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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.

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.



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

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

November 4, 2026 – Chapter Meeting

***Divina Jover, CIT, EHS Training Supervisor
The Wonderful Company - Wonderful Citrus***

If They Ain't Learning, You Ain't Training: A Learner-Centered Approach to EHS Training

Too often, EHS training centers on regulatory checklists and content-heavy presentations. In this session, we'll explore how a learner-centered approach can transform EHS training programs from box-checking exercises into effective, behavior-changing experiences. Attendees will be challenged to rethink their current training models by identifying real performance gaps and engaging learning teams to gather feedback directly from the employees who are in fact doing the work. This presentation will demonstrate how to shift the focus from what trainers want to teach to what employees truly need to learn. Participants will walk away with actionable strategies to improve engagement, retention, and on-the-job application, ultimately making their training not only compliant but truly effective.



Bakersfield ASSP Awards & Honors

The intent of the Bakersfield Chapter EHS Award is to recognize people for specific actions they have done to enhance, promote, or otherwise protect people, property, or the environment. We want to recognize those having a significant EHS impact in their organization and community. Successful nominations will be recognized at the Bakersfield Chapter monthly breakfast meeting.

Interested in nominating someone?

Interested in learning about eligibility?

Learn more by visiting the [EHS Awards & Honors](#) page and complete the online submission form.





The Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill October 15, 2026 at 10:15 AM



At 10:15AM on October 15, join millions of people across California practicing in earthquake safety. [Great ShakeOut](#) earthquake drills are an opportunity to practice how to be safer during earthquakes. Learn about [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#). ShakeOut has been organized to encourage your organization to update emergency plans and supplies and to secure your space to prevent damage and injuries.

News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [It's Time to Move Beyond "Check-the-Box" Training](#) – In August, ASSP released its “Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Prevention Convening Report,” highlighting key themes and insights to advance SIF prevention. To take a deeper look at those themes, ASSP is exploring the report in a three-part blog series. This is the first installment.
- [Putting Standards into Practice: Preventing SIFs Through Standards Implementation](#) – Chris Cain, Executive Director of CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training, discusses recent convenings hosted by ASSP focused on preventing serious injuries and fatalities due to falls from height and lockout/tagout failures. She emphasizes the importance of upstream controls, implementing consensus safety standards, and innovative technology applications.
- [A Smarter Approach to Risk Management](#) – ANSI/ASSP Z310.1-2026 is a new standard that helps organizations adopt a consistent, structured approach to managing risk, improving decision-making, achieving objectives, and creating value.

Have You Considered Serving in the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP?

Voluntary Service in the Bakersfield Chapter of ASSP is easy! For many roles, you don't even have to be a member. The goal is to match your gifts and passion with where there is a need, so service is fun and doesn't feel like work! As you read through this and follow the action item suggestions, think about the answer to this question – “What would be the perfect volunteer position for me?” To introduce you to some of the things our volunteer leaders do, look at the partial list of [Chapter volunteers](#). Almost every one of the folks on our webpage, could use some help.

You will see people working with students, working with numbers (Treasury Committee), coordinating people/events (Social Committee/Photographer), investigating potential speakers (Programs Committee), connecting with members (Membership Committee), running social media accounts, history gatherers (Historian), professional development (PD Committee), the public (Public Affairs Committee), the government (Government Affairs Committee). Now that we are back to in-person meetings, the list of volunteer opportunities gets even longer including computer/virtual and microphone set up, meeting check in, and welcome greeters to name a few. What do you enjoy? What are you interested in? There are many ways to serve so let me know what you would like to hear more about – no obligation.

Our #1 need each year is for folks to participate on the Symposium Planning Committee. This is our chapter's biggest event of the year happening in March. This committee meets approximately 2 times a month virtually until the event gets closer. It's a great networking and service experience.

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.



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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