



# VC Spotlight

## A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet

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### Valley Coastal Website

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

#### President's Message

As the 2023-24 year draws to a close, I am filled with immense gratitude for our leadership team's dedication and support. This journey has been both enriching and enlightening, offering us invaluable insights into how we can further enrich and broaden our chapter's experience and collective wisdom.

We have had some great speakers this year and learned a lot as we have finally come through COVID and began to meet in person. We plan to continue to push for more in person meetings next year and we have some exciting ideas – so stay tuned.

Reflecting on our accomplishments, I've made the decision to step aside and pass the torch to the next generation of visionaries. I am excited to see the innovative ideas and fresh perspectives they will bring to propel our group to new heights.

As we look forward to the future, I also extend an invitation to all those who have not yet had a chance to join us in our volunteer leadership efforts. There is immense joy and fulfillment in service, and our chapter thrives on the collective energy and compassion of our members. I encourage each one of you to reach out, bring a friend, and share the rewarding experience however small the commitment, as well as participating in the rich level of networking available.

I am humbly throwing my hat in as Secretary so that I can continue to serve but in a more subdued role for now.

Make sure you cast your ballot for our 2024-25 leadership. If you would like to serve in any capacity we would love to have you!

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## Valley Coastal Election

**Look in your email for your E- Ballot from Society and vote for the Chapter Leadership.**

### Chapter Officers

**PRESIDENT:** Chris Knudsen MS, CSP

Chris has led the chapter professional development sessions for the last four years and will continue to focus the chapter activities/meetings to enhance the chapter members ability to provide excellence safety leadership.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** Ross Kocen

Ross is a past president and bring volumes of experience in guiding the chapter to enhance member value.

**TREASURER: FABIOLA** Garcia, CSP, ASP, ARM. **Is current Treasurer and has completed the Chapter financial Report without errors for the last 4 years.**

**SECRETARY:** Lori Elder, CSP most recent Past President, her organizations skills are well suited for maintaining the chapter's documentation.

**ADVISORY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE:** Rosa Salame has been committed to the Valley Coastal Chapter serving as Chapter Secretary for the past four years. She will bring the same commitment and excellence to represent the chapter's relationship with Society Leadership

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## Save the Date – Upcoming Chapter Events

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**May:** 2024 Chapter Members Survey will be sent out to get your ideas to improve your membership benefits.

Look for the Survey link in your email.

### June 19, 2024: New Leadership Installation

**Location to be announced.**

Meet your newly elected chapter officers, socialize with them and other fellow safety professionals. Take this opportunity to provide input to meeting topics or activities for the coming year.

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## Need CEU's?

### **Join a Safety Organization**

Membership in safety organizations (such as this one) provides the opportunity to grow in the profession, connect with safety colleagues and earn CEUs. You earn 1 point per year for membership in a national organization and 0.50 points per year for membership in a regional, state, or local organization.

### **Become a Volunteer Leader**

Taking the next step from joining a safety organization to assuming a leadership role within that organization can earn you another 1 point per year CEUs. Whether you're serving a chapter, practice specialty, common interest group or at the Society level, being a volunteer leader can be life-changing. When I talk to folks about how to professionally develop, one of my first recommendations is to join ASSP," Richardson says. "But most importantly become a leader, participate, serve and make your mark."

### **Give a Safety Conference Presentation**

You can earn CEUs not only by continuing your own education, but also by educating others and contributing to the advancement of the safety profession. Presenting at a safety conference will raise your profile in the safety community, establish your expertise and earn you CEUs. You earn .25 points per year for presenting sessions of 15-60 minutes, a typical Chapter meeting.

## Valley Coastal Meeting & Resources

Register on Valley Coastal’s Website by [Clicking Here](#).

Visit the [Valley Coastal Website](#) for resources and presentations from previous meetings. Here are some quick links for our most recent events:

### Valley Coastal Meeting Presentations & Videos

<a href="#">June 2023 – Cal OSHA Update</a>
<a href="#">March 2023 – Drug Testing Update – What is New?</a>
<a href="#">February 2023 - The Five Dysfunctions of a Team</a>
<a href="#">February 2023 - Dysfunction in your Safety Team? (Video)</a>
<a href="#">January 2023 - Construction Suicide Prevention (Video)</a>
<a href="#">November 2022 - Hazard Communication</a>
<a href="#">November 2022 - Haz Com Review (Video)</a>
<a href="#">October 2022 - Cal OSHA Updates &amp; Resources</a>
<a href="#">September 2022 - Beyond the Code - How to Keep Businesses Open After an Earthquake</a>

We’ll see you at our June Network event!





Take the Next Step in Your Career!

Workplace safety and health will continue to evolve, and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) will connect you with industry expertise, a network of like-minded peers and the latest innovations. Registration is now open for our 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Conference and Expo. We'll see you in Denver!

Note the special August dates this year: Wednesday, August 7 – Friday, August 9, 2024

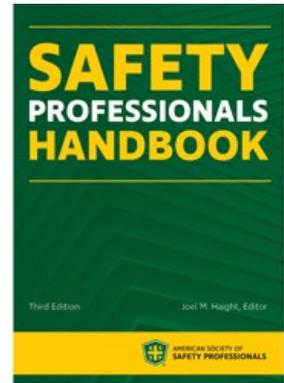
**Visit the Conference Website Here: [safety.assp.org](https://safety.assp.org)**

**If you plan on going – let us know so that the chapter can put together a get together!**

## Newsroom

### **ASSP Publishes Third Edition of the Safety Professional's Handbook**

The handbook, first released in 2008, has become a standard reference guide for safety professionals and students across all industries. It also has been adopted by several colleges as a classroom text. Now in one volume, the third edition continues ASSP's commitment of providing a comprehensive resource that can be easily understood at all levels of experience. Approximately 90 expert practitioners present the latest research and practical applications in occupational and environmental safety and health.



[Click Here to Visit the ASSP Bookstore](#)

### **National Safety Stand-down to Prevent Falls is May 6 – 10, 2024**

Falls from height are the leading cause of death for construction workers, with more than 350 fatalities and 20,000 serious injuries occurring each year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Workers face risks on roofs, above floor openings and even at lower levels.

“No matter the job, worker injuries and fatalities are preventable,” said fall protection expert Thom Kramer, P.E., CSP, vice president of finance on ASSP’s Board of Directors. “Companies can create safe environments by using prevention through design principles, providing the right equipment and training everyone involved. It’s also a great idea to implement a fall protection program that follows our recently updated Z359.2 consensus standard.” [Click Here to Learn More](#)

### **OSHA Releases 2023 Injury and Illness Data**

OSHA has released [2023 injury and illness data](#) collected under its [Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses regulation](#) published in July 2023. The data include specific information submitted by more than 375,000 establishments on OSHA Form 300A, Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. It also includes individual injuries and illnesses for employers with 100 or more employees in select high-hazard industries. The agency also posted partial data from more than 850,000 OSHA Form 300, Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, and Form 301, Injury and Illness Incident Report records. [Click Here to Learn More](#)

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

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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 [President@valleycoastal.assp.org](mailto:President@valleycoastal.assp.org). The Valley Coastal ASSP is always looking for speakers to help our members:

Identify key issues facing SH&E professionals

- Expand knowledge to improve 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

