

VC Spotlight

A Place for Safety Professionals to Meet



Valley Coastal ASSE Newsletter

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President's Message

Our January meeting was educational and enjoyable. We met at the Exelis Van Nuys facility and learned about Radio Frequency Safety. This facility is at the forefront of developing radar and other radiofrequency devices. We were able to view the environmental testing labs and observe the safety protocols in place during live testing. I would like to extend my thanks to Jonathan Cooper, for his excellent presentation and also to Exelis' gracious hosting of our meeting.

As we start the New Year, it's time to think about the leadership to support our chapter. We are looking to develop the slate of officers for the 2015/16 chapter year.





Let us know how we are doing:

General issues or Feedback	Feedback@valleycoastal.asse.org
Membership Assistance	Membershipchair@valleycoastal.asse.org
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Valley Coastal Chapter Leadership

We're looking for members that would like to participate in the leadership of our chapter.

The nominations committee is now accepting the names of individuals that would like to run for elected office in the Valley Coastal Chapter. The elected individuals will hold their offices from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

To run for elected office you must be a society member for at least one year prior to entering the office. Also, for the offices of President, President-Elect, Vice President must be a Professional Member or Member. In addition, the individual must be willing to commit to the time necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of their position.

Elected officers of the chapter are: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,
Delegate to the Society of Delegates

The Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Paul Wheeler, Past President 13-14; His accepting nominations at pwheeler@princesscruises.com.

Next Meeting:

March 17, 2015

11:30 Hampton Inn & Suites

5638 Sepulveda Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91411



Disaster Preparedness: A New Look

Glen Granholm, Director of Seismic Services Programs

A thirty year veteran in management and marketing, Glen joined the SAFE-T-PROOF/ETC team in 2006, where he helped manage Los Angeles area operations and projects involving clients such as City of Hope National Medical Center, Adobe Systems and Johnson and Johnson. In 2007 he was instrumental in the company receiving recognition in the international “Out of the Box” contest, sponsored by UPS, where SAFE-T-PROOF was named “One of the Most Innovative Companies in the World.”

The next year, Glen moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he directed the NPC-3 seismic retrofit project at San Ramon Regional Medical Center. Following that project, Glen led the ETC team through the completion of multiple additional construction projects at the facility, including the new, state-of-the-art “Breast Center at San Ramon”.

As the coordinator of outreach and education for the Bay Area Earthquake Alliance, Glen is heavily involved in the Seismic Readiness education of businesses, schools and communities throughout the region. He is also a member of the Cascadia Region Workgroup. Glen is a frequent speaker at California organizations such as the American Society of Safety Engineers and the International Facility Managers Association.

Please RSVP by sending an email to president@valleycoastal.asse.org

Save the date and mark your calendar for the May 19 Chapter Meeting



WELCOME TO SAFETY 2015 - BIG THINGS HAPPEN HERE

Expand your capabilities, connect with your peers and get inspired at the ASSE Safety 2015 Professional Development Conference & Exposition. Only an educational event of this caliber can bring together the most distinguished speakers and strategic sessions covering the latest topics and trends. It's sure to leave you not only inspired, but up-to-date on the latest evolution of OSH strategies, skills and innovations. Connect with more than 4,000 of your peers.

Register today at <http://www.safety2015.org/>

Certified Safety Professional Study Group



Valley Coastal ASSE is currently exploring the possibility of forming a formal study group for safety professionals interested in sitting for the Associate Safety Professional (ASP), and the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designations. If you are interested in attending, please contact Timothy Karcz at tim.karcz@gmail.com.

Location, dates, and times for the study group will be determined as soon as we have an understanding of who is interested in participating.

Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) are persons who perform at least 50% of professional level safety duties, including making worksite assessments to determine risks, assessing potential hazards and controls, evaluating risks and hazard control measures, investigating incidents, maintaining and evaluating incident and loss records, and preparing emergency response plans. Other duties could include hazard recognition, fire protection, regulatory compliance, health hazard control, ergonomics, hazardous materials management, environmental protection, training, accident and incident, investigations, advising management, record keeping, emergency response, managing safety programs, product safety and/or security.

For more information, contact tim.karcz@gmail.com.

ASSE Newsroom

ASSE Invites Kids to Enter Art and Video Contests Touting Workplace Safety

It is time once again for students around the world to sharpen their pencils and charge up their video cameras as the American Society of Safety Engineers announces the kick-off of its 2015 Workplace Safety Poster and Video Contest in recognition of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week. ASSE invites children ages 5 to 13 to create posters, and children 14 to 18 to create videos, celebrating this year's theme: "Everyplace Is Someone's Workplace."

First place finishers in each age group will receive \$1,000 in cash. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2015 with winners announced on or before April 15, 2015. Awards will be presented to the top winners in each of four age groups of the poster contest and each of three age groups for the video contest during the week of May 3-9, 2015. Check www.asse.org/naosh for details.

"The American Society of Safety Engineers is so proud to sponsor these contests," said ASSE President Trish Ennis. "Workplace safety should be a high priority in every household. Families depend on parents getting home safe and healthy. Additionally, occupational safety and health is a wonderful career option and ASSE is delighted to help introduce young people to the possibility of a solid career of which they may not have considered or been aware."

ASSE Seeks Nominations for the 2015 Triangle Award

The American Society for Safety Engineers today announced the opening of nominations for the third annual [Triangle Award for heroic dedication to the occupational safety and health profession](#). ASSE will accept nominations through April 1, 2015 and present the Triangle Award on May 6, 2015 in Washington, D.C. during ASSE's weeklong observance of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH Week). The Triangle Award is presented in honor of the 146 garment workers who died in the 1911 New York City Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, generally regarded as the event that began the current era of rules and regulatory standards created to protect the safety and health of workers the world over.

"It is important that we not just remember, but properly honor, those lives given in the cause of safety and health that has saved countless millions since," said ASSE President Trish Ennis. "The people who died on the 8th and 9th floors of that building did not go to work that day looking to be champions of a cause or pioneers of a movement. But we honor them for having done just that."

Jeremy Bethancourt, of the LeBlanc Building, Company in Phoenix, Arizona received the inaugural Triangle Award for his work in advancing fall protection equipment. Last year's winner, Stefan Bright, is Safety Director for the International Window Cleaning Association. Bright established a field manual, training and standards that helped reduce fatalities among professional window washers.

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<https://learn.asse.org/live-webcasts>

On Demand Offerings

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[ANSI/AIHA/ASSE Z10-2012 - Standard for Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems](#)

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[Risk Management for the SH&E Professional](#)

[Safety Issues in the Upstream Oil and Gas Sector](#)

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Visit <http://www.asse.org/education/virtualclassroom.php> for more information.

Would you like to present at a future VCASSE Meeting?

Valley Coastal ASSE invites those interested in presenting at one of its Professional Development Meetings to submit a proposal to programs@valleycoastal.asse.org. Valley Coastal ASSE 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



Visit the ASSE Region 1 Website!

The ASSE Region 1 is made up of 20 Chapters and now has a new Web Page, <http://region1.asse.org/>. you will find links to other member chapters, Regional and National news updates along with links to ASSE Industry & Interest Groups - Enjoy networking, service and leadership opportunities, technical and educational resources, publication opportunities and access to leadership guidance and advice and Government Affairs Resources – Keep up with Safety legislation, ASSE is committed to ensuring that any decision by federal or state government impacting the safety health and environment of the workplace is based on good science and sound technology