



## From the Chair...

by Mike Crocker, CPP – Chairperson

As Chapter Chairman, it has been my privilege during the past two years to advance our community outreach agenda through organizations in our community that serve the public interest. A partial listing of the organizations and groups supported by the Chapter includes:

- Rice University
- University of Texas Health Science Center
- University of Houston Downtown – Collage of Public Service, Criminal Justice Program
- Emergency Center Memorial Hermann Hospital
- City of Houston - Deputy Director of Aviation Public Safety Houston Airport System
- City of Houston Fire Department - District Chief Training Division
- Harris County, Texas – County Judge
- State of Texas - Texas Private Security Bureau
- State of Texas – Texas Homeland Security Director
- State of Texas – Chairman. Texas Private Sector Homeland Security Advisory Council
- U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston – Captain of the Port
- US Congress – Representative for the 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DSS) SAC for Houston
- US Attorney’s Office – Assistant US Attorney for Counterterrorism
- US Dept. of Justice – FBI Houston Public Information Officer
- Ellington Filed Task Force – Vice Chairman & Homeland Security Committee Chairman
- Veterans Museum of Texas - Chairman
- CRIME STOPPERS – Executive Director

- Gulf Coast Criminal Investigators Association – Co Chairmen
- InfraGard Houston Chapter
- Houston Military Affairs Committee Armed Forces Day Military Ball
- American Petroleum Institute (API) Workshops
- International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC)
- National Cargo Security Council (NCSC)
- International Counter Terrorism Officers Association (ICTOA)
- Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) – Gulf Coast & South Texas Chapters
- Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) – South Texas
- The McGowen Family Blood Drive (Parents of Quintuplets)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)– Houston Chapter
- The Chapter provided the community support essential to establishing the Masters in Security Management (MSM) Degree at the University of Houston Downtown (UHD).

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- Hosted the arrival of delegates from National Chung-Cheng University in Taiwan. Currently providing promotional support to a delegation from UHD to National Chung-Cheng University in Taiwan called the Bayou Connection.
- Diplomatic Consulates of the European Union Nations in Houston sought support and analysis during a presentation from Chapter Chair Michael Crocker, CPP. Nations involved included Britain, Spain, Italy, Canada, Germany, France, Sweden, Portugal and Greece.
- The British Consulate General in Houston has received substantial support from the Chapter, lead by the Chapter Chair, for the following engagements:
  - UK Pipeline Integrity Trade Mission Feb 04
  - UK- US Port Security Trade Mission March 04
- Supported the ASIS International Houston Houses of Worship providing free security survey services to area churches by qualified security professional within the Chapter.
- Co-Sponsored the US Attorney's Office Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) February 2004 Meeting with AIG American General.

The Chapter is a vital foundation from which professional development and networking are continuously facilitated. We have only begun to explore the potential that the application of our collective experience and knowledge will offer to combat the challenging security issues of our time. Plan to participate in a Chapter activity or on a Chapter committee and be a contributing member of the ASIS International Houston Team.



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# Master of Security Management Graduate Program - UHD

By Dr. Frank Williams, UHD

The Criminal Justice Department at the University of Houston-Downtown began a new graduate program, the Master of Security Management, this Fall Semester. There are currently fifteen students admitted in the program and four departmental faculty who are teaching courses. Those enrolled represent a variety of fields and interests, range from individuals relatively new to the field to experienced security managers, and are a multinational group. The program offers courses to accommodate student needs varying from full-time to one course a semester. Even though "new," program members have been busy, as the activities below indicate.

Houston ASIS Chapter members and program students and faculty participated in the Southwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting this past October. The result was SWACJ's first ever complete panel focused on security concerns, chaired by Darin Dillon, CPP. Presenting papers were Jason Bible ("Analysis of Stolen Sources of Radioactive Materials and Possible Deterrents"), Mike Mason, CPP ("Contractor Labor Fraud"), and Jerry Flores, with Dr. Hsiao-Ming Wang, ("Optimal Span of Control: An Empirical Study of Security Professionals"). Dean Beth Pelz was SWACJ's outgoing President and Dr. Marilyn McShane was the program chair. It was a pretty impressive first outing.

The program and faculty also entertained several international visitors this past semester. A special delegation from Albania requested and received a presentation on international money laundering. A Chinese group responsible for designing security measures for their forthcoming Olympics site discussed issues with Richard Hill and Hsiao-Ming Wang. Finally, the Director General of Taiwan's Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau and a group of dignitaries were hosted at a luncheon and dinner. Several faculty, students, and Houston-area security experts participated in the events. Dir. General Yeh promised even closer relations with his office over the next year.

More events, projects, and activities are in the works for Spring. Those will be announced in future newsletters. Meanwhile, those interested in applying for the graduate program are encouraged to get their applications in as soon as possible.

# The Newly Elected Chair Speaks

by Darin Dillon, CPP

What an exciting year this has been. Experiencing a few growth opportunities this past year and now accepting even more responsibilities, I am excited to assume my new role as your ASIS Houston Chapter Chairman. Being quite spoiled in having Mike Crocker, CPP guide our local chapter to this great place in our chapter's history, we now have our work cut out in further advancing his activities. Speaking with many of our members these past few months, we have begun to receive attention from folks we never thought possible. Planning for the coming year and looking to build upon the momentum of our past successes, I ask for feedback regarding the programs, speakers, industry issues, website, committees and community services we are able to provide.

Reflecting upon the "mission of ASIS International" our foundation is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs/materials that address security interests/topics. ASIS also advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, the media, governmental entities and the public. By providing members and the security community with access to a full range of programs, services and publications, ASIS leads the way for advanced and improved security performance.

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# The Ever Evolving World of Airport Security

By Greg H. Walker, J.D., ARM  
Airport Security Manager, Houston Airport Systems

There are basically two security components at an international airport such as George Bush Intercontinental Airport: local airport security (Houston Airport System Public Safety & Technology Division) and the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

One of the most well known security features at any commercial airport is the passenger screening checkpoints which are under the control of the TSA. You know them as the place where you take off your shoes, put your carry-on baggage through X-ray machines and walk through a metal detector and sometimes, even more. The latest news in this area is that since the Russian airplane bombings all passengers are now required to take off any outer garment such as a coat (topcoat, jacket, suit coat, etc.), sweaters, etc. providing that the divestment of the same does not take you down to lingerie or underwear. Also, and somewhat controversial is the more intrusive "pat down" search that is often conducted and which many women find personally invasive as a female TSA screener touches the areas above, below and between their breasts. A good hint for the traveler is to wear slip on shoes with socks, wear as little metal as possible and have it ready to immediately put in the X-ray trays, along with your shoes, your outer garment (if one) and your carry on. It is also helpful to have your laptop computer out of its case. Remember that you will also need to have a picture ID,

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preferably a valid driver's license or passport, ready to show both the pre-screener and the screener, along with your boarding pass. If you have any metal body parts, you should advise the screener at the walk through metal detector as you start to walk in — this will result in your being subjected to secondary screening — sometimes a doctor's letter, on their letterhead, is somewhat helpful, but not required. By the way, Bush Intercontinental and Hobby have some of the best (fastest, least) waiting times to get through TSA screening in the United States.

Besides screening passengers, TSA also screens even checked luggage 100%, in most instances. The exciting news in luggage screening is that at Bush we are installing the latest in in-line baggage screening which will greatly speed up checked baggage screening and will result in fewer hand searches of your checked luggage.

All other facets of security at our Houston airports are, as to security, under the jurisdiction of the Houston Airport System (HAS) Public Safety & Technology Division (PS&T). That includes, but is not limited to, the public areas, the sterile area (other than the checkpoints proper), the roadways, the cargo areas, the ramps where the planes park to load and unload, the taxiways and runways, the various perimeters, and the undeveloped areas. For example, Bush Intercontinental is approximately 12,000 acres and we are acquiring more land — we have approximately 37 miles of specialized security fencing around the airport. In addition, PS&T handles all of the technology, both data and voice, operates a fully outfitted Security Dispatch Center at each airport (except for Ellington Field which does not have any commercial traffic), handles all ID badging and access control, and

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much much more. PS&T also is the coordinator for HAS with the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department, both of which has full time personnel on the airports and for which the City is fully reimbursed by the Houston Airport System.

The exciting new things going on in PS&T include the near completion of a Security Master Plan which will look forward out to 2017. There is the continuing development of the Airport Rangers equestrian program where over 650 equestrian volunteers are available and many do ride the outer perimeter on a regular basis — during the recent Presidential election we had Rangers scheduled and riding, on various parts of the recently installed trails that surround the airport, from sunrise to sunset from the Saturday prior to the election until and including the Wednesday after election. The Rangers are non-paid unarmed volunteers who carry cell phones and report any suspicious activity or unusual findings to the Security Dispatch Center. We also now have reached an agreement with Greater Houston Search Dogs (which have the only FEMA Certified Level 1, search and rescue dog in Texas — i.e., if Briley says there is not a human in rubble, then rescue efforts cease) to train their dogs on HAS property and to learn to work with horses and to learn the airport should they ever be needed. We have also found that dogs working out in an area discourages trespassers.

In addition, to the foregoing we have many new detection and tracking technologies being reviewed and grants to implement them and are in the process of doing so. Our HAS PS&T Airport Security Officer force is now approximately 150 classroom and field trained Officers and we have just added two TCLOSE certified law enforcement trainers to assist in further field and specialized training, such as traffic control and direction, crowd control, etc.

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# What you may not know about House Bill 1769

By: Tom Hamilton, CPP, Editor and Chairman, Newsletter Committee

Under Texas State law, Texas Occupation Code section 1702 regulates the private security industry. The state law requires licenses for Security Companies, Alarm Monitoring Services, and Alarm/Security Installers, and Investigative Services. In-house security operations are required to have a Letter of Authority which restricts the use of in-house security personnel to providing security services only for the employer and not to the public. The designated manager of the Letter of Authority is responsible for the administration of these requirements and subsequent record keeping.

There seems to be no real concern with these requirements from any element of the security industry. However, House Bill 1769 passed in September of last year has raised quiet a controversy in many circles. Elements of this new law have added significant changes that impact many aspects of the security industry. But, none has a more far-reaching impact than the investigative functions of corporate security departments and other companies that conduct routine investigations as part of their day to day business.

HB 1769 essentially mandates that any person conducting an investigation beyond the premises of the place of employment, or premises of the employer is required to have a license. This law, which is subject to interpretation, includes a vast array of job descriptions that do not have any specific security application. A person who may be seeking information, technically forms the basis of an investigation. As an example; background investigations, compliance investigations, audits, internal employee investigations, external investigations of third party contractors.

Taken purely at face value, the following groups would be required to be licensed by the state; auditors, H/R personnel, corporate compliance investigators/auditors, fraud investigators, investigators/auditors from other states, and, loss prevention investigators.

These new licensing requirements raises concern regarding the ability of a corporation to investigate internal matters that may be of a criminal nature. The required use of third party licensed investigators raises justifiable concern for compromising proprietary or sensitive information, corporate

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records potentially may be opened for review and the possibility of a Human Resources conflict due to the unwillingness of law enforcement agencies to prosecute a suspect when a criminal incident has occurred.

The restriction of corporate security operations will prevent or reduce the ability of investigations to be completed and forwarded for direct prosecution. Until this law went into effect, matters of fraud, identity theft or criminal activity, local prosecution was assisted in case presentations by corporate investigations. Ultimately, this issue could severely hamper corporate investigations and have a direct impact on the citizens of the State of Texas, which rely upon these investigations to have fraud or forgery claims settled. For more information on this subject, contact a member of the Corporate Security Roundtable Committee

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# House of Worship Committee

by Lewis Eakins

The Committee has developed a tri-fold brochure outlining the House of Worship Project in an effort to engage the chapter membership in distributing information on the program to their friends, pastors, business associates, employees, etc. The brochure can be downloaded in PDF format from the chapter website. Special thanks to Matt Silcox for developing the initial brochure prototype.

Finally, we would like to welcome the newest member to the Committee, Harvey Nusz with ExxonMobil.



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# Visitor ID Systems - Are your systems operating within the law?

By Roger Piper, CPP

**Texas Transportation Code 521.126.** "Electronically Readable Information" (a) The department may not include any information on a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate in an electronically readable form other than the information printed on the license and a physical description of the licensee. (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a person commits an offense if the person: (1) accesses or uses electronically readable information derived from a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate; or (2) compiles or maintains a database of electronically readable information derived from driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, or personal identification certificates. (c) An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor.

The majority of visitor management systems demonstrated at the recent ASIS Convention in Dallas relied on the information derived from the scanning of a driver's license to populate their data fields. In Texas, this is against the law (unless the user qualifies for one of the few exceptions). At first blush, it may appear as if the law was only intended to prohibit the access and use of the electronically imbedded information on the back of the licenses. This is clearly intended as stated in Subsection (1). Unfortunately, Subsection (2) reaches further by not allowing the use of any information gathered from the licenses in a computer database.

It is not clear what led to the generation of this law, especially since it was enacted after 9/11. As a privacy measure, it falls short, since most individuals are required to provide their licenses to cash checks or otherwise prove they are who they say they are. In the security arena, we rely heavily on the credibility of these forms of identification to grant access into controlled areas. The visitor management systems can add great efficiencies to a business' front desk. Most of the systems offered the ability for repeat entries to automatically reprint ID's once the initial scan has been accomplished. They have a number of options available allowing the end user to

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manage their visitor database to enhance the customer service experience as well.

If you have questions or concerns about your use or possible procurement of a visitor management system, you should consider presenting the matter to your company's legal advisor to prevent any legal problems before you make the investment.



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# Speaker's Corner

by Pam Duncan, Chapter Secretary

Again in 2004, we have had an array of great speakers presenting topical subjects regarding our profession, our industry and our community. If you miss our monthly chapter luncheon meetings, you have missed some very good programs. Listed below is a recap of the speakers and their presentations for this year.

January 28, 2005

**Mark Mancuso**, Deputy Director of Aviation  
Houston Airport System

**“Airport Security Update”**

February 25, 2004

**Robert Starnes**, SAIC-Houston Field Office  
Bureau of Diplomatic Security – U.S. Department of State

**“Overview of the Diplomatic Security Service”**

March 31, 2004

**Steve Cichon**, HFD District Chief, Training Division  
**Charles Hutchinson**, Security Manager,  
Crescent Real Estate, Greenway Plaza

**“High Rise Fire Safety”**

April 28, 2004

**Bob Dogium**, Special Agent, FBI  
Spokesperson, Houston Division

**“Current FBI Priorities”**

May 26, 2004

**Kim K. Ogg**, Executive Director  
Crime Stoppers of Houston

**“Crime Stoppers”**

June 30, 2004

**Charlie R. Pierce**, President  
LeapFrog Training and Consulting

**“Speaking Bean”**

July 28, 2004

**Bill Strother, CPP**  
Corporate Director of Security, Weingarten Realty  
Investors, Houston

**“NFPA 730: Proposed premise security guidelines”**

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August 25, 2004

**Mark Caldwell CPP**, Director of Corporate Security  
AIG-AG

Steve Brack CPP, Manager of Corporate Security AIG-  
Houston

**“The How and Why of Enhanced Security  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**

September 22, 2004

**Captain Richard M. Kaser**, Coast Guard  
Commanding Officer and Captain of the Port

**“Maritime and Homeland Security Update”**

October 29, 2004

**Malcolm Browne**, Executive Director  
Veteran's Museum of Texas

**“Proposal to build a museum in Clear Lake  
dedicated to all U.S. Veterans”**

November 17, 2004

**Cliff Grumbles**, Manager

Private Security Bureau Regulatory Licensing Service

**“Changes to the TPSB under DPS”**

December 15, 2004

**Paul Williams**, MCSE NSA IAM

President and CTO; Gray Hat Research Corporation

**“Physical and Cyber Intrusions of  
Facilities and Networks”**

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# Treasurer's Report

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2004

by Bob Cascino, Chapter Treasurer

We are in a strong financial condition and have had positive support from membership all year in membership renewal, web site funding, newsletter funding, seminar participation, luncheon attendance and our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. We have upgraded our financial accounting system to afford more effective accounting of our cash flow, given the various initiatives of the chapter, and will continue with one additional upgrade in 2005.

We continue to have an excellent relationship and favorable financial arrangements with the Marriott for our chapter luncheons and expect to continue our relationship in 2005. We appreciate Chuck Hutchinson for arranging parking for our meetings through his company, Crescent Realty.

Our 2004 financial balance, as of this report, is \$16,537.21, inclusive of all monies in our checking and savings accounts. On a personal note, I appreciate the membership affording me the opportunity to serve the chapter again in 2005.

May the holiday season be special and safe for you and your families.



### *"The Sentry"*

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## Chapter CPP Library Renamed

by Karim Vellani,, CPP

The ASIS Houston Chapter CPP library has been renamed the Edward B. Clendenin Memorial CPP Library and has started a fund which will contribute \$100 annually to upkeep of the library. Mr. Clendenin's family contributed \$100 to the library on September 22 when the chapter paid tribute to Ed Clendenin for a lifetime of contributions to the security industry and the Houston ASIS chapter. Among Ed's many accomplishments, our Houston Chapter was recognized as Chapter of the Year in 1992 under his leadership. ASIS honored him as Outstanding Regional Vice President in 1995. He was granted Lifetime ASIS Membership and Lifetime CPP status and he received the Meritorious Life Membership Award in April, 2004 from the International Association of Professional Security Consultants. For more information about Ed's accomplishments, awards and contributions see the tribute to Ed in the June issue of the Sentry on the chapter's website.

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