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Leadership in Safety Management Certificate Program



As an experienced safety professional, elevate your performance to the highest levels with the ASSP Leadership in Safety Management Certificate. Learn to apply modern safety management methods and use influential leadership strategies to achieve the highest level of performance. The program is designed for occupational safety and health professionals with more than ten years' experience.

How to Earn Your Certificate

Step 1 – enroll in ASSP's Leadership in Safety Management Certificate Program

Step 2 – register for and complete the two required courses within two years

Step 3 – retrieve your certificate and receive your digital badge

Visit [Leadership in Safety Management](#) for additional details and to read more about what you will learn across the two courses and why earning a professional certificate from ASSP is valuable.

September 2, 2026 – Chapter Meeting

***Catherine Jones, CSP, ARM, MA
Professor, OSRM @ Bakersfield College***

Using the Fish to Swim Ahead: From Restorative Problem Solving to Generative Excellence

This session explores the power of leading indicators, bolstered by the addition of Appreciative Inquiry as the paradigm to move the needle from traditional problem solving/restoration/compliance focus to a more generative process which can help move an organization toward exceptional results and new possibilities. Ishikawa's fishbone diagram provides the operational detail and categorization that can be transformed into key leading indicators. Applied positive psychology is woven in to help reframe our focus on a successful path ahead. Finally, the core concepts of risk management are integrated to help us "manage the floor, while we raise the ceiling" of business performance and safety.

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

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



October 7, 2026 – Chapter Meeting

Shannon Grove, State Assembly Member California's 12th State Senatorial District

What California Safety Professionals Need to Know from Sacramento

Join the Chapter meeting in October as we welcome State Assembly Member Shannon Grove. Assembly Member Grove will be sharing updates on legislative news, regulatory trends, and California state bills that effect the workers, safety professional, and businesses of the Central Valley of California. Grove will provide updates on SB 224 (agriculture theft prevention), SB 237 (Kern drilling), and SB 921 (workforce and labor issues).

Shannon Grove represents California's 12th State Senatorial district, encompassing the southern Central Valley and parts of the High Desert of California. Senator Grove was born and raised in Kern County and served in the US Army, stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. She served as the minority leader of the California State Senate from 2019 to 2021. Grove previously served in the California State Assembly, representing the 34th State Assembly district, which encompassed most of Kern County. She is the CEO of an employment agency she started in 1993.



New Chapter Members

- Michael Ayers – California Compaction
 - David Kennedy – AC Electric
 - Jose Gonzalez – AC Electric

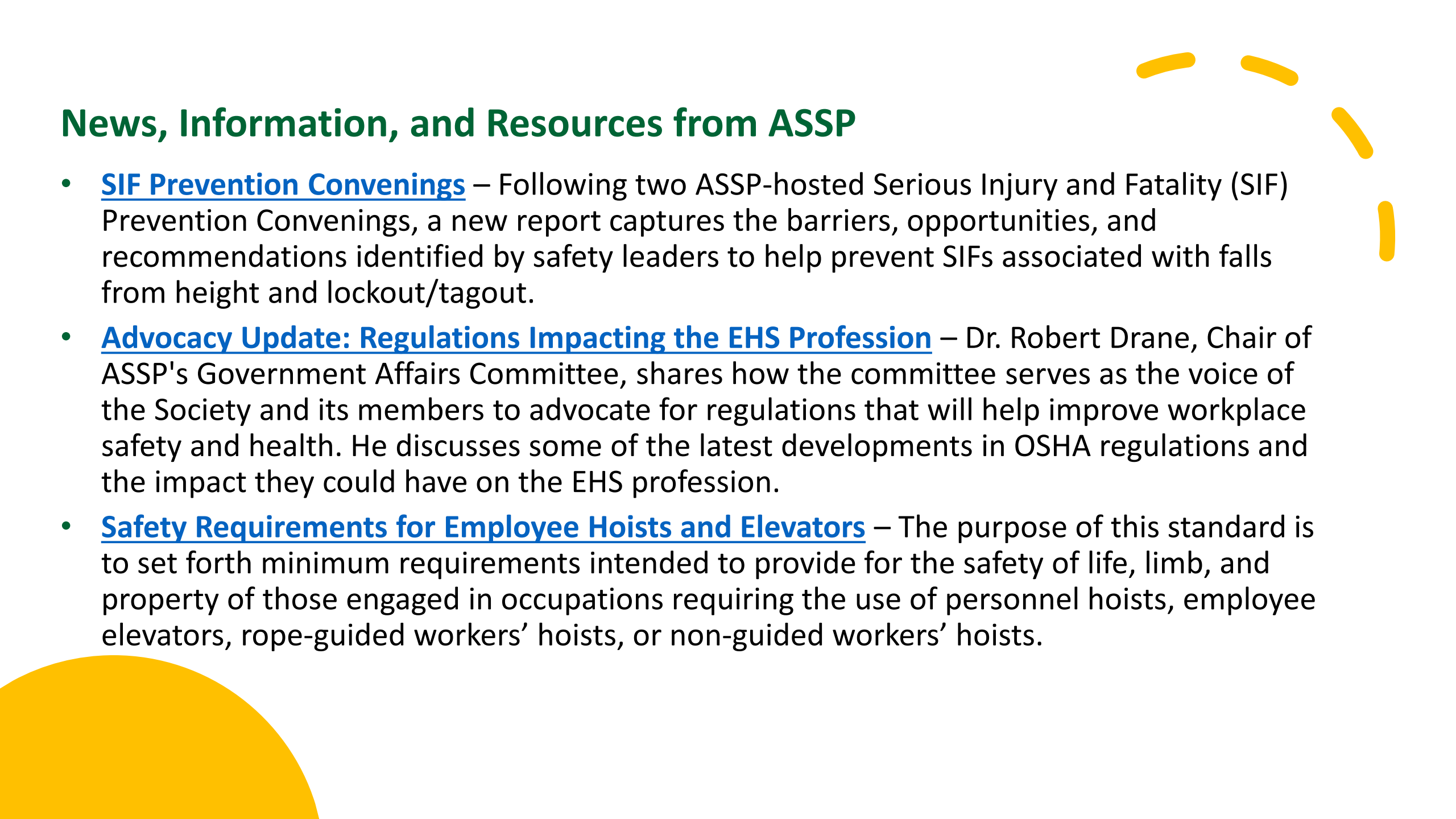
Professional on the Move

- Monica Garcia, Safety Manager – Oldencamp Trucking, Inc.

Professional Development

- Paul Soto with Fluence completed the requirements to become a CHST

**CHAPTER MEMBERS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
AND MEMBERS ON THE MOVE**



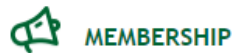
News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [SIF Prevention Convenings](#) – Following two ASSP-hosted Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Prevention Convenings, a new report captures the barriers, opportunities, and recommendations identified by safety leaders to help prevent SIFs associated with falls from height and lockout/tagout.
- [Advocacy Update: Regulations Impacting the EHS Profession](#) – Dr. Robert Drane, Chair of ASSP's Government Affairs Committee, shares how the committee serves as the voice of the Society and its members to advocate for regulations that will help improve workplace safety and health. He discusses some of the latest developments in OSHA regulations and the impact they could have on the EHS profession.
- [Safety Requirements for Employee Hoists and Elevators](#) – The purpose of this standard is to set forth minimum requirements intended to provide for the safety of life, limb, and property of those engaged in occupations requiring the use of personnel hoists, employee elevators, rope-guided workers' hoists, or non-guided workers' hoists.

ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable!



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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.



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](#).

Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional? Contact membershipbakersfieldassp@gmail.com to have the opening sent via email to our members and mailing list.

You can find Chapter Documents, Member Updates, Newsletters, and Presentations on our [Chapter Library page](#).

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



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