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### From the Chair

By: Chuck Andrews – Chairman - CPP, CFE, CFCI, ICPS



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Happy New Year to all ASIS Houston Chapter members! No matter whether you are a corporate security professional, security vendor or consultant, private investigator, loss prevention/retail specialist, IS or security technology provider, I’m wishing each and every one of you a successful 2012 in your “space” of the security world!

I think 2012 will be a pivotal year for both the security industry and the Houston Chapter. As such, I have many activities, seminars and projects being planned for the Chapter membership. In order to successfully make this happen, we want (NEED) you, the MEMBER, to attend, participate and volunteer with your presence, expertise and experience as a Chapter member, both giving and receiving the benefits of membership. As a Chapter member, I’ve made a point to attend all monthly luncheons, seminars and functions since my transfer to the Houston Chapter in 2007 and have volunteered my time and resources in the roles of Golf Committee member, Public Safety Chairman, Vice-Chairman and now as your 2012 Chairman.

Its 4:30AM on a Tuesday, just after Christmas, and the New Year approaches quickly as I work on this article. I cancelled my annual vacation as a result of my election as your Chairman in preparation for all the responsibilities and plans necessary to make 2012 smooth and successful for the Chapter and its members. You will hear me say that a lot, “*the Chapter and its members*” throughout the course of the year and beyond. As this is not my first “rodeo” as a principle in a security/law-enforcement related non-profit organization over the last 30 years, I bring with

me many ideas and mistakes (*leveraged opportunities*) to the benefit of the Chapter and its members. In short, I keep in mind in each Chapter decision we make, both the *Chapter and the Member*, as each has its own agenda, creed and interpretation of value. Doing so allows both entities to move forward with benefit intact!

As the incoming Chairman, it is incumbent upon me to solicit and appoint Chairpersons to the many committees that exist to benefit of the Chapter and its members. To date, I’ve personally interviewed each and every person currently appointed in finality to their respective role. Each Chairperson shared their challenges, some needing guidance as this was a new role for them (thank you for stepping up) and others taking the “ball” and running down field with many exciting ideas of which you the member will benefit. With each committee Chair, I’ve shared my expectations with respect to goal delivery and time lines so we stay on course for the year. I will be maintaining almost weekly contact with each Chairperson and delivery of goals for the Chapter and its members as part of my “best practices” with respect to communication. Monthly conference calls ensure ease of participation and good time-management as well with your Executive Team, a practice we will utilize to keep the Chapter moving forward. Communication is key in any organization, as you

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know. Setting up a system to make it easier, faster and less expensive is imperative.

Kicking off the new 2012 year, we will have International ASIS President – Ray O’Hara attend and speak at our February meeting. **PLEASE** put this on your Calendar now, as I’m anticipating strong attendance from both members and non-members (guests) from area security & law enforcement leadership. Our Chapter manager (Bruce) will send out a notice once we have more information to share. International President O’Hara (2011) will soon transition into his new role as ASIS **Chairman of the Board** for 2012. Ray’s topic will be “*ASIS 2012 and Beyond.....*”, giving a unique perspective on ASIS as an organization and how Chapters are the front-line success to ASIS as a whole. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. **DON’T MISS IT!** We hope to bring more great speakers and topics in 2012; should you have a submission of someone you would like to see please forward to Vice Chairman – John Presley for consideration.

Finally, I want to encourage every member to see a Return on Investment (ROI) when they pay their membership fee to both ASIS International and the Chapter. I’m no different....everyone’s time and resources are of value.

For me, I get my ROI by attending every meeting and function available! What do I get out of showing up and volunteering?

### CHUCK’S ROI:

1. I get to know every one of you (colleagues) in the security industry so I can pick up the phone and call you for all the obvious reasons related to our respective worlds; and on the plus side, many of you of have become personal life-long friends!
2. Helps me keep up with current security industry trends, information and technologies; to the benefit of the company I’m employed with.
3. Increases my competencies and knowledge on security practices and management; as a result, I’m doing my Masters in Security Executive Management and finishing this summer!
4. Gives back what was once given to me as a member, volunteering that is; you get more out of life from giving than receiving in the end!
5. I get my CPE’s for my CPP; this ensures that I don’t lose my CPP investment.
6. It’s actually true, but you have to show up to realize it.....“**80% of success is just showing up**”

7. **FILL IN THE BLANK.....**what is your ROI look like?

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It’s going to be a great year.....and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Please make a point to contact me if I have not visited with you personally in the upcoming 2012 year, as it is part of my mission as Chapter Chairman to know each of you and that which is important to you as a member. With 15 projects currently in the “hopper” actively being designed, developed and implemented to the benefit of the Chapter and its members, I have much to do. Many of these projects and improvements need your input, feedback, comments and assistance. I will be calling on many of you to that end. As an example, one of the improvement projects currently being worked is a SURVEY, something we should do annually moving forward each year. I’m 50% complete as of this typing.....coming to your email INBOX soon.....or, it may have already arrived prior to this printing? If we “git r dun” quickly, I can share some of the results at our next meeting. I’m sure you would agree, the feedback can only improve what the Chapter currently offers. I know surveys are “painful” by nature, but make this one your exception!

## Social Committee Report

By: Darin Dillon, CPP – Committee Chairperson

**ASIS - Teddy Bears for Tots**  
sponsored by the ASIS Houston Chapter



The Bear event was a huge success! Thanks to the support of our many members, we raised funds for purchasing 1000 teddy bears for distribution at seven local hospitals AND had a few extra dollars to share Christmas

joy with the family of a wounded war veteran.

Initially seeking donations for purchasing 600 - 1000 stuffed teddy bears, it appears we had an outpouring of compassion by our membership. Thanks so much for contributions from the following people who made this program successful: Chris Dempster, Cynthia Trifilio, Darin Dillon, Dave Parker, David Cribbs, David P. Frizell, Gary & Shelly Scheibe, George & Tonia Crawford, Kent Brazelton, Kevin Galloway, Michael Huffman, Mike Johnson, Mike Mallon, Pam Duncan, Paulette Purdy, Ralph Burdette, Ted Swailes and Tom Hamilton.

Just when you think that the event could not improve, we noticed that we had a surplus of funds (approximately \$730), so we opted to search for a military family who has experienced a recent injury. Through a couple of calls, we found one and I spoke with the spouse on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> then followed up with the following e-mails:

*Melanie, I must first say that I am so glad to have found you via the strange way God works in people’s lives. Per our conversation, I ask that you please share simple needs and wants for you, your husband and your children. Should there be a pet (dog or cat); we would love to include them too. Ha! Not knowing the facts and circumstances that are being dealt with at this writing, I feel we were led to you for a variety of reasons that we may never know “why or how”, but know that we were led to you. All said, we are humbled to be in a position to assist, so please set aside pride and share of the ways we may be able to share our love with your family in Mid December. Deal? At any time, please pass along your list, and should you wish, you may enlighten us pertaining to your story of your husband’s experience while fighting for my freedom and the freedom of our great country. PS, should you wish to know a bit about me and many friends who desire to assist, we belong to ASIS International. ASIS Interna-*

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*tional is a group of security professionals who mitigate risks for large corporations, government entities and even non-profit companies. We do a handful of charity events throughout the year and really enjoy the holiday season by sharing, blessing and searching for folks in need...*

Receiving the following e-mail from Melanie from the above note, Melanie shared:

*Good morning Gentlemen, please accept my apology for not getting back to you both sooner. I have started to write this email several times, each time I end up with tears running down my face.*

*I was both surprised and touched when I received Darin’s phone call last week. As he introduced himself and began to explain the purpose of his call, I was quickly looking through my mental rolodex to think of a local military family in need. While my husband and I do know several military men & women that are/have been wounded in combat, we haven’t met many since returning to our hometown (Cypress, TX) a year and a half ago. After a brief introduction, something you said Darin struck a chord. Suddenly I realized that in a matter of seconds of finishing my prayer, God had quickly found a way to reassure me that he is always at work in our lives. It was quite surreal, I became overwhelmed with emotion and found*

*myself unable to continue our conversation.*

Here is a bit of background...

My husband, Staff Sergeant Ray Coffey, and I have been married for almost 16 years and we have three beautiful children; Briana (14), Cody (11) and Justin (10). My husband has been an Infantry Marine (Mortarman and Forward Observer) for 14+ years. He completed 3 combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He sustained the most significant of his injuries during his last deployment. My husband’s team was ambushed by enemy combatants with frag grenades, small arms fire, rocket propelled grenades, and IED’s (improvised explosive device) on several occasions. He was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” for Valor, and Purple Heart, Commendation Medals, and many more. We are very blessed that he returned home.

After returning from his last deployment we moved from Southern California (Camp Pendleton) to Quantico, VA in the hopes that my husband would quickly recover. He began training Officer’s on Combat Skills and Battlefield Logistics, and I worked for Department of Homeland Security as a Senior Training Specialist for the Office of Information and Technology. My husband was highly decorated and well respected, and was doing a pretty good job

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of hiding the severity of his injuries...but not for long. Although his shot wounds healed, the PTSD remains, and the damage from the multiple blasts to his jaws, eyes, ears, knees, spine and brain (moderate/severe Traumatic Brain Injury) didn't heal as quickly. He struggled to perform the regular activities of daily living, much less balance receiving treatment from numerous specialists/doctors and perform his job. Against his wishes, his main physician suggested an immediate transfer to the Wounded Warrior Regiment. Rather than moving to North Carolina to be attached to a Wounded Warrior unit, my husband requested to be moved back home so that we would have the support & help of our family while during his lengthy rehabilitation. I left my (GS-13) IT Specialist- Info Sec job with DHS to be my husband's full time care giver. In order to manage without my income, we lived off of our savings. Once that was gone, I cashed out my 401k (I know...I get sick just thinking about it!) to meet our financial obligations. He/ We have been working closely with a large network of doctors for a long time. My husband now has hearing aids, his eye patch is gone, he has glasses with prisms that cor-

rect his alignment and double vision, he started getting injections in his spine to relieve some of the pain, and does not require the use of his wheelchair most days. Due to cognitive impairment, and physical limitations my husband requires a full time care giver.

I received a call from an agency about a temporary/contract Sr. Analyst position within the Information Risk Management group at Shell Trading. Once home health care was approved for my husband for 8 hours a day, I started work. It has been difficult juggling fulltime work, while working with the insurance company and coordinating my husband's doctor appointments/schedule, surgeries, medications, etc., while caring for our three kids and our home. Because only basic care is covered, I frequently have to take time off of work to care for my husband if he gets sick or to provide care following a surgery. My husband had knee surgery, and just recently completed his 10th reconstructive surgery (bone grafts on both top and bottom jaws, sinus lifts and bone grafts, and entire mouth of implants). At the end of August I was moved into a leadership position on a high visibility Program, which requires me to be on call and put in longer hours, with no

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## CERTIFICATIONS CORNER

The Sentinel's Certifications Corner is presented to assist and encourage chapter members with a desire to pursue security certification. The questions reflected here are representative of the questions asked on the CPP and PSP exams. For more information or to obtain the chapter's study guides, please contact Certifications Chair David Cribbs, CPP, PSP at [dcribbs@dowley.com](mailto:dcribbs@dowley.com).

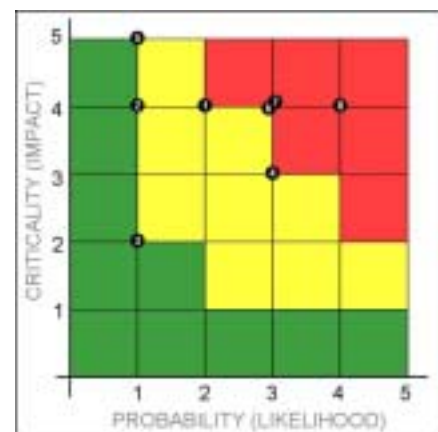
### From the Physical Security Domain of the CPP exam, and the Risk Management Domain of the PSP exam:

The process of defining risk requires an understanding an organization's assets, threats, vulnerabilities, and many other factors. When focusing on the threats to a company's assets, it is necessary to compare what two factors, typically in an X/Y axis chart, to determine the level of risk presented by each threat?

- A. Cost and consequence
- B. Likelihood and cost of countermeasures
- C. Probability and impact
- D. Cost of assets and validity of threat

The answer is C, probability and impact. Whenever we assess a threat, it is imperative to know the likelihood that it will occur and the impact it will have on our assets if it did occur. Typically, these factors are compared in a “scatter chart”, such as the one depicted here. The higher and further right the threat is plotted, the more it should be prioritized when determining which risks to address in the security plan.

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additional compensation. My contract ends on December 7th, 2011. I can't manage this daily schedule of 9-10hrs work + 2-3hrs commute time to downtown from Cypress for much longer.

My husband is being medically retired at the end of this year. At the recommendation of one of his doctors a few years ago, he has taken up fishing. As time passed his fighting spirit has returned little by little, and he has started fishing/competing in wounded warrior and/or military bass tournaments. One of the last times he was in the hospital (Veteran's Affairs hospital), my husband suggested that we do something to help other injured veteran's enjoy life again while on their road to recovery. We are hoping to start our own non-profit organization, hosting a wilderness retreat of sorts (Outdoor Warrior) offering swimming, fishing, equine therapy, Christian family counseling, etc., for severely injured/ill/wounded service members and/or veteran's and family members.

While I am certainly grateful and humbled by the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, I have been torn about next steps. I feel like I am doing my family a disservice by remaining in this position. On the other hand, the financial hardship of losing my income would only add to our already stressful lives! I have been praying, believing and declaring in faith that God has something better in store! Ray and I would just appreciate prayers for my husband's recovery, strength, healing & wisdom for our whole family as we embark on this new chapter in our lives. We appreciate the kind gesture.

*Sincerely, Melanie Coffey*

With a few recommendations of Melanie, we were off to the stores for ideal purchases in hopes of making Christmas a possibility within their home.

The saga continues when friends reached out to Wayne Docefino of Channel 13 news a few weeks prior to our Dec 15<sup>th</sup> date... Upon arriving at Texas Children's Hospital, we were met by a camera crew plus a reporter. Interviewed and filmed passing out bears to many patients plus passersby, we shared that we wish to promote this small bit of good not for “credit” to be given to our group of Security Professionals, but in hopes of encouraging others to step up and provide such experiences by helping others.

After delivering the 1000 teddy bears to many desiring children the morning of Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, four of us (Chris and Kim Baty plus myself and my daughter Kinsey) delivered an inversion table plus gifts for the entire Coffey family in Cypress that evening. Telling myself this would be a quick delivery and be non-emotional; this was not quite the case, as Melanie's reception was warm and loving, yet torn by her husband remaining in Walter Reed hospital in Bethesda, MD. It appears we (us four) left with tears in our eyes from Melanie's stories of her courageous husband.

We are very humbled to be capable of contributing in some small way to this hero's family who has risked his life for me, us and our country! We worked hard to purchase items that would be desired by SSgt Ray Coffey, Melanie Coffey and their three children.

Thanks again to all of those who gave, supported and encouraged us with this endeavor! We have shared the joy of Christmas with others and have been blessed by those hearts we have touched. I hope and pray that we repeat this event again next year and I would gladly orchestrate such a meaningful endeavor with your support, suggestions and assistance.



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## City of Houston Awarded U.S. Department of Homeland Security Funding for Wireless Network Project

By: Sergeant J. A. Wall, HPD - Real Time Crime Center

The city of Houston has deployed a wireless mesh network as part of a Homeland Security-funded initiative to improve public safety in the downtown area. The network is a communications foundation that connects IP video cameras, located at 134 traffic intersections, allowing first responders in Houston to centrally monitor activity in the downtown area from the Houston Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center 24 x 7.

With the ability to view live video feeds, it provides more virtual eyes on the streets and enables faster dispatch of officers where and when they are needed. Video feeds are also stored and can be used as effective evidence in court, reducing time and expense for prosecuting cases, saving taxpayer dollars.

The network is comprised of over 200 nodes, with just four gateways that attach to the City's fiber network, connecting 300 Axis Communications high-definition IP cameras. Each camera needs 2-3Mbps bandwidth; therefore, requiring the wireless network to maintain performance at close to 1Gbps.

The City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security oversee the development of the wire-

less system. The Public Safety Video Initiative is led by a team of vendor specialists in the areas of network architecture and engineering (NWN Corporation), video system subject matter expertise and integration (Vidsys), component configuration and installation (Pfeiffer and Son, Ltd.), and the Houston Police Department video system manager. This multi-disciplinary team, working closely with the network engineering staff, was a critical factor in the successful implementation of Houston's system. The City developed a network infrastructure that was completely independent of the existing City voice and data networks to best protect the integrity of all the networks.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security funding covered the costs for the project, which will provide long term benefits for the citizens of Houston without impacting the City budget. The wireless network is operated and maintained by the city of Houston's Police Department Technical Services Department.

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## Treasurer's Report January 2012

By: Chris Dempster – Chapter Treasurer



As many of you know, one off my responsibilities is to send dues notifications for the local chapter. Currently we have 768 members on the roster as members assigned to the Houston Chapter from National and of that number only 103 are members of the

Houston Chapter with 2 life members bringing our total membership to 105. I am perplexed by this as by the end of the year we will have well over 300 paying members and why people wait so long to join is puzzling. If you are not receiving the invoices, or are waiting for some other reason, please let me know so the executive board may look at it and see if there is a better way of doing this. For example if your business accounting structure only allows you to pay membership dues during a certain time of year, perhaps we can look at sending out the dues notifications throughout the year to satisfy this need. However, without knowing why you are not paying until later, there is nothing I can do but to continue to send out e-mails and if you hate receiving random e-mails as much as I do, well, let's just say it probably is not read.

For those who never again want to hear from me, or if you

have moved away from the Houston Chapter, please know that I cannot make those changes for you. You must contact ASIS National and inform them that you have moved and they will place you in the correct chapter, or they will place you in the at large chapter if you want no chapter affiliation. If you wish to remain a member of the Houston Chapter but simply do not want to be a dues paying member, that is fine, just send me an e-mail to [chris@isscsecurity.com](mailto:chris@isscsecurity.com) and I will remove you from the tickler list for the remainder of 2012.

We receive an updated roster each year from National which is the list used to generate those future years new invoices. That is why it is important to contact National if you do not want to receive those invoices in future years as I do not receive the at large chapter list. As an at large member you are still welcome to attend all the Houston Chapter functions; however you will not be on our mailing list to remind you of those events again this list comes from national and is updated each year. You will need to monitor the local website and attend those functions you are interested in attending.

I look forward to the remainder of the year and if I may be of service to you as the treasurer please let me know, the easiest way to reach me is via the e-mail address noted above.



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## Members in the News

by: Susan Casias – Editor



I love to report on our members. Here's a little something on Pat Murphy, the president of LPT security:

LPT Security Consulting President, Pat Murphy, was interviewed by KPRC, Channel 2 just after Christmas. KPRC's Amy Davis was investigating complaints by numerous consumers that merchandise that had been placed in layaway was either empty or had other merchandise in the box when opened on Christmas Day. The story discussed how employees were the likely suspects and that retailers usually suffer their greatest losses to employee theft.

A major retailer offered a layaway program prior to Christmas. When customers made the final payment for the merchandise, they did not inspect each item as there was no need to. The customers subsequently wrapped the gifts and presented them for Christmas. When the gift was opened, the item was not in the box. In one case the CD had been removed and the electronics item had been replaced with a picture frame. Of course, there was a lot of disappointment.

When the customers contacted the retailer, there was not a quick and favorable response to replacing the gifts. That is how Channel 2 became involved.

The merchandise is very vulnerable to employee theft. It is usually in an uncontrolled stock room and the merchandise is bagged with the customer's full receipt on the outside. It is very easy for an employee to plan and execute a theft due to the length of time the merchandise is being stored for a customer.

Employee theft accounts for nearly half of all theft within retailers. These incidents were not a surprise or something new.

## Private Officer International Issues Press Release: 2011 Security Officer Deaths

By: Dave Parker

Private Officer International is a security-police organization has worked with numerous state and federal reporting agencies, private companies and media entities to track, record and calculate the injuries and assaults on,

and the deaths of, private security officers in the U.S. In 2011 more than 37,000 assaults against contract and proprietary security officers, loss prevention agents and private police were reported. These assaults resulted in more than 13,700 injuries.

There were also 114 "confirmed" security officer "on-duty" deaths as a result of a combination of homicide, accidental, industrial and "unclassified" incidents. Actual deaths totals are believed to be 12 – 20% higher and misreported in other worker classifications.

Eleven security officers also committed suicide while on duty. The breakdowns of these deaths are 54 Gunshots: 11 Stabbings, 19 Trauma / Assaults, 10 Car Accidents, 6 Industrial Accidents, and 14 Unclassified.

The average age of the security officers killed in the line of duty was 38.

States with the most incidents of security officer injuries, assaults and deaths included New York, California, Illinois, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Tennessee, Louisiana, Virginia, Indiana, and Nevada.



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# ASIS Legislative Committee Report

By: Dave Parker – Chairman

Speaker Joe Straus has issued interim charges for the Texas House of Representatives to study and prepare for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session. These charges represent a range of issues critical to the State's future, including: attracting more manufacturing jobs; enhancing public and higher education; improving wildfire response and addressing water needs; improving the State's transportation infrastructure and reducing State debt.

Speaker Straus has been speaking on these issues around the state. He advises that if these issues are addressed properly it will help set Texas on a path for growth and prosperity in the future.

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## CRIME STOPPERS OF HOUSTON

### Partners in a Successful 2011

By: Katherine Cabaniss

2011 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Crime Stoppers of Houston. Over the course of 30 years, Houston's Crime Stoppers program has grown into the most successful Crime Stoppers entity worldwide. Through your community partnership and support, Crime Stoppers of Houston has achieved a record breaking year.

In mid September, Crime Stoppers of Houston reached a new milestone: 30,000 crimes solved in the greater Houston area. Those thirty thousand crimes would have remained unsolved but for the anonymous tips called into the Crime Stoppers' tip line. Between January and November 2011, Crime Stoppers' tips have solved an impressive 808 serious felonies and led to the location of 674 wanted felons. Each case is solved, and each fugitive is arrested, at zero cost to the tax payer. In fact, almost \$500,000 in cash rewards has been paid to anonymous callers that helped us to solve serious crimes in Houston in 2011.

The Crime Stoppers Safe School program continues to keep children safe where they learn and grow. Tips from students concerned about school safety resulted in 89 crimes prevented and cases solved. In those cases, eleven weapons were recovered, including four handguns. The Crime Stoppers Safe School Program reached 88,954 students in Houston's schools during this school year, which is a true success for our families and our children.

The successes of 2011 did not end with the number of  
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cases solved, but rather with the number of crimes prevented. With gracious thanks to its corporate sponsors and community partners, Crime Stoppers continued the mission of preventing crime throughout the year. Sponsored anti-crime initiatives in identity theft, child abuse, animal cruelty, and domestic violence helped to educate citizens in Harris County about crime prevention and support services for victims. These programs, and their successes, are made possible by the generous support of our community partners.

With 2011 in the rear view mirror, Crime Stoppers of Houston is anticipating even greater success in the future. 2012 will bring new programming, new opportunities and a greater impact on the lives of Houstonians. As our partnerships grow, the number of violent felons arrested as a result of Crime Stoppers tips will continue to increase.

The program calendar for 2012 is ever expanding with new initiatives to combat crimes affecting Harris County, and innovative strategies to prevent them. Campaigns to prevent hit-and-run, public assistance fraud and burglaries of our homes and cars will be added to Crime Stoppers

programming and existing successful campaigns.

Corporate sponsorship of our programs and events has paved the way for safety in 2011. That same commitment to keeping citizens safe will guide our efforts to new levels in the year to come. The triumphs of 2011 have served our community and will ensure we continue to live safe in 2012.

## Commercial Real Estate Committee

By: Greg Autry, CPP, CSSM – Chairman

As promised, here are more details regarding the ASIS/BOMA Emergency Preparedness Joint Webinar hosted by the Commercial Real Estate Council. The Webinar is slated for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon eastern. The program will cover how to develop a plan or validate your existing one; learn about industry best practices with emphasis on emergency preparedness, response and recovery operations. The latest training techniques for tenants and building staff to respond to life threatening situations, riots and protests will also be discussed. To register for this informative program log on to the ASIS International web site and navigate to Education/Webinars. Cost is \$49 members and \$79 for non ASIS International members.



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