



From the Chair

By: Tom Hamilton, CPP, CPC – Chapter Chairman



This year is flying by! We have lots of good things happening in our Chapter so far this year. Our Web Site won Honorable Mention this year. Every year our Web Site is one of ASIS International’s top web sites. Web Site Chairman, Roger Piper is doing a great job aided by Bruce Rodriguez. We can be proud of our web site.

The Golf Committee is hard at work planning this year’s event that will once again be held in October. We have tentatively selected the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands! This should be confirmed shortly. The week after our tournament on October 4th, the PGA Seniors Tournament will be held at the TPC course so the golf course should be in outstanding conditions for our event. We are all excited. We need sponsors for this event so please contact Mike Mallon, Golf Committee Chairman if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for this great event. This is the one event where we raise funds for our charitable contributions and scholarship awards.

We are pleased to have booked Pat Lykos, Harris County District Attorney as our keynote Speaker for our May meeting. This should be a large turnout so make your reservations early.

Our Chapter Newsletter has once again earned ASIS International’s top award being named Newsletter of the Year for 2009! You will notice that this year, we have returned to our 12 page format as our Ad Sponsorships dropped off a bit the year. However, the newsletter is still financially self sufficient. For the past seven years, I have served as the editor for our newsletter and its now time for me to step down. I have found a great replacement. Susan Casias has agreed to take over this responsibility. She cur-

rently serves as our Media Relations Chairman, so this new position will be a natural transition for her. I will be working with Susan during the balance of this year to make this a smooth transition. Her first edition of the Sentry will be the December issue.

David Cribbs, CPP, PSP, our Certification Committee Chairman continues to do an outstanding job. Under his leadership, David has continued to teach our Certification review classes. The Houston Chapter has one of the highest pass rates for those members taking their Certification exams in the nation! We can be proud of this accomplishment and in the work David Cribbs continues to provide to our members. Special thanks go out to Dominick Verini, CPP with MD Anderson for continuing to provide our class room space for our Certifications review classes and for providing the refreshments for our attendees. The Chapter has just purchased new Certification review books and materials to assist David and our members in future Certification review classes.

The Social Committee is working on some exciting events for our membership to socialize and network. Darin Dillon, CPP is working to make this an eventful year for our Chapter members. They are planning several social events for the balance of 2010.

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Public Safety Committee Report

By: Charles Andrews - Committee Chairman

Greetings fellow Houston Chapter ASIS members! As your new Public Safety Committee Chairman I look forward to filling the “big shoes” of Mike Mallon as he moves to his new role as a “professional PGA golfer” or is it the Golf Committee Chairman – 2010? Thanks Mike for all your hard work and dedication to the Public Safety committee, it was appreciated! We have much to report, so let’s get started:

PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM UPDATE

Upon taking over this role 2010, I researched and collected over 360 law enforcement and security agencies in a 13 county area surrounding Harris County and mailed each contact a letter of introduction to the Public Safety Professional Award program, along with an invitation to join the ASIS Houston Chapter. The goal was to get the word out and increase the number of entries into the award process each month. Secondly, I’m working on the email addresses of all these contacts in order to more efficiently communicate with them each month reminding them to submit a qualified nominee. If you know of a list out there

that has the email addresses of law enforcement and private security leadership roles, please email your lists to charles.andrews@telecheck.com.

By the end of 1st Quarter – 2010, I plan to add the right number of committee members that would like to join and contribute to this task. In this role, you would be asked to help promote and identify nominees each month. Additionally, as projects arise, you would be asked to assist in their development and success. If you are interested, please email me at charles.andrews@telecheck.com to discuss further. To date, we have one other person on the committee who wanted to volunteer their time. Let me know?

The Public Safety Committee provided the chapter with several candidates for the Public Safety Professional award in 1st Quarter – 2010! Each of the candidates was noteworthy, but the selected three proved exceptional. We began the quarter by honoring the following selected law enforcement and security officers.

Chief Fernando Bertrand of the Texas Medical Center Police & Security Services department submitted Harris

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County Pct. 6 Deputy Vernon Matthews. Deputy Matthews for the following courageous actions.

“On Thursday, October 30, 2009, at approximately 6:30 PM, Dr. Stephanie Wuest, 28, after shopping, was in the parking lot of the Kroger’s Store at Old Spanish Trail @ Cambridge. A suspect, later identified as Anthony Jerome Bell, 40, approached her next to her vehicle in an attempt to rob Dr. Wuest. A struggle ensued before Bell pulled a pistol and shot Wuest several times, including once in the neck. Deputy Matthews, who was working off-duty security at the store, was alerted and directed to the scene by witnesses. Matthews arrived and was quickly able to arrest Bell without incident and hold him until on-duty Houston Police officers arrived. Bell was charged with attempted capital murder and remains held without bond in Harris County Jail. Bell has a criminal history dating back to 1989. Dr. Wuest was transported to Ben Taub Hospital emergency room in critical condition, but later recovered and is listed in stable condition, recovering from the incident. She is a doctor at Ben Taub Hospital and a first-year medical resident at Baylor College of Medicine. Deputy Matthews is a former public school teacher and has been a full-time deputy with Precinct 6 under Constable Victor Trevino for four years. Deputy Matthews’ alertness, as well as his quick and decisive actions, was key in effecting the arrest of an armed suspect during the commission of a felony. His courageous actions reflect highly upon his department and the law enforcement profession, and are worthy of recognition.”

Greg Autry, Senior Security & Life Safety Manager for Crescent Real Estate Equities (Greenway Plaza) submitted Deputy Gerald Barnes from District 5 – Harris County Sheriff’s Office. I asked Greg to read his nomination before the chapter as the nominator because it added a per-

sonal touch to the presentation as well as more information than just the written nomination form. We will continue this process as it has been well received by the membership.

“On December 8th 2009, Deputy Barnes was off duty, working an extra job at Greenway Plaza. At approximately 12:30 PM a high rise window stage that is used to clean and repair windows broke loose from one of the anchors that held it against 11 Greenway Plaza. On it were 3 glass replacement workers. The stage was ripped from the anchor by high winds that came up suddenly, catching the workers off guard. All they could do was hold on as the stage platform pin wheeled in the wind, twisting the cables that held the platform and sending it crashing into the building numerous times. This caused shards of glass to fall 10 stories to the ground. Upon witnessing this, with no regard for his personal safety, Deputy Barnes ran across the open area between buildings to the anchor point directly below the stage and grabbed onto the rope. One other unidentified individual came to assist him and they successfully stopped the stage from continuing to spin. Had Deputy Barnes not have acted immediately, the 3 workers who were tied into safety lines could have been thrown from the platform and been crushed against the building by the pin wheeling stage. Additionally, Houston Fire Department Technical Rescue Team stated that if the workers were thrown from the stage and not rescued within 15 minutes severe and irreversible physical injuries would have occurred. The 3 workers were rescued by HFD with only minor injuries. Deputy Barnes is to be commended for his quick and unselfish actions.”

Ralph Burdett, Administrative Director for the DPS Harris County Hospital District, submitted Security Officer

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Jaime Ochoa for his bravery and disregard for his personal safety while saving another individual’s life! I too asked Greg Autry to present the circumstances leading to this nomination at the March meeting, here is his nomination.

“On January 28, 2010 in response to a call about an individual who had taken the elevator to the roof of the Ben Taub Garage, 9 stories high, indicating he was going to commit suicide, Officer Jaime Ochoa, a 15 year veteran of the Harris County Hospital Security Department, responded to the roof of the garage. Seeing the individual sitting on the railing he communicated with the individual in an attempt to get him away from the edge of the roof. The individual indicated he did not want assistance and in a farewell gesture pulled the hood of his sweatshirt over his head and started to lean backwards over the edge. Officer Ochoa grabbed the individual preventing him from falling, and made sure the individual was assisted by medical personnel. This act of bravery, without regard for his personal safety saved this individual’s life. It gives me great pride to nominate Security Officer Jaime Ochoa as ASIS Houston Chapter Officer of the month.”

In the words of Mike Mallon, “these are but a few of the

heroic acts performed by our brethren serving the public around us and we are constantly seeking more like them.” Have you heard of a public safety professional that has consistently provided a level of service far beyond the call of duty? Do you know of a specific incident or display of heroism performed by a public safety professional: Police, Sheriff’s Deputy, Security Officer, EMS, Firemen? Send that information directly to me at charles.andrews@telecheck.com or the ASIS email address asis@asishouston.org and we will make arrangements to honor them for their service to our community at a future Chapter meeting.

HPD ALERT

During the last quarter of 2009, I was asked by Executive Chief of Police – Tim Ottemeir of the Houston Police Department to serve as the liaison to the security industry for HPD’s – “HPD Alert” project. I’ve now transitioned this role to my role as Chairmen of the Public Safety Committee for all the obvious reasons and to make sure our Chapter benefits in every way! During our March meeting and following that meeting, I communicated what the program was about and how important it was to join in order to benefit you and your organization, agency or company.

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To date, 108 members have responded with eagerness to participate! The HPD Alert project is the first-ever initiative to bring law enforcement and security together on an unprecedented scale to share real-time information on crimes in progress, emergencies, disasters, crime prevention and much much more! Our Chapter and its membership will be part of this historical effort of which I would predict will be duplicated by law enforcement around the country and quite possibly receive national acclaim before all is said and done. I'm excited about making this successful and hope EVERYONE will join. Email asis@asishouston.org if you want to participate and an email will be sent back to you with step/step instructions. Here is a recap on the program for those Chapter members who did not get an email or were not able to attend the March chapter meeting.

HPD ALERT PROGRAM!!

WHAT?

Consider participating in the first-ever Law Enforcement/Security mass notification system where you and your company can be involved in the launch of HPD's first-ever Alert Notification System – **HPD ALERT!** You **MUST** reply back to this email to get on the distribution list that will send you the steps to sign-up via email!!!

WHO?

Houston Police Department (HPD) and all Security companies and organizations in and around the City of Houston. That's you and the majority of our Houston Chapter ASIS membership!

WHEN?

Now! E-mail asis@asishouston.org if you are interested and you will get a follow-up email showing you the steps to get your company or organization onboard this cooperative effort between law-enforcement and private security.

WHY?

HPD is forming an initiative between Law Enforcement & Security in order to disseminate real-time information (see Program Details) that will help make the City of Houston a safer place for its residents, visitors and businesses. Additionally, the exchange of information in real-time between law enforcement and security will allow better communication on criminal activity, emergencies, crime prevention and much more in your area of Houston that will benefit the private security industry, to wit: *Imagine having your security officers alerted in real-time about a violent crime about to affect them or their clients? If you*

are a Security Director, is it important to know that a major gas-leak is occurring 1 block away in the middle of the day? If a major disaster is about to occur, doesn't the security industry want to know in real-time so they can mitigate the risk?

HOW?

E-mail asis@asishouston.org and a list will be formed where one mass email will be sent giving step/step directions on how to join and further details on what to expect and when to expect it.

HISTORY?

In November of 2009, HPD and 10 members of our ASIS Houston Chapter #12 sat down to begin a test pilot program of HPD Alert. Most of the bugs have been worked out and HPD is now ready to bring all security companies and organizations that want to benefit and participate in the HPD Alert program.

QUESTIONS/IDEAS/COMMENTS?

Contact Charles Andrews at:

Charles.andrews@telecheck.com, ASIS Public Safety Committee Chairman – ASIS Houston Chapter #12. Charles is acting as the liaison between HPD and the private security industry on this project.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

HPD ALERT

HPDALERT is an alert notification system that allows officials to immediately contact you during a major crisis or emergency and can deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices:

- email account (work, home, other)
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I look forward to serving all the Chapter membership in 2010! Let me know if I can help? I'm open to any ideas, thoughts or experiences you have to make the Public Safety Committee the very best that it can be for the Chapter.

TPSB Liaison - Board Meeting Overview

By: John Kahn, CPP – Committee Chairman

TEXAS PRIVATE SECURITY BOARD REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING October 8, 2009

Chairman Chism welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all cell phones and pagers be turned off or set to vibrate for the duration of the meeting. Chairman Chism went on to ask Captain Bowie to introduce the Bureau's new Lieutenant. Captain Bowie stated the Bureau successfully hired **Lt. Adam Park**. Lieutenant Park has been with the Department for some time; and came to the Bureau from Human Resources Division in Recruitment. Lieutenant Park addressed the Board saying he was coming over to the Private Security Bureau from H.R. recruitment as a polygraph examiner. He stated that he spent the last two years performing pre-employment polygraphs.

Assistant Chief Wayne Mueller, Addressed Board: Changes : Regulatory Licensing Division:

He stated the *Regulatory Licensing Service*, which consisted of the *Private Security Bureau* and *Concealed Handgun Licensing Bureau* now is the **Regulatory Licensing Division**. He added the Division includes *Vehicle Services Bureau*, *Narcotic Regulation Bureau*, and the *Metal Recycling Bureau*. He stated another change was his title from Assistant Chief of Regulatory Licensing Service to *Deputy Assistant Director of Regulatory Licensing Division*. He stated *Mr. John Jones* was added to management as Assistant Director.

Agenda Item I:

Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes for the Board meeting of August 27, 2009 as written.

Agenda Item II:

Election of Board Officers By Chapter 1702 / Subsection: 1702.026.

Chairman Chism stated he had received two nominations for Board officers. The first nomination was for *Mr. Howard Johnsen* to hold the position of Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations for this position. The second nomination he received was for *Mr. Mark Smith* to hold the position of Secretary. Board voted unanimously to re-elect Mr. Howard Johnsen for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Mark Smith for Secretary.

Agenda Item III:

Reggie Andrews presented the basis of being tasked to develop "endorsement types"; and pocket card types. There is a "*Q & A Sheet*" available. More information is available within the *Board Entry Minutes* TPSB Website: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb/>.

How many pocket cards can a registrant possess?

A registrant can possess up to three cards (Unarmed Registration, Instructor Registration and Commissioned Security Officer Card).

These Sections cover items:

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- “Endorsement”
- “Active Cards”
- “Cards Per Registrant”
- “Deletion of Endorsement Per Pocket Card”

Agenda Item IV:

Karen Hewitt would be presenting a new program to be taught statewide by the University of North Texas. Presenters were asking the Board to consider their program of 218 classroom hours as a replacement to the 3 years experience as “investigator”, as stated under Chapter 1702. It is recognized by the Board – a degree of *Criminal Justice* as a replacement to the (3)-three year requirement. *More information is available with Board Entry Minutes.*

Agenda Item V:

Executive Session as authorized under 551.071.: Not Taken.

Agenda Item VI:

Captain Bowie presented the Investigation Statistics to the Board. He stated there was a spike in the number of investigated cases in the period of 7/1/09-9/30/09. The spike indicated via the closing of “older cases”; not necessarily due to *an increase* in activity. The number of violations investigated for 7/1/09-9/30/09 was 1565 cases. There were 27 cases of operating with an expired license, 270 cases of operating with a suspended license, 74 cases of operating without a license, and 134 cases of failure to register employees. There were 25 cases presented to prosecutors. There were 1,110 cases closed with no action, 256 cases resulting in administrative citation, 128 cases closed with administrative warning, and 71 closed with some other type of administrative or criminal action taken.

Captain Bowie described his trip to Dallas to meet with *a private investigator association* and to discuss that sporting venues “*employing potentially unlicensed people as security guards.*” Captain Bowie stated he was tasked with taking on such entities as the *Dallas Cowboys*. He indicated *DPS Troopers – Dallas* had begun investigating these venues; and working with them to employ licensed individuals. Bowie stated, because of their investigations, some arrests have been made.

Captain Bowie described his meeting with *Locksmiths* who voiced their concerns about “unlicensed activity.” Bowie indicated two arrests were made in East Texas and another company, *24 Hour Locksmiths*, was now minus two employees, too. In West Texas – one arrest was made.

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Bowie explained these *investigations* were prompted from industries’ concerns. *More information is available with Board Entry Minutes.*

Captain Bowie addressed Changes In Training:

He stated **Level I Training** will be deleted, as it is obsolete. He stated the TPSB would be posting changes to **Level II Training** on the website in the coming weeks. *Level II Training* will be updated. Bowie indicated the feedback from calls he has received referred to **Level III Training** and **Level IV Training** for *Commissioned Officers* and *PPOs*. Bowie stated TPSB would be setting-up a “train-the-trainer program” to train **Level III instructors** on the curriculum. Then, for these trained individuals to instruct others.

Reggie Andrews introduced new members of the *Private Security Bureau*. Ms. Emily Munoz, who is a new addition to the *Investigations Section*. Ms. Yolanda Martin, Ms. Jennifer Harville, and Ryan Garcia who are new members of the Licensing Section. *More information is available with Board Entry Minutes.*

Totals for 4th Quarter - 7/11/09 to 10/5/09:

The Bureau received:

- 115: original company applications
- 1,248: company renewals
- 7,547: original individual applications
- 6,657: individual renewals - not including on-line applications.

The Private Security Bureau processed the following licenses/registrations:

- 177: original company licenses (72 on line, 105 manual)
- 1,238: company renewals (755 on line, 483 manual)
- 9,454: individual registrations (1672 on line, 7,782 manual)
- 6,386: individual registration renewals (2,162 on line, 4,224 manual)
- 4,824: employee information updates (769 on line, 4,055 manual)

Some statistics - as of 10/5/09:

- 5,248: Active Company Licenses
- 190: Active School Licenses
- 121,073: Active Individual Registrants.



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Security Seminar June 2nd!

The Houston Chapter has planned another great security seminar. Again this year it will be held at the AIG facility with an all inclusive price of \$95 per attendee including the full seminar, lunch and parking.

We are finalizing the speakers list and topics and should have all the details published shortly. At the conclusion of the seminar, all attendees will receive their certificates of completion for CEU credits. For more information, see the Chapter’s web site at www.asis.houston.org or contact Randy Simpson, CPP - Seminar Chairman.

Web Site Committee

By: Roger Piper, CPP - Committee Chairman

Our year began the same as last year, with a drive to obtain critical sponsorships for our award winning website. We wish to thank our legacy sponsors who decided to extend their relationship and support to the Houston Chapter. A very grateful and special thanks to the new sponsors joining our team this year. We welcome them and extend an invitation to all ASIS Houston Chapter members to visit the "Sponsors" page of the site and click on the various sponsor's links in order to get to know them better. Each provides key services to the security community and their support to the website and this Chapter reflects on both their strong commitment and benevolent generosity.

We also extend our appreciation for the past support provided by those sponsors who did not renew this year. We look forward to their continued "support in spirit." As a reminder, funding raised through the sponsorships goes to directly support the maintenance and operation of the website. Sponsorships have been more of a challenge this year as companies have had to take a hard look at their bottom line during these tough economic times. We believe our site offers extremely good value to the greater Houston area community and to ASIS members in particular and would invite your comments on ways you believe we could better serve your interests or needs. If you or your company would be willing to become a sponsor, please contact us.

The list of luncheon speakers if a new feature added last year and is intended to allow you to plan meetings that offer you more value. When speakers of interest to you are scheduled, please remember to invite a friend or colleague to the meetings to share the experience. If you have not been to a luncheon lately, please check out the list and add us to your schedule. We believe you will enjoy our new location at the Hess Club.



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The Sentry Gets a New Editor

Editorial

With progress comes change! Over the past seven years, our Chapter newsletter has won the coveted ASIS International's Newsletter of the Year award three times and won Honorable Mention four times.

Since its inception, The Sentry has been published quarterly under the watchful eye of Tom Hamilton, Editor. For several years, Tom has searched for a new editor to turn over the reins and step aside. His search is over. Susan Casias has been appointed as the new editor for The Sentry. Over the coming months, Tom and Susan will work together to make a smooth transition of the Chapter's newsletter to its new leadership and editor. Susan possess great writing skills, is currently serving as Chairperson of the new Media Relations Committee.

Each year, The Sentry has been a financial success. Not only financially self-sufficient but has awarded annual \$1,000.00 in scholarship funds to the Lone Star Law Enforcement Academy by careful management of its publication overhead costs and through the support of our Ad Sponsors. We are so appreciative of our Ad Sponsors. We have had the continued support of many of our Ad Sponsors since the newsletter began and gained new Ad Sponsors as needed. Without their continued support, the newsletter would not be possible.

A special thanks to Bruce Rodriguez for his support and work on The Sentry over the past seven years. Bruce's work in laying out the Newsletter in print ready format has saved us time and money. Good Job Bruce! We're confident that Susan and Bruce will continue to publish a great Chapter newsletter.

Chapter Sponsors HPD Bicycle Relay Team!

Editorial

The Houston Chapter has donated \$500.00 to sponsor the Houston Police Department's Bicycle Relay Team. This annual fund raising event is held to raise funds to fight Leukemia. This donation was made possible through the Chapter's membership growth and our continued financial success.

The Chapter's Executive Committee voted to approve this donation on behalf of our members and hopes to continue to support this worthwhile annual charitable event.



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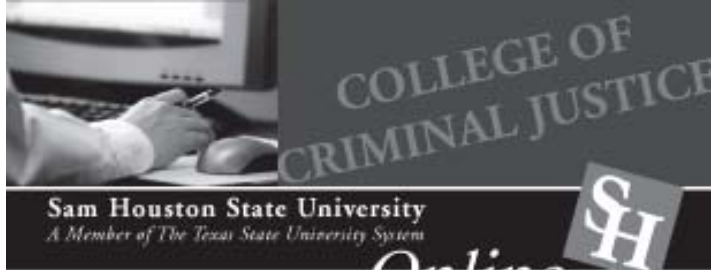
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Treasurer's Report

By: Chris Dempster – Chapter Treasurer



As of the date of this report, we have 286 paid members of the local chapter and while that sounds significant, we have over 700 members of ASIS International assigned to the Houston Chapter. Therefore, if you have not yet done so, and you plan on joining the Houston Chapter, please do so. As you know 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. As you also know, we provide discounts to those persons who have joined the chapter to local events such as the CPP review, the monthly luncheons and other events held by the chapter. We will be monitoring this 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 pay pal. 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 want me to bother you for the remainder of the year, simply send me an e-mail chris@isscsecurity.com and I will remove you from my disbursement list for the remainder of the year. However, if you do not want 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.

As of the end of March we have \$10,870.55 in the checking account and \$6,327.39 in the savings account for a total balance of \$17,194.94. Please also remember that our award winning news letter and websites are funded by contributions from our membership. If you wish to have an ad in the newsletter or on the website, please consider contributing to one or both of these great productions.

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