



VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

December 2019

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Valley Coastal Website

<https://valleycoastal.assp.org/>

President's Message

Happy holidays from the executive board of the Valley Coastal Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals! We're looking forward to a great new year packed with exciting opportunities for our members, including technical meetings beginning in January (see page 2), and a networking event to meet your peers (see page 3). For more information on upcoming events, including our annual PDC in April, see page 4 of this newsletter, or visit our website at <https://valleycoastal.assp.org/>

As always, our board is working hard to provide quality services and events for our 200 + members. If you have any ideas or seek additional involvement, please feel free to chat with us at one of our upcoming events or send an email to president@valleycoastal.assp.org.

Thanks, and here's to a fantastic 2020!

Valley Coastal ASSP Executive Board

Mark Your Calendars! - January 8, 2020

Topic: Earthquake and Brush Fire Safety (See Page 2)
Presenter: Jeremy Crayer, Los Angeles County Fire Department

IHOP
1910 Ventura Blvd.
Tarzana, CA 91356

January Meeting - Earthquake and Brush Fire Safety

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Topic & Class Description:

Earthquake and brush fire safety. It seems as though our communities are constantly at risk for multiple disasters. Disaster preparedness not only consists of having a survival kit in your home, place of business and your car, but it is also the knowledge that can travel with you wherever you go. The Valley Coastal ASSP Chapter wants to prepare you so that you are ready for the unforeseeable.

Guest Speaker:

**Jeremy Crayer, Fire Department
Inspector/Paramedic**

Jeremy Crayer is an active fire fighter for the Los Angeles City Fire Department. He has been working for the LAFD for over 15 years and also has over 15 years of experience in paramedics.

He has volunteered to speak at our VC ASSP Chapter Meeting and looks forward discussing the recent events that have impacted our neighboring cities.

<https://www.lafd.org/safety/disaster-preparedness>



Location:

IHOP
1910 Ventura Blvd.
Tarzana, CA 91356
Breakfast will be provided

Parking Information:

Parking is free.

Price:

Member Price: \$25.00
Non-Member Price: \$30.00

Payment Method:

Online Registration and Payment:

www.valleycoastal.assp.org

Check to VCASSP

Zelle to

treasurer@valleycoastal.ASSP.org

Please **RSVP** by **January 06, 2020**



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter Networking Event

*Join ASSP members and industry
colleagues for a fun-filled and festive
evening of New Year cheer!*



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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When: Friday, January 10th, 2020 at
Time: 5:00PM to 8:00PM

Location:
Golden Road Brewing
5410 W. San Fernando Road
Los Angeles, CA 90039

Member and Non-Member Price: \$25.00
Online Registration to come. Please pay ahead
using the portal provided or at the door on day of
the event.

Parking Information:
Street Parking is available.
Valet Parking is available for an additional fee
\$\$\$.

Your entry will include one beverage and shared
appetizers.

Please RSVP by January 9th, 2019



Working together for a safer, stronger future



Advance Your Career



Expand Your Network



Grow Your Knowledge

Valley Coastal Chapter

The **Valley Coastal Chapter** serves safety professionals in the state of California. We provide accessible, face-to-face opportunities for ASSP members to get involved with their local professional community and reach their highest level of performance. By joining our chapter, you'll have opportunities to gain leadership skills, expand your network and grow your technical knowledge to become a better safety professional.

American Society of Safety Professionals

For more than 100 years, ASSP has been at the forefront of helping occupational safety and health professionals protect people and property. Our global membership of over 37,000 professionals covers every industry, developing safety and health management plans that prevent deaths, injuries and illnesses. We advance our members and the safety profession through education, advocacy, standards development and a professional community.

Upcoming Events

Earthquake and Brush Fire Safety

Technical Meeting

Jan 08 | 7:30AM – 9:00AM

IHOP

1910 Ventura Blvd.

Tarzana, CA 91356

Happy New Year

Networking Event

Jan 10 | 5:00PM – 8:00PM

Golden Road Brewing

5410 W. San Fernando Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90039

Ladder Safety

Technical Meeting

March 11 | 7:30AM – 9:00AM

IHOP

1910 Ventura Blvd.

Tarzana, CA 91356



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2020 Valley Coastal ASSP Professional Development Conference

April 29, 2020

Save the Date! Be on the lookout for the opening of Registration

The Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP proudly announces the official call for presenters to be a part of the Wednesday, April 29, 2020, Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP Professional Development Conference at the Airtel Plaza Hotel Van Nuys, CA. Interested presenters must submit a proposal to speak for review by the Conference Planning Committee.

This annual Conference provides one of the most sought after events for attendees to learn the profession's best practices focusing on Safety, OSHA, Personal Development, Workers' Compensation, Emergency Management and Human Resources. The committee is interested in dynamic, technically oriented presentations with case studies. Sessions at the Conference are expected to be one full hour!

If you are interested in presenting, please open and complete the [Speaker form](#) or download the form and send to cdc@valleycoastal.assp.org by Friday, December 20, 2019. For questions please call 805 232 4350.



Region 1 Fall ROC Meeting Update

At the last ROC meeting, a question arose regarding discounted membership for the Military. Diana Stegall, CSP, ASSP President, was able to research this and follow-up with some conversation, and here's what she found out:

Military Member

We (ASSP) offer reduced dues to members who are active-duty personnel in any branch of the U.S. military whose job involves OSH, as well as to members who are military reservists whose job involves OSH and who are on active duty (beyond the annual two-week commitment). We will request proof of active service.

As a military member, your benefits Include:

- Annual dues of \$15 until one year after separation (chapter dues are additional)
- Free membership in our [Military Practice Specialty](#)
- Unlimited access to [on-demand webinars](#)
- Digital subscription to [Professional Safety](#) (PSJ)

When you apply online, please select the Military Practice Specialty, and enter promo code **MILMEM** at checkout to receive reduced dues. Renewing Members: Use code **MILMEMR** at the time of your renewal to received reduced dues.

Diana also spoke with a few military personnel at the Future Safety Leaders Conference and they indicated that several of the branches are paying the amount, but they are doing that as a batch. In that case Tom Kerschner should be able to direct them to the right person.

You can find all of this information and more at this website:

<https://www.assp.org/membership/communities/practice-specialties/military>

Please pass this information on as you see fit. Thank you to Ross Kocen, President-Elect of the Valley Coastal Chapter, for asking the question.

Newsroom

ASSP Say Injury Rate Unacceptable, Calls for Employers to Act

ASSP is calling on employers to take steps to protect America's workers from injury and illness in response to newly released data. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 2.8 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses occurred in 2018, unchanged from the previous year. It was the first time since 2012 that the rate did not decrease.

[Click Here](#) for more information

Court of Appeals upholds Citations Issued for Inadequate Protective Footwear

A court of appeal has upheld Cal/OSHA citations issued to Home Depot for violating safety standards after a warehouse employee suffered a serious foot injury in 2014. Cal/OSHA's investigation found the warehouse workers were not provided protective footwear such as steel-toed shoes in an area where industrial vehicles were operating.

[Click Here](#) for more Information

U.S. Department of Labor Approves New Respiratory Fit Testing Protocols

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently issued a final rule that provides employers with two new fit testing protocols for ensuring that employees' respirators fit properly. The new protocols are the modified ambient aerosol condensation nuclei counter (CNC) quantitative fit testing protocol for full-facepiece and half mask elastomeric respirators, and the modified ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol for filtering facepiece respirators. Both protocols are variations of the original OSHA-approved ambient aerosol CNC protocol, but have fewer test exercises, shorter exercise duration, and a more streamlined sampling sequence.

[Click Here](#) for more information

Employer Guides on OSHA's Updated Crane Operator Requirements

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators has published three employer guides on OSHA's updated crane operator requirements, a final rule scheduled to go into effect Dec. 10. The two-page guides, released Nov. 21, address the rule's training, certification and evaluation regulations, providing an overview of its essential elements in a question-and-answer format.

[Click Here](#) for more information

For up to date news and industry relevant information, visit ASSP's Newsrooms located at www.assp.org/news

ASSP and Continuing Education Units (CEU's)

Active participation with your local ASSP Chapter can earn CEU's!

Activity	Points
Just be a member each year earns	1
Hold a chapter office or a chair position	2
Service to Conference – Chair or Committee Member	1
Present a Technical Meeting Topic	0.25
Attend Chapter meetings with /CEU's (2 or more designated meetings; you must sign attendance sheet)	0.2
Attend Chapter meetings without /CEU's	0.10
Attend Chapter Professional Development Conference	0.5

If you need CEU's and would like to volunteer, we have opportunities to work on the Professional Development Conference right now – DON'T delay or the committees may fill up. There are also opportunities to support the chapter and give back to your career.

See the CSP Recertification Guide BCSP for additional ways to earn CEU's
<https://www.bcspp.org/Portals/0/Assets/DocumentLibrary/RecertGuide.pdf>

ASSP Member-Get-A-Member Program

Do you have friends, colleagues and associates who would find value in ASSP membership? Tell them about ASSP by using our Refer-A-Friend e-mail tool. Simply address and send the ready-made e-mail message below.

The more of your friends who join, the more you get rewarded:

	REFER 3	REFER 5	REFER 10
FREE On-Demand Webinar	X	X	X
FREE 1-Year Membership Extension		X	X
FREE Polo Shirt & FREE ASSP Course			X

Grand Prize Drawing*: For every new paid member you sponsor from January to December, you will receive an entry in our grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP’s annual professional development conference. This reward includes:

- Full conference registration
- 3 nights hotel accommodations at an ASSP conference hotel
- \$250 AMEX card to use for expenses

*Grand prize not to exceed \$2,000 US. Group memberships excluded.

E-mail your friends and colleagues now!

<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

Member Spotlights

Vanessa de la Torre, CHST

Vanessa has over 10 years' experience in construction health and safety management. She is an HSE Supervisor for a General Contractor and has worked on some major project throughout Los Angeles. Vanessa is passionate about keeping workers safe and creating a robust safety culture between her client, workers and team member. As the current Valley Coastal ASSP Chapter President, her goal is to provide direction and support to create a meaningful and high-quality experience for both our members and industry colleagues. The hope is to create a network amongst one another through our technical meetings, Professional Development Conference and mixers. She's optimistic that the upcoming year will have many opportunities to share her passion of safety and most importantly get to know why you are so passionate about safety.



Fabiola Garcia, CSP, ASP, ARM

Fabiola has worked in the safety and loss control industry for over 25 years. Her experience includes working with large, complex, multi-state companies that include private industry, commercial and retail businesses, as well as non-profit organizations. She is a creative and motivated professional with a proven record of designing effective strategies to minimize losses. As a BHHC Loss Control Specialist, she is responsible for providing loss control services to a diverse multi-industry client base in the Greater Los Angeles area.



Interested in Presenting?

Valley Coastal ASSP invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to Programs@valleycoastal.assp.org. Valley Coastal ASSP endeavors to provide a forum for attendees to learn the profession's best practices and to:

- Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals
- Expand their knowledge to improve their professional skills
- Prepare for the challenges in the SH&E fields
- Engage in the discourse concerning the profession
- Identify emerging issues relevant to the profession

