



VC Spotlight

A place for Safety Professionals to Meet

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Valley Coastal Website

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

President's Message

Welcome Members,

I would like to share some chapter upcoming dates and events. To begin with, I would be remiss if I didn't first thank all the volunteers, committee members and officers who make this chapter operate successfully. These members have given their time and efforts in order to give you (membership) value for joining the ASSP Valley Coastal Chapter. We are currently seeking volunteers for next year. If you're interested, please contact me at president@valleycoastal.assp.org.

We have recently received feedback from members reflecting possible and positive changes for our chapter. I encourage all members to speak up and provide their likes, dislikes, and suggestions for ways to make our chapter better. All request and suggestions are discussed with the chapter officers, committee members, and anyone who wants to be involved. While not every suggestion or recommendation can be implemented; rest assured all will be given serious and fair consideration. Below are two of the suggestions I hear most often.

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Mark Your Calendars! Next Meeting - March 19

Topic: Accident Investigation: Why it makes sense.

Presenter: John McCabe, CSP

Airtel Hotel, Van Nuys, Ca
7277 Valjean Avenue,
Van Nuys, CA

Presidents Message Continued.....

Two of the suggestions made were

Item #1 – To have a buffet instead of a plated lunch. The members who suggested this change felt a buffet lunch would enable members to have time to network with other members while mingling prior to the speaker's presentations.

Item #2 – was to find a different venue to hold meetings.
We have secured a new venue located at:

Airtel Hotel Van Nuys

7277 Valjean Avenue,
Van Nuys, CA

This is the same venue where we hold the PDC event. We will be hosting a buffet style lunch. The speaker will be John McCabe. See the website for additional information about John's topic.

It's never good to make too many changes in a short time. "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time". Member's feedback is necessary in order to know if this was a good move for the chapter. It has to make sense for our membership. I look forward to getting your feedback at the March 19th meeting.

In addition, I would like to thank my spotlight members for stepping up for more involvement in the chapter and volunteering their services. Thank you, Danial and James. It's members like you who volunteer their time that makes our chapter work. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and efforts to assist the Chapter. Each of you have worth and value to the success of our chapter.

Sincerely,

Maddie Vaughan,
VCASSP President

Upcoming Officer Elections

The Valley Coastal Chapter is looking for interested individuals willing to participate in the chapter's ongoing operations. If you are interested in running for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please email us at president@valleycoastal.assp.org

Chapter Meeting - March 19, 2019

Accident Investigation: Why it makes sense

Join us for the January 2019 American Society of Safety Professionals - Valley Coastal Chapter (VCASSP) Technical Luncheon which will focus on Accident Investigation methodology and techniques.

Presenter: John McCabe, CSP, QEP, CEM

Mr. McCabe is the President of MEHS Consulting Inc. and Past President of the VCASSP. He has managed national and international environmental, health & safety issues with Fortune 500 organizations. He has conducted accident investigations following major events and will be sharing his experience in the area. His presentation will be on Accident Investigation methodology, techniques, and issues with focus on:

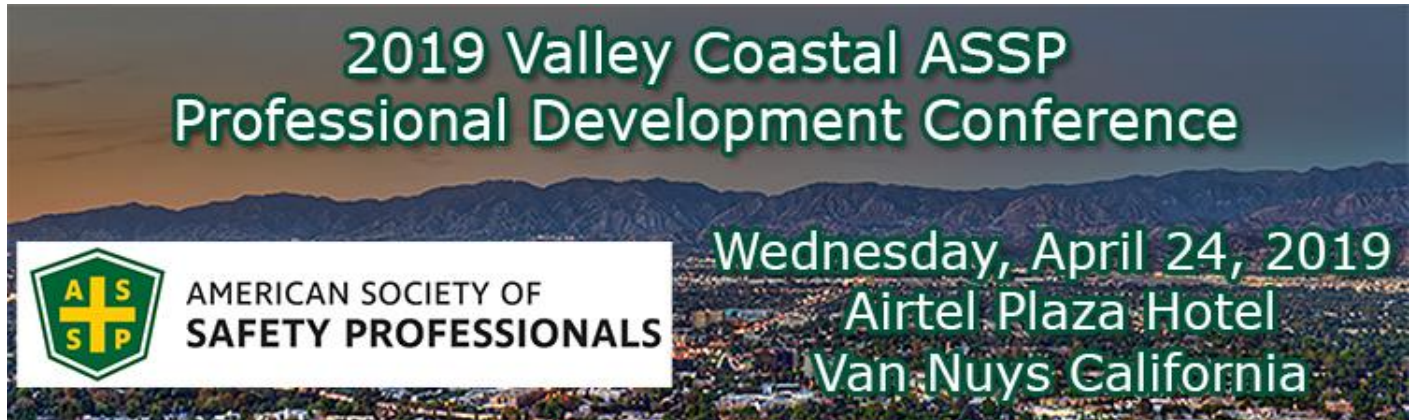
- History and methodology
- Steps to conducting thorough investigations
- Potential Accident Investigation Problems
- Addressing Human Factors

Location:
Airtel Hotel
7277 Valjean Avenue
Van Nuys, CA
11:30 a.m.

\$25.00 (includes lunch)

RSVP: president@valleycoastal.assp.org





The 2019 Valley Coastal ASSP PDC will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at The Airtel Plaza Hotel located at **7277 Valjean Avenue, in Van Nuys California**. The event runs from 8:30am - 4:00pm, with the opening keynote beginning at 8:30am. Breakfast and lunch were included for all in attendance.

CEUs - Attendees will receive 0.5* Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Credits for attending the PDC (*pending approval).

Valley Coastal ASSP PDC Schedule of Events:

<https://www.valleycoastalpdc.com/media/VC2019Schedule.pdf>

Click Here for More Information or to Register Now:

<https://valleycoastal.assp.org/events/2019-valley-coastal-assp-pdc/>

Register Early & Save:

Attendees (**save \$50**) - [Click here](#)

Sponsor/Exhibitor Registration (**save \$100**) - [Click here](#)

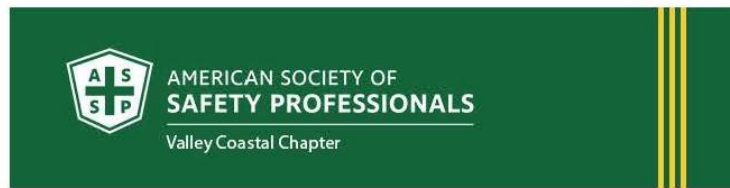
Sponsorship & Exhibitor Opportunities - [Click here](#)

To register by mail or fax - [Click here](#)

Group Discounts - Additional discounts are available for Groups of 4+ attendees, Save \$100, e-mail pdc@vcpdc.com for more details.

If you need immediate assistance, you can contact Erika May at 661-472-6591 or e-mail us at pdc@vcpdc.com.

2019 Safety Event Calendar



2019 Safety Events and Dates

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION
March 21, 22, 2019	Pacific Coast Safety Fest	CSUDH	Carson, CA
March 28 – 31, 2019	<u>RRCA National Convention</u>	RRCA	New Orleans
March	<u>National Ladder safety month</u>	Ladder Institute (ALI)	
April 8-12, 2019	<u>Nat'l Work Zone Awareness Week</u>	atssa.com	
April 28-May 1 2019	<u>RIMS National Conference</u>		Boston
April 8 – 10, 2019	<u>Safety Summit</u>	BLR	Austin, TX
May 6-10, 2019	<u>National Safety Stand-Down</u>	OSHA	National
May 20-22, 2019	<u>American Industrial Hygiene Conf.</u>	AIH	Minneapolis
May	<u>National Electrical Safety Month</u>	NECA	National
May 14-16, 2019	<u>Risk Management & Insurance Conf.</u>		Denver
June 9-15, 2019	<u>ASSP National Convention</u>	ASSP	New Orleans
June	<u>National Safety Month</u>	NSC	National
Aug. 12-18, 2019	<u>Safe + Sound Week</u>	OSHA	National
Aug. 27-30, 2019	<u>National VPPPA S & H Conference</u>	OSHA	National
Sept. 7-13, 2019	<u>NSC Congress & Expo</u>	NSC	San Diego
Oct 7 – 9, 2019	Cal/OSHA summit	BLR	Los Angeles

Connecting with ASSP Community

Imagine a digital space where ASSP members can all come together, connect with each other, share resources and expand their professional networks. Well imagine no more, the [ASSP Community](#) has made such an online space a reality. The launch of this new platform offers an exclusive space where ASSP members can become thought leaders and engage with other members around the globe. If you have a best practice to share or you're looking for help with a safety problem, the ASSP Community offers the opportunity to provide your expertise and ask questions of other safety professionals who may have encountered a similar problem in their workplace.

"I joined the virtual ASSP Community to leverage the knowledge from others in similar industries as me," says Bradford Burns, P.E.

"I understand we all face challenges seeking resolutions to safety issues. Pulling from the experiences of everyone helps us all succeed in our ultimate goal of providing a safe working environment."



Interested in learning more about a practice specialty or common interest group? Whether you're looking to join a particular group or are already a member, the community offers a direct connection to engage with members and leaders of the respective groups, find out the latest news and events, hear what other members are talking about and expand your knowledge. Through the Community, members can engage in discussion threads with categories such as "safety technical talk," "community chatter" and "customer service" to connect and engage with both Society staff, as well as members outside of their chapter or region.

Looking to connect with a particular ASSP member? The ASSP Community features an ASSP member directory where users can search members by name, credentials, job title or company name, thereby streamlining the process for connecting with like-minded safety professionals around the world.

If you haven't yet joined ASSP Community, [log in today](#), upload a profile picture and start a conversation with your 38,000 fellow ASSP members.

Newsroom

H.R. 1074 Update

Introduced on February 7th, H.R. 1074 is to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protections for whistleblowers, to increase penalties for high gravity violations, to adjust penalties for inflation, to provide rights for victims or their family members, and for other purposes. Several version of the bill are still circulating. Updates will be provided when the first introduced version appears.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1074?s=4&r=235>

Temporary Enforcement Policy for Evaluation and Documentation of Crane Operators

The Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Qualifications final rule published on November 8, 2018, requires employers to document their evaluation of their crane operators (see 29 CFR 1926.1427(f)(6)). To provide more time for employer compliance with new evaluation and documentation requirements, OSHA already made the effective date February 7, 2019. While OSHA will be fully enforcing the requirement that employers must evaluate their operators before allowing them to operate cranes independently, this memorandum provides guidance on the enforcement of the documentation requirement.

OSHA has received feedback from the construction industry indicating some employers may need more time to document evaluations of crane operators prior to the February 7, 2019, effective date. During the first 60 days of enforcement (until April 15, 2019), OSHA will evaluate good faith efforts taken by employers in their attempt to meet the new documentation requirements for operators of cranes used in construction. During this period, OSHA intends to offer compliance assistance, in lieu of enforcement, for those employers who have evaluated operators in accord with the final rule and are making good faith efforts to comply with the new documentation requirement. If, upon inspection, it is determined that an employer has failed to make sufficient efforts to comply, OSHA should cite for that deficiency.

Please consult the National Office DOC before issuing any proposed citations arising during this time period that are related to documenting crane operator evaluations. Beginning April 15, 2019, OSHA will fully enforce all applicable provisions of the final rule.

Click here for more information:

https://www.osha.gov/doc/documents/temp_enforcement_policy_02072019.html

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

Online Learning Resources



cpwr.com – The first stop for information on our research, training, and service programs, and related products and resources.



elcosh.org – An online library of safety and health materials for construction workers, employers, researchers, and other stakeholders.



safeconstructionnetwork.org – Use this site to connect with others interested in advancing construction safety and health, find new resources or share your own, and identify new research or community partners.



bestbuiltplans.org – Provides contractors and workers with practical tools and information to plan for safe materials handling while staying productive and profitable. Access the job site planning tool, training resources, and interactive coaching exercises created to reduce manual materials handling (MMH) and prevent sprain and strain injuries.



ecd.cpwrconstructionsolutions.org – An interactive tool for the construction industry that helps predict exposure to workplace hazards using objective exposure measurements.



stopconstructionfalls.com – Visit our website and join the ongoing Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction.



silica-safe.org – A one-stop source of information on how to prevent a silica hazard and comply with the standard, including a free online planning tool to create a silica control plan.



safetyclimateassessment.org – Use this tool to help your company gain a more detailed understanding of its safety climate. Visit **cpwr.com** for S-CAT for small contractors and other safety climate information.



cpwrconstructionsolutions.org – Find practical control measures to reduce or eliminate a variety of construction hazards.



safecalc.org – Evaluate the financial impact of a safer solution using this free online calculator.



nailgunfacts.org – Learn about the potential injuries workers face when using nail guns and how to reduce and eliminate the risks.



ChooseHandSafety.org – Find information on the risk of hand injuries and ways to prevent them, including what to look for when choosing hand tools and gloves.



btmed.org – Learn about the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program and its goal to provide free medical screenings to construction workers who helped build our nation's nuclear defense sites.



esmartmark.org – Contact your international union to access this site created by NABTU to distribute the Smart Mark training curriculum.

Member Spotlight

James Campbell, CSP

BIO

I attended Murray State University where I received my undergrad and Masters in Occupational Safety and Health. Upon graduation, I moved to New Orleans to work for Chevron as an Operations Health, Environment, and Safety Specialist and then as a Technical Advisor for safe work practices and BBS. For the last two years, I have served as the Sr. EHS Manager at Apeel Sciences in Santa Barbara where I lead the safety and health program development for a successful startup managing complex engineering and laboratory R&D challenges.



I got into safety after spending my childhood hearing my grandfather tell stories from growing up with a father who ran a sawmill in rural Tennessee, including the story of how my grandfather lost his right eye at 17 in an occupational accident. It wasn't until college that I realized safety was a subject of academic study and a worthwhile profession. I immediately gave up my dreams of being a philosopher and haven't looked back.

My ultimate goal is to help companies achieve safety excellence by leading organizations and teams towards learning to understand how to identify, assess, and manage their unique risks. I am always excited to take on new challenges and find ways to learn and help others grow.

James Campbell, CSP
Senior Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager



Safety and Health Historical Society



NEWS RELEASE

Are you interested in the rich history of safety and health and the many individuals, events, organizations and innovations that made safety and health practice what it is today?

If so, please visit the **Safety and Health Historical Society (SHHS)** web site (www.safetyandhealthhistory.org) and consider participating as an individual patron. Visit the "Resources" section to learn about numerous free articles, web sites, and other items on S&H history. SHHS is a new, non-profit, educational and charitable organization open to all individuals and organizations. Participation fees are tax deductible.

Are you familiar with any of the following? These are but a few of the items covered in initial issues of the quarterly SHHS journal that patrons receive: *The Archives of Safety and Health*.

- After working in a 3-mile WV tunneling project in 1931 (Hawk's Nest Tunnel), about 700 individuals died of silicosis within 5 years of their employment.
- In the late 1800s, about 50,000 people in the US died annually from boiler explosions.
- At the end of WWII, upstart auto companies sought to introduce auto safety features that are now standard but were put out of business.
- The very sad school fire in 1958 at Our Lady of Angels School in Chicago killed 92 innocent children, but led to major improvements nationally in life safety for schools.
- Do you know about any of these important individuals who affected major changes in safety and health? Lorenzo Coffin, Garrett Morgan, Edward Atkinson, Hugh DeHaven
- Do you know why laws require school busses to open the entry door when stopping at a railroad crossing?
- How did the first "Fire Prevention Day" in the U.S. get started? By whom and when?

Learn from the past to advance your safety and health practice.

Visit www.safetyandhealthhistory.org!

Become a patron of SHHS!

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

