



## From the Chair

By: Tom Hamilton, CPP – Chairman



Lots of exciting things going on in our chapter lately. This year, we celebrated our 40th year anniversary as a chapter with a special luncheon menu to mark the occasion.

We’ve had several dynamic speaker presentations at our meetings this past quarter not the least of which was Harris County District Attorney, Patricia Lykos. We were fortunate to have George Quin, RVP for Region join us at the June meeting to share his insight on how well the Houston Chapter is doing and our reputation throughout ASIS International.

The golf committee is hard at work planning another great event, this year at The Woodlands Tournament course. We have a number of sponsors already committed for this year’s annual fund raiser and it promises to be the best ever. Vice Chairman Mike Mallon is serving as Chairman of this year’s Golf Committee and is very committed to making it a huge success.

We had another very successful Chapter Security Seminar this year thanks to the efforts of Randy Simpson, CPP, Seminar Committee Chairman. It appears that our Chapter will have net proceeds from this event exceeding \$1,400.00 that will be used towards Chapter activities, scholarship and charitable donations.

David Cribbs, CPP, Certifications Chairman continues to do great work with our CPP Review course as well as the PSP courses. David is currently working with Regional leadership to find ways to offer these classes to outlying chapters who do not have a course to offer their member. The Houston Chapter continues to enjoy one of the highest pass ratios in all of ASIS thanks to David’s efforts.

This year, our chapter is considering donations of \$500.00 to the ASIS Foundation as well as a similar donation to support the Region’s leadership training of new chapter leadership as well as the region’s newsletter.

I am so proud of our chapter leadership team. The Executive Committee has been most supportive of chapter activities and our chapter officers I have the privilege to work with are outstanding. Ann Marie Acree, Chapter Secretary continues to be recognized my both Regional and National leadership for her devoted work in providing detailed monthly reports on the Houston Chapter’s activities. Chris Dempster, Chapter Treasurer is doing an outstanding job with our finances and through his combined efforts our Chapter now has a record number of dues paying members.

Last but not least, Chuck Andrews, Public Safety Chairman, is doing a superb job in his role as with our monthly honoree program as well as liaison to HPD’s Alert Program. And let’s not forget our behind the scenes workhorse, Pam Duncan who does so much for the Houston Chapter. Pam saves us shipping costs every month by picking up our plaques and graciously has donated free passes

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to Space Center Houston for the families of some of our monthly honorees.

The number of people in Chapter leadership who have made significant contributions to our success goes on and on. It is indeed an honor to be Chairman of the Houston Chapter. Have a great summer!

## In The Spotlight

Editorial



This issue we have elected to feature a chapter member who has proven to be a real “workhorse” for the Houston Chapter - Susan Casisas - Media Relations Committee Chairperson and next year’s Editor of The Sentry.

When it comes to Chapter activities, Susan is always there, ready to step up, volunteer and do whatever is required to make a contribution to any task or project she is involved in. She attended Adelphi University in Garden City, NY where she focused her studies on business and marketing. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated time and time again that she is an achiever.

In 1988, she began her own company, Trinity Ventures in Houston, TX. For the next 15 years, she successfully managed investor relations for clients focused on NASDAQ through emails, fax distribution and web site database maintenance.

Shortly thereafter, she joined TRC Services as National Marketing Manager, responsible for four company offices, and 40 sales representatives. Under her sound management principals, she increased sales revenues by 400%!

Always eager to accept new challenges, in 2004 Susan entered the document destruction and recycling industry and its relationship with the security community. Since joining this industry, Susan has made it a point to focus on the security issues surrounding secure document destruction for her clients. In her current position, Susan has become an ardent student of sound security practices and standards.

Susan is an active member of a number of professional organizations; ISSA, ARMA, The Federation of Houston Professional Women, as well as the Houston Chapter of ASIS. She has proven herself to be an asset to our chapter. Susan and her husband Dean make their home here in Houston.



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By: Mike Mason, CPP, – Committee Chairman



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## Financial Institutions Committee Report

By: Leland Dean, CPP, CFFSP, CFS - Chairman

Our Committee continues to grow as we have a total of twelve, including three new members to the Houston Chapter.

BNY Mellon was asked to speak at the National Convention in Dallas on October 12<sup>th</sup>. I was delegated this task and will join with the United States Secret Service on a presentation regarding "Public/Private Partnership" to combat the emergence of Cyber Crime as it relates to terrorism.

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I will speak on related cases from financial institutions and programs in place to make it increasingly difficult for terrorist groups to acquire illicit funding. The morning presentation will be Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Any of our members are welcome to attend and I highly encourage the attendance of our Houston Chapter at the Dallas National Convention. It is important that we be well represented as we hope to host the National Convention in Houston at some future date.

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## Houston Chapter to Conduct CPTED Seminar

By: Tom Hamilton, CPP- Chapter Chairman

The Houston Metro Police Department contacted the Houston Chapter to inquire about a CPTED Training course (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design). After some discussion regarding their training requirements, it was decided that the Houston Chapter would conduct a CPTED Seminar for the Metro Police Department as a free public service.

We have several certified CPTED instructors within the Chapter. Additionally, other chapter member may also be instructors in their areas of expertise. A seminar committee is being assembled to develop the course outline and subjects to be covered in the seminar. We anticipate this CPTED seminar taking place in the late summer of this year. As more details are available, we will place all the information on the chapter's web site.

Once the course outline is completed and approved by the Metro Police Department, we will offer this course to all interested parties. Chapter leadership sees this opportunity as one more way to be of service to the greater Houston community.



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# TPSB Liaison - Board Meeting

## Overview

By: John Kahn, CPP, TLSC, TLPI – Chairman

### Texas Private Security Board Abridged Meeting Minutes - 1/26/10

Assistant Director RenEarl Bowie addressed the Board. He stated that the upcoming 2011 Superbowl being held at the Dallas Cowboy Stadium in Dallas involved issues directly related to the Private Security Bureau. He stated that in the interest of homeland security **DPS** and the **PSB** had a keen interest in ensuring the security of this critical infrastructure. [More Online.](#)

### Discussion & Possible Action Relating To Definition – Camera Systems: Rule 35.1: Camera Systems.

**Definitions.** Steve Moninger presented this item to the Board. He began by informing the Board that the Rules approved by the Board in August would be presented to the Public Safety Commission on Friday January 29th, with the exception of Rule 35.1, Definitions, relating to the definition of camera systems. He stated that the previous Rule passed by the Private Security Board was rejected by the Office of General Counsel because the rule was not authorized by the statute. [More Online.](#)

### Discussion & Possible Action Relating To: Rule 35.70: Fees.

Steve Moninger presented this item to the Board. He stated the Board passed this *Rule Change* during their August 2009 Meeting; including, the **alternate and reduced fees for on line applications and renewals.** He further stated that he met with the DPS budget analyst, who informed him that the change might cause the Bureau to be under budget, resulting in the Legislature-cutting the Bureau's Budget in the coming years. He stated it was with this in mind that the Bureau drafted an alternate version for consideration. He went on to say if the Board approved the new version he would withdraw the version to be considered by the Public Safety Commission at its meeting on Friday. Secretary Smith asked if there were fees added on the old fee schedule. Reggie Andrews stated there were changes made to A, B and T licenses. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the version of Rule 35.70 presented to the board, as written. [More Online.](#)

### Discussion & Possible Relating To: Registrations and Endorsements.

Reggie Andrews stated the Pocket Card proposal had re-

mained the same from the last meeting with the exception of changing the fee from \$10 to \$20. He gave the example of a commissioned officer wanting a Personal Protection Officer endorsement. The person would submit \$20 to add the endorsement. As it stands today, without the endorsements, the person would pay \$55 for the Commission and \$55 for the PPO. With the endorsement(s) the person would save \$35.

### Discussion & Possible Action Relating To: Rule 35.76: Electronic Access Control Device Company License.

Steve Moninger stated the Sunset Bill struck Electronic Access Control Device as a classification, D license. He went on to say that unfortunately the Bill did not correspondingly amend the definition of Security Services Contractor to include Electronic Access Control Device. Nevertheless, he stated, the Bill did say the Board could create classifications by rule and he therefore proposed to put this into a Class B license category. On a motion made by Board member Washington and seconded by Vice-chairman Johnsen, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Rule 35.76 as written. [More Online.](#)

### Discussion & Possible Action Relating To: Rule 35.221: Qualifications for Investigations Company License.

Chairman Chism stated (currently) qualifications to become *licensed as a Private Investigator* states the person must work under a licensed company for three years, but it doesn't specify in what capacity. He stated that proposed changes to this rule would expand the definition on what actually qualifies. He went on to say that under Clema Sanders it was quietly accepted that if a person had a degree they could obtain a license in lieu of the three years of experience. He further stated this would bring qualifications into the Rule to include a Bachelor Degree with an additional 6 months of investigation-related experience, an Associates Degree in criminal justice or related course of study, with an additional twelve months of investigation-related experience, or a specialized course of study directly designed for and related to the private investigations profession with a minimum of 200 classroom hours. On a motion made by Secretary Smith and seconded by Vice-chairman Johnsen, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Rule 35.221, as written. [More Online.](#)

### Call For Feature Articles

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## Security in the Social Media – Is this an Oxymoron?

By: Susan Casias, Media Relations Director

Are social medias designed for grown-ups and business? This is a question I find myself asking often. Who has time for “virtual pillow fights” and “virtual cheeseburgers”? These are coming to me from close friends and family. I don’t even like cheese on my hamburgers. It just goes to show how well they know me.

Once I was appointed Director of Media Relations I became more aware of the security, or lack thereof, on these social medias. I also became increasingly annoyed with people asking me to plant a virtual farm while the lawn in my own front yard needs mowing. But I digress.

Recently it was announced that many iPod users received a worm from Facebook and it ruined many consumers brand new gadgets. This caused me to sit and think about what social medias the Houston chapter should participate in.

Of course Facebook and Twitter could never be secure. You have too many young people that have too much education playing on those things. In my opinion, they are more dangerous than actual attackers because they don’t know what they’re doing and cannot really understand the consequences of their actions. Mix that with teenage angst and you have a very dangerous brew.

There are good purposes for these medias. If you need to get information to a lot of people at one time, for a small fee, you can have millions of people reading about your event. This could aid in finding abducted children, or even lost animals, or even America’s Most Wanted. Unfortunately, these events are not as popular as the latest idiot singing off key and dancing on UTube.

Now I should tell you, when I was setting up our groups on these medias, Twitter scared me. There weren’t any security measures of any kind I could dictate for our group. I also found it to be geared to a very young age group. No Twitter for us.

Facebook had some security I could ask for in our group, but not enough for me to control any discussions. I started a group page on Facebook and only a few people asked to join the group.

Out of all the social medias, LinkedIn offered the most security and control. And over 44 people are now part of our LinkedIn group! Individual acceptance, control appropriate discussions, control profanity and LinkedIn is geared to professional men and women. I now use LinkedIn a lot. I plan to write articles showing you the **free** features and benefits LinkedIn offers that will make your life easier. Yes, I said free. If you go to a LinkedIn seminar you will find out about how to network and how the benefits you can pay for will help you. They don’t tell you the good stuff that’s free. I guess that’s my job now.

So, let’s continue with LinkedIn and start using it. I pose this one question to the security managers out there. What is the number one issue you are dealing with these days and how did you solve it, or do you still need help with your solutions? The answer may be on LinkedIn.

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## Around the Region

By: Mike Mason, CPP - ARVP Region 6

Mid-year is an appropriate time to reflect on the progress of Region 6 chapters in implementation of our strategic plan that we implemented at the beginning of 2010. I am sure you will remember our chapter leadership's focus was to "re-engage members" by developing an understanding of what the members really wanted and how best to deliver it. At executive committee planning meetings held last December, chapter leadership teams focused on how to best ensure that all the activities for 2010 were clearly "value added" when members decided whether membership in ASIS is worth their investment of time and money. Thus far this strategy has been successful as evidenced by the following accomplishments:

### 1. Awards and Scholarships

- The only region in ASIS International to have an individual from each of its chapters to be awarded the Allan J. Cross Award.
- Chapter awards and scholarship committees are currently accepting nominations for 2010 scholarships yet to be awarded.

### 2. Training

- Houston Chapter has completed a CPP review course, a PSP review course, and its annual training seminar. Another CPP review course is scheduled in the fall.
- The North Texas and Austin Chapters have already completed CPP and PSP review courses.
- The Austin Chapter has completed four security webinars.

### 3. Programs Beneficial to Law Enforcement

- Houston Chapter has honored four law enforcement officers thus far this year.
- Houston Chapter has sponsored a Houston Police Officer Bicycle competition to benefit cancer research.
- Houston Chapter members are participating in the Houston Police Alert System.
- North Texas Chapter has held a successful Law Enforcement Appreciation Night.

### 4. All chapters in region 6 now have website to provide timely member communication and feedback.

As the largest member in Region 6, the Houston Chapter has led the way in following the business plan and is the major reason why Region 6 is one of the best regions in ASIS International. Please keep up the good work and maintain this pace to ensure that 2010 concludes as one of the best years in the history of ASIS International.

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## Public Safety Honorees - Second Quarter 2010

By: Charles Andrews - Public Safety Committee Chairman

The second quarter of this year saw an exceptional group of public safety servants to our greater Houston community being honored. Each of these individuals were outstanding in the performance of their duties and we were proud to honor them.

**June - 2010 David Bean**, Deputy - Brazoria County Sheriff's Department

**Dominic Sanders** - Deputy - Brazoria County Sheriff's Department

**May - 2010 Sgt. Philip Hester**, K-9 officer, Clute, Texas Police Department

**April - 2010 Kraig Williamson**, Deputy, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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## June Security Seminar

By: Randy Simpson, CPP - Seminar Chairman

We held our annual Chapter Security Seminar at the offices of AIG again this year and it was a huge success. On behalf of ASIS Houston I want to thank everyone who was involved in making our seminar a success. Special thanks to Rebecca Kenny of AIG for hosting the event and catering all of the food.

We had an 8 hour curriculum that met State of Texas and TCLOSE requirements. At the conclusion of the seminar session, participants received their Certificates of Completion with the needed information for their CEU credits.

One of our most lively sessions was presented by Captain RenEarl Bowie, Texas DPS representing the Texas Private Security Board. Capt Bowie went over new, old and pending rules governing Private Security. Everyone enjoyed his session.

If you did not attend you missed a fast paced interesting event that provided continuing education credits. Over fifty of our associates participated with positive feedback of the speakers and quality of content. Next year plan to participate! It is a good source of CEU's and offers a full day to meet other professionals engaged in your profession exchanging valuable information on topical security subjects.

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## Speaker's Corner

By: Ann Marie Acree - Chapter Secretary

This past quarter, we have had the privilege of having some outstanding speakers at our chapter meetings:

### June Meeting:



**Speaker: CDR Rob Smith**, Director of Prevention Operations U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston

**Presentation:** "The Challenges of Security at the Port of Houston, a Coast Guard-DHS Perspective."

### May Meeting:



**Speaker: Patricia Lykos**, Harris County District Attorney

**Presentation:** "Interfacing with Local Law Enforcement Agencies and Private Security"

### April Meeting:



**Speaker: Alex de Alvarez**, Vice President Security - Apache Corporation

**Presentation:** "Response to Natural Disasters from Homeland Security's Perspective"

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## Security Issues - vs. - The Economy

*Editorial*

The growing number of webinars and related security conference our members continue to receive via emails seems to imply increased demand. One has to ask do we need to increase our focus on security issues. Many companies are faced with significant budget cuts across the board. But the need for increased security seems to outweigh current organizational budget constraints. Our Chapter's dues paying membership is at a record all time high and meeting attendance continues to be strong. While this may be attributed in part to the quality of our speakers and their presentation topics, the increases may be the result of the desire to increase our member's knowledge of possible security solutions.

Given the huge number of emails many of us receive announcing security conferences and seminars all over the USA and abroad, it raises the question are we faced with serious security issues due to the economy? Thwarted terrorist threats continue to headline the news, problems on our borders with drug cartels and growing criminal activities in our local communities may all contribute to the demand for the large number of security webinars and conferences. These webinars and security conferences offer solutions on how to address many of these serious issues. The ASIS International Seminar and Exhibit is offering a fine selection of subject matter on topical security issues of the day.

In the final analysis, we must find ways to effectively increase our focus on security issues in our organizations while dealing with our budget constraints.

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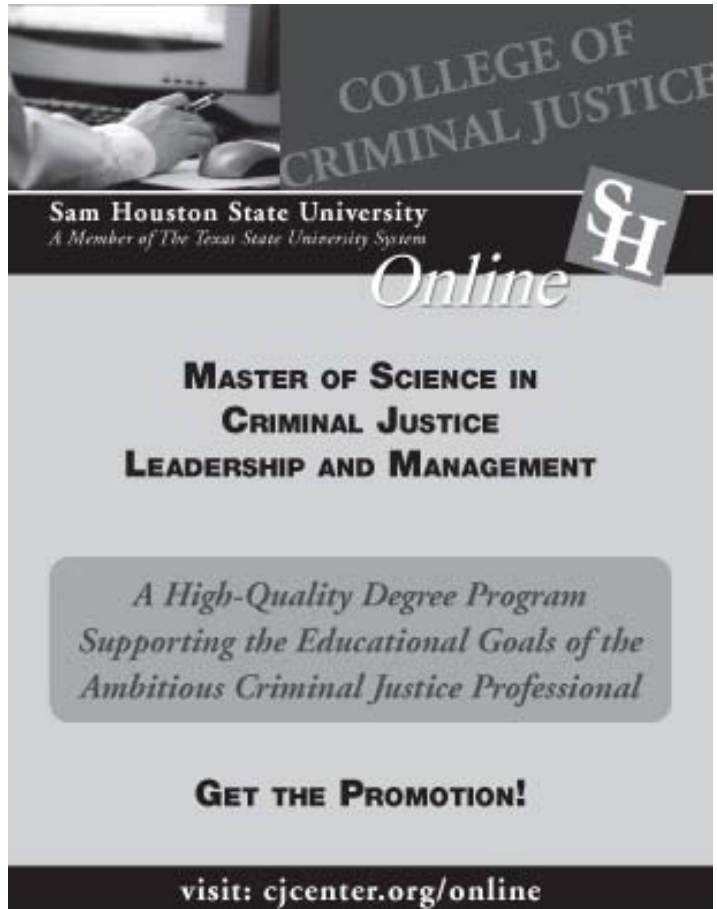
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## Treasurer's Report

By: Chris Dempster – Chapter Treasurer



As of the date of this report, we have 298 paid members of the local chapter and while that sounds significant, we have nearly 700 members of ASIS International assigned to the Houston Chapter. Therefore, if you have not joined yet and you plan on joining the

Houston Chapter, please do so. We are a privately funded organization and without your membership, we cannot provide the world class programs that Houston has become known for throughout the ASIS community. Your chapter membership also entitles you to discounts for local events such as the CPP review, the monthly luncheons and other events held by the chapter. We have begun monitoring registrations much more closely than in years gone by and if you have not paid your local dues, you will be required to pay the non-member price of that event. Remember you can pay these dues via credit card only at our website and only through Paypal. You also have the option of paying at the door when you arrive for a lunch or mail a check to P.O. Box 347, Houston, TX 77001-0347. Please include either a copy of the invoice or your name and national membership number on your check.

Again, if you do not wish to be a member of the local chapter and do not wish to receive reminder invoices for the remainder of the year, simply send me an e-mail [chris@isscsecurity.com](mailto:chris@isscsecurity.com) and I will remove you from our mailing list. Also, if you prefer not to be a member of any local chapter, you must write to National, attention Matt Mantione and request that you be moved to a member at large status.

As of the end of May we have **\$18,248.46** in the checking account and **\$6,328.45** in the savings account for a total balance of **\$24,576.91**. A portion of these funds were collected as sponsorships and as such will be used to continue the web site operation and the publication of our newsletter.

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