

ASIS
HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
4/21/10

The luncheon meeting was held at the Hess Club with Chapter Chairman Tom Hamilton presiding. We had 55 members and 7 guests for a total of 62 total guests for this month's luncheon.

Tom Hamilton - Called meeting to order

Butch Roberson - Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Tom introduced guests from around the room

Committee Reports:

Chris Dempster gave the treasury report

Tom Hamilton updated everyone on the newsletter

- It is in print
- Sponsorship is sold out again
- Susan Casias is the new editor

Golf Committee reported that there is a new venue for this year's event-The Woodlands

Tom Hamilton gave an update on the Chapter's annual security seminar

Announcements:

- Attending ceremonies at Sam Houston Sate University to award this year's scholarships Thursday evening
- The chapter's behind the scene work horse – David Cribbs, CPP Certification Chairman – Classes have one of the highest pass rates in all of ASIS
- David Cribbs made a special presentation to Dominick Verini of MD Anderson

Chuck Andrews, Safety Committee Chairman awarded this month's Officer of the Month

On January 12, 2010, District 2 units responded to a Robbery in progress call at the EZ Loan Money Services business located at 9659 North Beltway 8 East. Deputy Kraig Williamson arrived first on scene and observed the suspect inside the business sitting behind the teller counter waiting for the safe to open due to a time release delay. At the same time, the suspect observed Deputy Williamson through the window and then stood placing a handgun to one of the employee's head taking her hostage. The suspect then forced the employee out the front door toward Deputy Williamson. The suspect kept her positioned between him and Deputy Williamson utilizing her as a "human shield" while maintaining the position of the handgun to the hostage's head. The suspect placed the hostage in his vehicle and fled eastbound on Beltway 8.

Deputy Williamson was the primary unit leading the pursuit of the suspect for approximately six miles with speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour. The suspect lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch at the intersection of Lockwood and Garrett Road. The suspect fled into a wooded area east of the intersection. Deputy Williamson searched the vehicle concerned for the welfare of the hostage and preservation of evidence. After the hostage was removed from the vehicle, Deputy Williamson ensured she received emergency medical services from minor injuries due to the crash. Responding deputies apprehended the suspect in the woods approximately 100 yards from the crash. The suspect was charged with Aggravated Kidnapping and Aggravated Robbery.

Deputy Williamson exemplifies the professionalism and commitment to serve the community that is expected of Sheriff's Office personnel. His quick response ultimately led to the apprehension of a violent criminal and may have prevented additional criminal offenses from occurring in the future by this suspect. Deputy Williamson acted with great professionalism during the confrontation by continually providing information regarding suspect and vehicle description. Deputy Williamson acted without consideration to the imminent threat to his own personal safety while confronting an armed suspect with a hostage. Deputy Williamson should be commended for his actions and receive due recognition for his outstanding efforts.

Break for lunch

Tom Hamilton introduced this month's Speaker, Alex de Alvarez, Vice President of Security for the Apache Corporation

He holds both bachelors and master's degrees in political philosophy from the University of Dallas.

Shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mr. de Alvarez accepted a position as an infrastructure security expert with the U.S. Department of Energy. He was instrumental in setting up the Department of Homeland Security while serving in the White House Homeland Security Transition Planning Office during President George W. Bush's first administration.

His previous experience includes several years as a clandestine operations officer at the Central Intelligence Agency and as a captain in the United States Marine Corps.

In January 2008, he was appointed Vice President — Security for Apache

He is a member of Business Executives for National Security and the American Society for Industrial Security's CSO Roundtable. He serves on the board of the Energy Security Council, and on the Department of Homeland Security's Oil & Gas Sector Coordination Council.

It is my privilege to introduce our keynote speaker today, Mr. Alex de Alvarez.

For a copy of Mr. Alex de Alvarez's presentation, it will be posted to the local ASIS web site.

Tom Hamilton presented Mr. de Alvarez with a plaque of appreciation

With no more questions or business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.