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Houston Chapter Newsletter

ASIS Houston Chapter Members Donate \$7000 for Scholarships to the University of Houston Downtown Criminal Justice Department. This is possible because of the annual ASIS Golf Tournament.

Chairman's Message

Mike Mason, CPP
ASIS Chairman

The members of the Houston Chapter of ASIS International have good reason to be proud of our chapter, and all of the impressive work done by those members who are dedicated to ensuring our success. It has been these members who have brought the security management profession at all levels, private and public, together into a significant professional organization that has had a positive impact on the security for our area. This has been no small feat. This chapter's dedicated members donated significant time and effort to work on the various committees to carry out the goals, objectives, and activities in support of our vision for 2002, which is to improve the value of membership in the Houston Chapter.

Specific Accomplishments Include:

Training and Education Committee Co-Chaired by Richard Hill and Matt Silcox, CPP

- Held a free 4 hour Security Management Training Seminar on April 24, 2002, attended by 55 members featuring the following topics: Emergency Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Random Shooter-Workplace Violence Prevention, Emergency Communications, and Terrorism Response From a Corporate Perspective.
- Held a two day Security and Law Enforcement Management Seminar on September 14 and 15 in which almost 100 attendees learned about Ethics, Hiring International Employees, Emergency Management, Investigating Cyber Crime, Investigation of Occupational Fraud, USA Patriot Act, Texas Terrorism Preparedness, Cyber Crime Forensics, and Preparing for a Terrorist Attack from a Management Perspective.
- Held a free one-day seminar on Chemical Manufacturing Facility Security in which 100 attendees learned about Maritime Security, Emergency Response/Mutual Aid Teams, DOJ National Equipment and Training Drills for Homeland Defense, and FBI Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- Held a free one-day seminar on Public Venue Security at Space Center Houston in which more than 100 attendees learned about securing stadiums, convention center, and theme parks against terrorist attacks.

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CPP Update

Karim H. Vellani, CPP
ASIS CPP Chairman

The Houston Chapter has had a very successful year with the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) Program. With the support of the Chapter leadership, we have been able to build a strong educational foundation for ASIS Houston members by providing quality preparation courses and support. The chapter also updated the CPP Library by purchasing and updating the reference materials needed for the exam. These books and manuals are available to the Houston CPP Candidates for borrowing free of charge.

The chapter hosted two exam preparation courses this year with the help of Securitas (Pinkerton-Burns) and the University of Houston - Downtown. The first course, held at the Securitas offices, was an extensive 10-week course designed for all CPP Candidates regardless of how far along they were in their exam preparation. This class included over 30 CPP Candidates and some classes even topped 40 students. Utilizing the Chapter's strong CPP background, the classes were taught by 14 current CPP's who each provided instruction on the various topics covered in the exam. The chapter extends a grateful "Thank You" to the participating instructors. This 10-week course ended with a party for both the CPP Instructors and candidates which was sponsored by Lyondell Equistar who provided the food for the evening.

The second class was a crash course, held at the University of Houston - Downtown, designed for those CPP Candidates who are far along in their studies and are taking the exam by the end of the year. The seven exam topics were covered rapidly and focused on what ASIS International calls the "golden nuggets" of the exam.

Thus far in 2002, the Chapter is excited to extend it's congratulations to our six new Certified Protection Professionals: Gordon Taylor, CPP, Michael Peck, CPP, Steven Bourg, CPP, Bill Willoughby, CPP, Darin Dillon, CPP and Michael Sharp, CPP.

For more information on ASIS Houston Chapter's Certified Protection Professional program, log onto the Chapter's website at www.asishouston.org or contact Karim H. Vellani, CPP at kv@threatanalysis.com or (281) 494-1515.

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- Will hold a free one-day seminar on Refinery Security where 100 attendees will learn about Workplace Violence Prevention, Port Facility Protection, Transportation Security, Joint Task Force for Terrorism Response, and Emergency Response.

Golf Tournament Committee – Chaired by Shadow Herman

- Generated more income from the proceeds of the tournament than ever before.
 - Produced a quality event that brought credit to our organization.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY** – Enabled the chapter to present a check in the amount of \$7,000.00 to the University of Houston Downtown to fund criminal justice scholarships including those in the new security management degree.

Website and Newsletters Committee – Chaired by Mike Crocker CPP

- Contracted for a professional web master to design the Houston Chapter’s Web Site that went active at the first of the year.
- Procured funding in the form of donations necessary to pay for all of the expenses generated by the new web site.
- Began publishing a quality newsletter for the benefit of the chapter’s members in the fourth quarter of 2002.

Certified Protection Professional Liaison – Chaired by Karim Vellani, CPP

- Procured study materials necessary to outfit a functional CPP study library.
- Organized two quality CPP review classes that produced 6 successful candidates.

Membership Committee – Chaired by Mark Steinfort

- Coordinated with new members to facilitate their attendance at meetings.
- Invited members of other groups with interest in security management to attend meetings and training sessions.

Placement Committee – Chaired by John Brady

- Coordinated with employers across the country in hiring quality security management personnel.

Student Outreach Committee – John Kahn, CPP, Karim Vellani, CPP, Mike Mason, CPP

- Made presentations on being a member of ASIS to college students and criminal justice classes.
- Encouraged students to consider a career in security or law enforcement and membership in ASIS for professional development.

Program Committee – Chaired by Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang

- Contacted speakers to present quality programs to benefit of membership.
- Examples of speakers include the recently elected Lieutenant Governor who Chairs the Governor’s Committee on Homeland Security, the Captain of the Port for second largest port in the world, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Private Security, the Director of Aviation Security for the Houston area just to name a few.

Law Enforcement Liaison – Chaired by Mike Mallon

- Coordinated with area agencies to procure law enforcement officers to recognize for their valor and service to the community.
- Established the law enforcement officer of the year award.

Private Security Services Liaison – Chaired by John Kahn, CPP

- Informed the membership of the Commission’s activities as well as representing the concerns of the membership.

Houses of Worship Project Committee – Lewis Eakins assumed leadership of this committee

- Establish relationships with area clergymen interested in securing their churches.

Legislative Liaison – Chaired by Bob Cascino assisted by Mike Crocker, CPP

- Monitored the legislative activities of Texas Legislators on trips to Austin.
- Coordinated with the ASIS International Legislative Liaison to monitor national and international issues.

Secretary Pam Duncan continued to an outstanding job of attending all of the meetings, capturing the minutes, and providing the required reporting in a timely manner. She also sponsored the Public Venue Security Seminar at her facility.

Treasurer Bob Cascino continued his superior performance as the chief financial officer for the chapter as well as assisting with the golf tournament, legislative liaison, and private security services liaison.

Vice Chairman Mike Crocker, CPP has done a remarkable job of overseeing most all of these activities mentioned above to ensure successful execution and optimum results. This includes his assistance with meeting logistics, event coordination, and the CPP training program as well. Undoubtedly he will make a great Chairman next year.

Again my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for a job well done by all.

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*E/T/S is Education/Training/Seminars co-chaired by Mr. Hill and Mr. Silcox.

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Membership News

ASIS Houston Initiates Chapter Membership Program

by

Michael Crocker, CPP
ASIS Houston 2002 Vice-Chairperson
and
Robert Cascino
ASIS Houston 2002 Treasurer

Over the course of the past couple of years, the Executive Committee has worked to contain chapter costs while improving services delivered to the membership. Like all organizations costs do continue to increase, in spite of containment efforts. Accordingly, we have considered ways to offset costs and have concluded, on two separate occasions the need to adopt an ASIS Houston Chapter Membership Program. Since all the proceeds of the ASIS International membership dues are retained at the International level, local ASIS Chapters must finance their activities without support from the International office. In Houston, Chapter activities have historically been funded by the retention of seminar fees from the annual Security and Law Enforcement Management Training Conference, corporate sponsorships and other donations by businesses and individuals interested in the Chapter's activities.

The Chapter has historically, underwritten a number of activities as they do not generate sufficient revenue to cover all the incurred costs. The Monthly Chapter Luncheon, which includes Chapter guests, honored guests and invited speakers whom receive lunch free of charge, has run a deficit averaging 5% of the total cost for several years. The Chapter CPP Review requires updated texts and study materials which are underwritten by the Chapter as a service to those members interested in professional development. Regular donations to law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty or assistance to their families has also been funded by Houston Chapter funds.

As costs have risen, the Houston Chapter has resisted the temptation to raise activity fees on the 4 Hour Mini Seminars, the Monthly Chapter Luncheons or the annual Security and Law Enforcement Management Training Conference because a Chapter priority has always been to provide the maximum value possible for the minimum cost to active Houston Chapter members. In that spirit and with the goal of providing for basic Chapter activities without diminishing funds available to improving training opportunities, the Chapter Executive Committee twice concluded an annual Chapter membership dues of \$25.00 was indicated. The decision reached in April/May 2002 was reevaluated in October 2002 to insure that the decision taken was the best possible course of action for the Chapter as a whole.

Annual Chapter membership dues will **not** prevent any ASIS member from attending any Houston Chapter sponsored activity or event. Each activity or event will offer a Chapter member or nonmember price thus active members will receive

the lowest possible cost and recover their membership dues relatively quickly. Chapter nonmembers will only pay for those activities they agree to support. Of the 567 members coded by ASIS International to the Houston Chapter, only 7%-15% attend any given activity or event at one time.

When evaluating alternatives to local Chapter dues, it became clear that every member views chapter activities differently. It was concluded that receiving the lowest possible fee structure because their fees were financing the largest portion of Chapter costs should encourage the most active members. Included with this Chapter newsletter is an invoice for Chapter dues during 2003. Whether you conclude Chapter membership is right for you or prefer to support selected Chapter functions, every member of ASIS International is welcome to enjoy ASIS Houston's hospitality.

Crescent Real Estate Equities, Ltd. **Greenway Plaza** **Donates Free Parking for ASIS** **Monthly Luncheon**

Your parking is free because Crescent Real Estate Equities, Ltd. is graciously donating the parking fees at the monthly luncheon. Those fees are costing Crescent \$400-\$500 per luncheon. Please let Charles Hutchinson, Security Manager with Crescent know how much we appreciate their commitment to the ASIS Houston Chapter.

Annual Chapter Election **New Officers Elected at the** **November 20, 2002 Luncheon Meeting**

Chairman - Mike Crocker, CPP

Vice-Chairman - Mark Steinfort

Secretary - Pam Duncan

Treasurer - Bob Cascino

Next Meeting Date and Location

Next Meeting - December 18, 2002

11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Renaissance Houston Hotel

6 Greenway Plaza East

Houston, Texas 77046

Chapter Reservation Phone - 281-966-1534 or

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The University of Houston Downtown Announces its Intent to Offer a Masters of Science in Security Management

In order to support the efforts of UH-Downtown to begin offering a 36-hour thesis/non-thesis option Master of Science degree in Security Management in the fall of 2003, the Department of Criminal Justice is seeking input from the membership of ASIS-Houston. Part of the process in obtaining authorization from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to offer this degree is to demonstrate a need for such a program in the community. Your participation in completing the following brief survey and faxing it to: Dr. Beth Pelz (713) 221-2726, will assist in this needs assessment. If you receive this document electronically, and would like to email it back to me, the address is pelzb@uhd.edu. Thank you for your participation.

1. Please provide your name, organization and contact information so we can keep you informed about the development of the Security Management program.

Name _____ Company _____

Contact Information _____

2. If UHD had a Masters in Security Management, would you consider applying to that program?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
3. How many of your co-workers do you think would also be seriously interested in the Master of Science in Security Management?
 - a. 1-3
 - b. 4-6
 - c. 7-10
 - d. more than 10
4. Does your company reimburse employees for educational expenses?
 - a. total tuition and fees
 - b. partial reimbursement
 - c. does not provide educational reimbursement
5. If the graduate courses were offered one night a week from 6-8:30, how many courses would you be interested in taking in a single semester?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3