



# VC Spotlight

## A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

November 2021

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Valley Coastal Website

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

### President's Message

I would like to start off by thanking you all for allowing me to serve as your Chapter President. I cannot do this without the support of other members on the team.

There is no doubt that working with COVID-19 has presented challenges but opportunities in the workplace. We are developing a working environment that now expands outside the typical office or factory walls. This allows the opportunity to hire people that could not work the typical 9-5 workday in the office. The challenge in 2022 will be how to keep your employees safe when they are working from home offices. Some may argue the "lazyboy" is not the best ergonomic place to sit while working on the computer and participating on Zoom calls. We are now experiencing COVID-19 fatigue from wearing masks and participating in remote calls.

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### Mark Your Calendars! – November 17, 2021

**Topic:** Workers Compensation, The Safety Professional and Human Resources

**Presenter:** Tom Logan

**Virtual Meeting (See Page 3)**

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To help educate you on these new challenges, our technical meeting subject matter experts have focused on how to address these issues. We encourage you to participate in these calls. Our October technical call was an update from Cal/OSHA, Consulting Division on the new COVID-19 guidelines.

We are off to a fantastic start with technical meeting in September, October, and November. With 0.2 CEU's for the October and November Meetings and will continue to offer CEU's for all our technical/development meetings in the future. We want to hear from you on what topic you would like us to organize.

Our ASP Study Group is up and running with scheduled meetings throughout the fall and winter. For more information, visit our website at: [valleycoastal.assp.org](http://valleycoastal.assp.org). This study group is not only for those that are working toward earning their ASP, but all members that want to learn about a specific topic. If you are knowledgeable in a particular safety area and would like to share this let us know so we can add you to the ASSP Study Group.

Our chapter spans a very large geographical area; (San Fernando Valley, to Vandenberg Air Force Base to Edwards Air Force Base. To include all of our chapter members, we will be looking to set up more networking opportunities through "Neighborhoods" in the Valley Coastal area. This will allow members closer to each other to meet and network.

Our goal is to start to have face to face meetings in 2022, but that will depend on the pandemic. These meetings will also be hosted on ZOOM to reach all our members.

The Valley Coastal Chapter is here to assist you with your safety challenges. One key benefit of joining the ASSP is access to the vast knowledge base of our members. If you have issues, we will try to link you up with someone in the chapter to help guide you.

We are looking toward an in-person Holiday meeting in December. That will include an opportunity to donate holiday spirit to a local charity. Look for more information via email or an update to our web page, [valleycoastal.assp.org](http://valleycoastal.assp.org).

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## November Virtual Technical Meeting

November 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### **Topic** Workers' Compensation, the Safety Professional and Human Resources

This presentation is designed to give the Safety professional a basic understanding of the Workers' Compensation system. Including what it covers, the benefits, the financial impact on a company and effective teamwork with Human Resources managing the Return to Work Process.

- Understanding the Basic WC rules will improve your assistance to Human Resources and the cost saving associated with an effective Return to Work Program
- Understanding the cost of workers comp can help you show how safety programs save bottom line dollars.

Note: Attendees for this session will earn .2 CEU's

### **Speaker** Tom Logan

Tom Logan has over 30 years of assisting companies of all sizes develop and enhance their Workers' Compensation Management programs by providing effective and practical suggestions to reduce the frequency and cost of workplace injuries. His field work and management experience has honed his presentation skills to effectively get the safety message to employees and management. He has given back to his profession through his participation and leadership in his local chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals.



**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)**

For more information:

[Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP Virtual Technical Meeting – ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter](#)

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## Santa Barbara ASSP Neighborhood

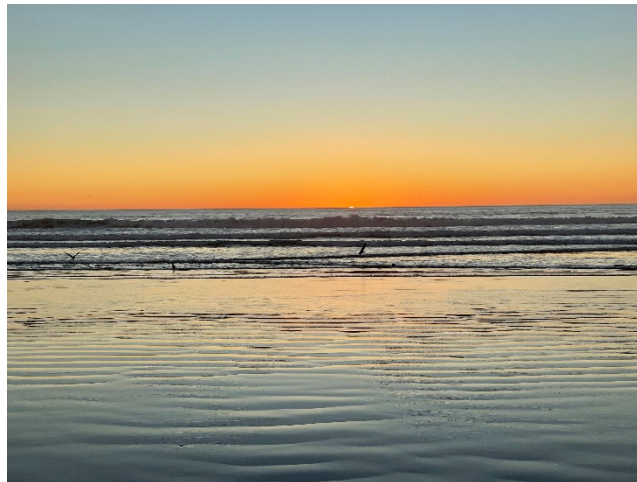
### **Introducing the Santa Barbara Neighborhood of the Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP**

In our chapter surveys, one of the top reasons indicated for joining the ASSP has been to “expand your local network of safety professionals”. In order to facilitate this, we are setting up a few neighborhood groups to allow members to meet other local safety professionals.

J.B. Quigley will coordinate our first neighborhood for the Santa Barbara area. Please send an email to [president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org) for more information on joining this networking opportunity.

If you are interested in developing a Chapter Neighborhood in the San Luis Obispo area, send an email to [president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org) and provide your contact information.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to meet fellow safety professionals, and who are most likely dealing with similar challenges



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## ASP Study Group

The Valley Coastal Chapter ASSP has started an ASP/CSP Study Group! The sessions started in September and will continue bi-weekly through December. Future dates are listed here:

### Online Study Sessions

September 16, 30  
October 7, 21  
November 4, 18, 23  
December 2, 16, 30

All sessions start at 5:30 p.m.

The topics to be reviewed are Science & Math, Science & Physics, Safety Management, Ergonomics, Fire Prevention, Emergency Response Management, Industrial Hygiene & Occupational Health, Environmental Management, Training Education and Communications and Law and Ethics.

All meetings will be held via Zoom and the invites will be sent out as the schedule is finalized. The first session is scheduled for September 16, 2021, at 5:30 PM and will begin with Law and Ethics.

To join the study group send an email to [president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:president-elect@valleycoastal.assp.org) with the Subject ASSP Study Group and include your name, phone number, email address and the date you are planning to take the exam.



## Safety 2022 Conference and Expo

Registration is now open for ASSP's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

The American Society of Safety Professionals is excited to announce a dynamic format for our 2022 annual conference and expo, along with a new date and location. You can expect an unmatched conference experience that is mindful of the public safety and health challenges we continue to face due to the pandemic. Get the high-quality professional content you expect from ASSP, with new ways to learn and engage both online and in person.



For More Information, Visit: <https://safety.assp.org>

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## OSHA releases COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Orders

On Thursday, November 4, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration filed an emergency temporary standard (ETS) in the office of the Federal Register regarding COVID-19 vaccination and testing. The rule establishes federal requirements for vaccination and testing for employees of large employers (100 or more employees). The deadline for implementation is January 4, in line with previous requirements for healthcare workers and employees of federal contractors.

### **Who is Affected?**

The ETS covers private employers with 100 or more employees as well as state and local government employers in states with OSHA approved state plans. The ETS does not cover those who are covered under the guidance for federal contractors and subcontractors or those impacted by the previously issued Healthcare ETS.

California must adopt requirements that are at least as effective as federal OSHA's requirements. There are also exceptions to the ETS for employees within the affected employers. Employees who do not report to a workplace where other workers are present, those who work from home or those who work exclusively outdoors will not be covered by the ETS.

### **What is Required?**

Impacted employers must:

- Develop and implement a mandatory vaccination policy and/or weekly COVID-19 testing and face mask policy.
- Determine vaccination status of all employees by obtaining proof of vaccination and maintain a roster of these employees.
- Support vaccination by allowing employees up to four hours of paid time to receive each vaccination dose and reasonable paid sick leave to recover from any side effects of the vaccine.
- Ensure testing of unvaccinated employees occurs at least weekly (in the workplace at least one a week) within 7 days before returning to work if away for a week or longer.
- Require employees to notify you of a positive COVID-19 test.
- Remove employees with positive tests from the workplace.
- Ensure unvaccinated employees wear face masks when indoors.
- Provide information in language and literacy levels accessible to each employee.

For more information, or for instructions on how to submit comments on the ETS, visit:

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2> or,

[OSHA Issues Emergency Temporary Standard on Vaccination and Testing \(assp.org\)](https://www.assp.org)



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## Newsroom

The American Society of Safety Professionals is your source for insights on trends in the safety profession, including developments in safety management, worker safety, government and regulatory affairs and standards.

### **ASSP Looks Forward to Working with the New Head of OSHA**

PARK RIDGE, IL — The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), the world's oldest professional safety organization, is pleased to learn of Monday's U.S. Senate confirmation of Doug Parker to lead the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) as the 13th assistant secretary of labor.

"This leadership role was unoccupied for too long, and the position is more important than ever given the workplace safety challenges created by the pandemic and the continuing evolution of how work is performed," said ASSP President Brad Giles, P.E., CSP, STS, FASSP, GIOSH. "We recognize that Doug is a strong proponent of protecting workers and believe his public policy experience will help OSHA. We look forward to working with Doug and his staff on many occupational safety and health issues."

Founded in 1911, ASSP represents 36,000 occupational safety and health professionals worldwide in advancing safety in every industry. The Society is encouraged that the new head of OSHA is a longtime safety leader and advisor who plans to tackle national occupational safety and health challenges that are in line with others he has faced in his professional career, such as protecting workers from COVID-19 exposure and addressing the leading causes of workplace injuries and fatalities.

"It's vital to understand the risks people confront every day on the job and to recognize that these risks often have life-and-death implications," Giles said. "Workplace fatalities are preventable."

Moving forward, ASSP pledges to work with Parker and his staff in a shared mission of ensuring safe and healthy conditions for the nation's workforce. ASSP recently updated its OSHA guidance document, "[A Blueprint for Occupational Safety and Health Reform](#)," that the Society first created in 2017.

### **Three Keys to Preventing Serious Injuries and Fatalities**

In 2019, 5,333 workers lost their lives as a result of work-related injuries, the highest number of workplace fatalities since 2007. Keep these three keys in mind to help prevent serious injuries and fatalities at your organization. **For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**[Click here to visit the ASSP Newsroom for more update to news and articles!](#)**





## ASSP Member-Get-A-Member Program

Do you have friends, colleagues, and associated who would find value in ASSP membership? Tell them about ASSP by using our [Refer-A-Friend Email Tool](#).

The more of your friends who join as full members, the more you get rewarded.

REFER 2	REFER 4	REFER 6	
FREE On-Demand Webinar	X	X	X
FREE 1-Year Membership Extension		X	X
FREE \$50 Amazon Gift Card			X

*You've experienced the many benefits of belonging to the American Society of Safety Professionals. Invite your colleagues to join and help them connect with a community of great people who provide great resources.*

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## Interested in Presenting?

If you are interested in presenting at one of our Professional Development Meetings, please submit a proposal to [Programs@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:Programs@valleycoastal.assp.org). The Valley Coastal ASSP is always looking for speakers to help our members:

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

