



MAY, 2006

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive month, this prominent chapter has demonstrated its ability to provide its membership with quality guest speakers and informative content.

A riveting example, in May, our chapter hosted another scintillating presentation when Sgt. Jim Gordon, LAPD presented "Operation Archangel" to a jam packed audience of security professionals.

Over the years you've experienced many PowerPoint presentations however, I challenge you to present a demonstration that eclipses this marvelous rendition of our great city's continuum battle against terrorism.

Recently honored with LAPD's *Police Star* for bravery, Sergeant Jim Gordon is a 24 year veteran of the department. Jim is currently assigned to the Emergency Services Division, Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau; Assistant Officer In-Charge of Operation Archangel.

**Archangel** is a collaborative effort between the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

**Archangel** is a national model tasked with the development of strategies and methodologies to identify and assess locations of criticality, and, to plan multi-agency/disciplinary prevention, deterrence, response and consequence management initiatives related to critical incidents, including terrorism!

I received several inquiries from members that were unable to attend this meeting, asking if we could forward to them materials depicting this wonderful presentation.



Unfortunately, because of the sensitivity of the subject matter we cannot forward the contents of the discussion however, I can recap for you.

- Archangel and the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) tool
- Identification and Prioritization of Critical Assets
- Terrorist Planning and surveillance operations
- Surveillance Detection
- Security Officer Professionalism
- Pre-incident Indicators

### Remembering Dick Balcom

As we reported last month, one of our dearest friends and a charter member of The San Fernando Valley ASIS, Dick Balcom passed away. You'll never find a nicer person in business or personally than Dick.

Longtime member and friend David Hankins fondly remembered Dick during May's breakfast meeting.

Dick served his country in the United States Marine Corp., then as an FBI Agent. In the private sector Dick was a member of ASIS and IAHS, and was the founder of Photo-Scan of Los Angeles/PSLA Security Systems. He is survived by his children of Thousand Oaks, California, Scott R. Balcom, Barry E. Balcom, Lynne M. Holder, and Kevin M. Balcom (wife Babette); and three grandchildren,

### SFV-ASIS Website

After a lengthy interruption, our chapter's website is once again back up and running. Kudos to Dylan Anderson for his patience and determination, putting all the scattered pieces back together again. The bottom line, the server Dylan had invested a great deal of time, money and energy crashed on us, basically leaving us set a drift with no chance of recovery. I'm sure Dylan would be more than happy to share with you the name of the company *not to use as a server!*



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### **Here Comes the Chief**

Our next meeting will not be until August 1, when BSIS Chief Paul Johnson makes an encore presentation to our Chapter.

Chief Johnson will provide us with an update of SB 194 (Licensing of Proprietary Security Officers) along with the latest news and information as it relates to security in the State of California. Always informative, this is a meeting you need to attend!

### **Det. Andy Alegria on the Mend**

In February, Detective Andy Alegria of the San Fernando Valley Gang Bureau presented a chilling description of the evolution and up to date progress of “**The Most Dangerous Gang in America, MS-13**” it was a fantastic program.

Shortly after our presentation, Andy presented his program to the ATAP organization when shortly there after he admitted he was feeling a little run down.

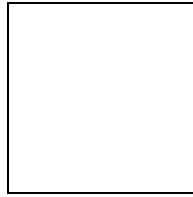
Well, Andy was run down all right, to the point of a quadruple by-pass!

We all wish Andy a speedy recovery...and hope to see him out and about with us real soon!

### **Getting Involved-Individually Transforms Into Teamwork**

We've discussed this scenario many, many times before, truthfully, it's been a (quasi) one-way discussion.

To better illustrate this topic, we are all extremely busy and have a multitude of responsibilities resting on our shoulders. Naturally, this can prohibit us at times from attending ASIS functions. ASIS is not only an individual membership, it's a team partnership thus, creative professionals should think out of the box when it comes to supporting your chapter.



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I cannot think of a better example than the effort Walt Disney Studios (Ms. Andrea Cunningham) has displayed.

Andrea is the Senior Security Manger for the Studios and has pledged her participation since she joined our chapter last year.

Relating to my earlier statement, Andrea has been besieged with a heavy work load creating untimely conflicts with our meetings; she has been hard pressed to join us on a consistent basis. However, that has not deterred her dedication to the chapter. Keeping the interests of her chapter in mind, she has made the effort to engage her co-workers and associates to participate in our chapter.

This is a very positive extension and example of someone (and company) contributing to our program when they physically could not attend.

Can you imagine the type of wind fall we could enjoy if Senior Managers of our membership took the time and made that same effort?

To Andrea and her team at Walt Disney Studios, I applaud your effort and contribution!

Don't forget, in October, Andrea and her team at Walt Disney Studios will be hosting "A Night at the Studios" We are really looking forward to that splendid event.

Everyone, have a wonderful summer; we'll see you in August!

Your comments and views are always appreciated!

Respectfully,

*Craig A. Chamberlain*  
SFV-ASIS Chairman