

# THE PLEDGE

*WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER, STRONGER FUTURE*  
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## Chapter Recognition

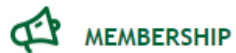


# ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable!



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 [ASSP.org](https://www.assp.org).

***Use the coupon code 2512BAKERSFIELD and the \$25 application fee is waived!***



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.

# ***February 4, 2026 Chapter Meeting***

***Darci Combs, Director of Business Relations  
The Grossman Burn Centers, LLC***

## ***Comprehensive Overview of Burn Injuries & Care***

This presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of burn injuries, including the classification of first, second, and third-degree burns. It will outline essential first aid procedures for minor burns and offer guidance on when to consult a burn specialist. After this presentation, participants will be better equipped to – classify and assess different types of burns, recognize the factors that influence the severity of burn injuries, implement initial burn care principles, and understand the burn recovery process.

Burn injuries can be traumatic and painful, significantly impacting an individual's life. The skin plays a vital role in our identity and function, and prompt, effective treatment is critical at the time of injury to prevent or minimize unnecessary scarring. Scarring not only alters appearance but can also restrict skin functionality and range of motion. Given the specialized nature of burn care, it is essential that these injuries are managed by a qualified burn specialist.



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

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

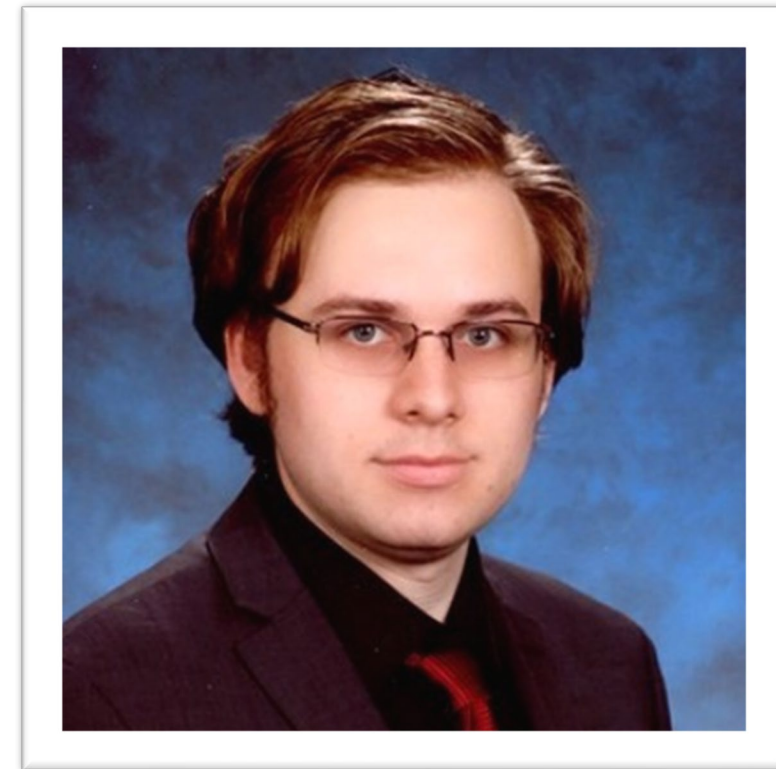
# ***March 4, 2026 Chapter Meeting***

## ***Louis Jameson, Deputy District Attorney Kern County Deputy District Attorney's Office***

### ***Fraud! Workers' Compensation, Auto, Disability, and Healthcare***

During this monthly meeting, Mr. Jameson will discuss workers' compensation fraud, auto fraud, disability fraud, and healthcare fraud.

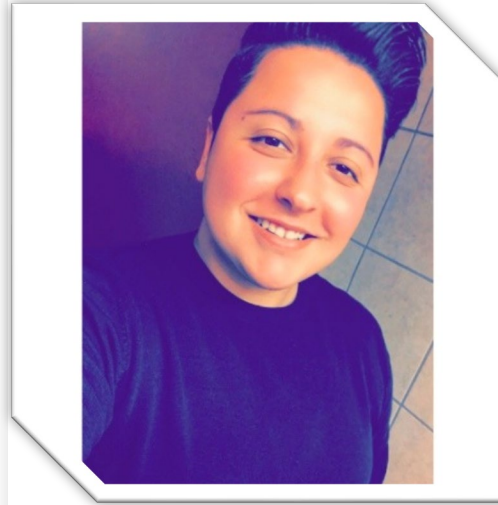
*Louis Jameson is a Deputy District Attorney at the Kern County District Attorney's office. He attended law school at Chapman University in Orange County. He passed the California State Bar in 2022, and working at the District Attorney's office was his first job out of law school. He has been working as a prosecutor since January of 2023. He currently works in the White-Collar crime unit where he prosecutes a variety of cases including workers' compensation fraud, auto insurance fraud, welfare fraud, and much more.*



# EHS Professionals on the Move

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- ❖ Theresa Diaz (Crimson Renewable Energy) – EHS Manager
- ❖ Steve Bowen (Montrose Environmental Group) – H&S Specialist
- ❖ David S. Beadle (HEIT) – Senior Industrial Hygienist



## New Chapter Members

- Michael Jordan - Moran Environmental Recovery
- Cepi Willingham - Trucordia
- Veronica Glenn - Grapery, Inc.
- Steve Patton - Material Analysis Consulting Services
- Robert Fuentes - SME Steel
- Juan D. Cisneros - Clark Bros Inc.
- Adrian Lozano - Avantor



## Professional Development

- Michael Garcia with ICW Insurance Group recently completed the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional!



# MEMBERS UPDATES IN OUR BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

## News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [Training and Education for Safety Teams](#) – Maximize employee time and your training budget through our group and on-site professional development programs. ASSP offers group education discounts as well as on-site education and training for employees.
- [Attend an ASSP Conferences](#) – American Society of Safety Professionals' conferences are the perfect venue for obtaining top-quality safety education and connecting with other safety professionals. ASSP is a trusted source among safety professionals for knowledge, skills, continuing education, and networking.
- [Safety Trekr AI™](#) – Use this AI-powered search tool to access all 1,330 pages of ASSP's Safety Professional Handbook and effortlessly find answers to your workplace safety questions. Buy the handbook with a one-year subscription to Safety Trekr AI and confidently access the latest expert guidance from the palm of your hand.
- [Student Membership](#) – Student members have access to a wide array of benefits that ease the transition from student to practicing safety professional following graduation.



# 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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