Economics for Safety Professionals](#) – EHS professionals need to speak the language of business to be successful. Lawrence Schulze shares techniques you can use to effectively communicate with the C-suite.
- [Understanding & Preventing Cold Stress](#) – Working in the cold is physically difficult and psychologically demanding. When wind or rain are added to the mix, the effects of cold stress take hold, and the work can become downright dangerous.
- [Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking in the Transportation Sector](#) – Discover how to make a real impact in your workplace with this powerful webinar led by Elizabeth Pfenning from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Learn how to recognize, report and respond to human trafficking on the job. Sponsored by the Transportation Practice Specialty.
- [Protect Temporary Workers: Practices for Host Employers](#) – The future of work brings new challenges to occupational safety and health, including how to best protect workers employed through non-standard work arrangements. ASSP TR-Z590.9 is free of charge and provides expert guidance for host companies on how to protect temporary workers.

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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