

Issue: December 2007

NEXT MEETING:

When:

Tuesday – 12/4/07
07:30 to 09:00

Where:

Marie Callender's
Restaurant
14743 Ventura Bl.
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Topic:

Installation of 2008
chapter officers

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Chairman's Corner



I can't believe we are already approaching the holidays. It has been a very interesting year for our Chapter. Though attendance was down a bit, we had some very interesting speakers and several lively conversations.

Elections were held at our November Chapter Meeting and congratulations are in order for Patrick Salter, CPP who is the Chair-elect for 2008. Pat has served as Chapter Treasurer for the past half dozen years or so.

Rebekah Wells, Region III Vice President braved the darkness and a long drive to attend our 7:30 am November breakfast meeting. It is always a pleasure seeing Becky.

I want to thank Ann Marie Piersol, Vice Chair, Gary Bradley, Secretary and Pat Salter, Treasurer for their help and support. Thanks to Craig Chamberlain and Mike Pirouzian, who are always willing to do whatever it takes. I also want to thank the Committee Chairs and fellow chapter members for their support during the past year. I hope everyone will continue to be even more involved next year.

Next meeting: Look what's happening!!!

Our guest speaker is still pending at the time of this news release.

We will be having our annual "Installation of Officers". The chapter officers that were nominated and elected to their posts by the membership at hand during the November breakfast meeting are as follows:

2008 Chapter Executive Board

Chapter Chairman – Patrick "Pat" Salter, CPP
Vice Chairman – Mike Pirouzian
Secretary – Robert "Bob" Lee, CPP
Treasurer - Robert "Bob" Lee, CPP (*temp*)

NOTE: Bob will handle both positions only until someone steps up to the plate to take the Treasurer position!!!

CALIFORNIA SECURITY NEWS IN REVIEW

The private security industry's attention was focused on the annual CALSAGA conference (November 6-8) that was held for the very first time in Sacramento. This year's conference built upon CALSAGA's prior success and focused on the next steps needed to take control of the future of the security industry. Every year this conference has dramatically improved in its contents, this year as anticipated, maintained that special momentum.

An all-star lineup of speakers including Labor Commissioner Angela Bradstreet, Mike Pro시오 who is Governor Schwarzenegger's Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary and BSIS Chief Paul Johnson and Deputy Chief Rick Fong were on the program agenda.

Other invited speakers include the Sacramento Chief of Police, Albert Nájera, Senator Abel Maldonado and the State Insurance Commissioner, Steve Poizner. addressed the issues that were extremely pressing.

The program portion of the conference kicked off by President Mark Miller's opening remarks and recapping the Association's progress in 2007 and how CALSAGA plans to move forward in 2008. California Labor Commissioner Angela Bradstreet followed Miller and spoke candidly about the meal and rest break issue and how her agency has taken steps to gather necessary information in hopes of finding a solution in the near future.

BSIS Enforcement Manager, George Paddeck and Outreach Coordinator, Rolando Taea participated in a panel to discuss AB 2880 training compliance. Much like the AB 2880 seminars held earlier in the year by CALSAGA, this was a very interesting topic for attendees and lots of questions were asked from the audience. Taea told attendees to "train your security officers, or we'll be knocking at your door!"

To wrap up the first day, the Security Officer Memorial Fund Cocktail Reception was held where as contributions and pledges added up to almost \$8,000 for this wonderful cause.

One of the highlights of the second day was two presentations on the issue of meal and rest breaks from Mike Pro시오 who is the Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary to Governor Schwarzenegger and Laura Innes from Simpson, Garrity & Innes.

Pro시오 gave the viewpoint from the Governor's office and explained how the Governor would like to see a universal solution to the meal and rest break issue, as opposed to an industry-by-industry fix. Pro시오 applauded our industry and CALSAGA for meeting with him throughout the past year and he encouraged the same dialogue again in 2008.

Laura Innes from Simpson, Garrity & Innes gave an outstanding presentation citing several recent cases on meal and rest breaks, including the recent Brinker Restaurant Group v. Supreme Court case.

I would encourage every PPO to take the Meal and Rest Break issue very, very serious!

As Ms. Innes noted, class-action suits are happening at an amazing rate, hopefully, you have the proper documentation and procedures in place.

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Remember

**Please bring a gift
for the raffle.**

Tip of the Month

Our Tip is from James R. Black, senior security consultant from TRC Solutions in Irvine, Calif.

"Most companies never bother changing the default passwords on alarm and access control system software, leaving the systems more vulnerable than necessary. Companies should understand how readily available this information is. Type your system name and the phrase 'default password' into Google and you'll likely to find the administrators password. You'd be surprised how many hacking Web sites exist specialize in gathering security passwords. Unfortunately, thieves exploit these vulnerabilities more often than you think. Every business owner should confirm these defaults or administrative back doors have been changed. Consult the manufacturer directly if you cannot get confirmation that this has been done."

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The program ended with a panel discussion with BSIS Chief Paul Johnson, Deputy Chief Rick Fong and Cathy Kester from the Department of Justice (DOJ). Johnson gave attendees an update on the latest from BSIS and mentioned that their agency has stepped up enforcement throughout the State – most recently taking part in a joint sting operation with the Oxnard Police Department, where several security officers and a PPO were cited for not complying with State licensing and training requirements. Kester finished off the panel by explaining the guard card licensing process from the perspective of DOJ and what challenges her department has encountered.

If you are a PPO and did not attend this event, keep in mind, over two-hundred of your most successful competitors attended!

by CRAIG CHAMBERLAIN-THE WORLD PROTECTION GROUP

Thank you to Jeff Flint and William Hodges of CALSAGA for their contributions

Participation has its' rewards....by Frank Faulk

All organizations and chapters, just like ours have the same problem with membership participation. A small group of active members hold the various positions year after year and the large majority of members occasionally stop in for one or two meetings a year.

ASIS started with a very basic concept and that was to create an organization for security professionals to meet, share their knowledge with each other and eventually become even more professional. This is one reason we attempt to schedule a speaker each month that has something of relevance for us all.

I have seen many of the same faces over the years and we have become good friends and have shared many experiences with each other. By sharing these "war stories", sometimes we have laughed and other times we were amazed to find out how similar someone else's problems were compared to our own.

This, in my opinion, is exactly what ASIS is for. If we can freely discuss problems or situations with other professionals, we will usually find someone who has had a similar problem and they will usually offer their solution, good, bad or in different. You may have just found out something that you were going to try was not successful and saved the embarrassment of you doing it yourself or you just confirmed your theory over a meal with a new friend and you can return to work and be a hero.

Our chapter needs a boost of participants, let's get 2008 off to a good start and make one meeting a month an import spot on your busy calendar. Everybody becomes a hero...

A message from Patrick "Pat" Salter....

Let me introduce myself, I am your new chapter Chair for 2008. Currently I am a branch manager for Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. I have been with Securitas for the past six years. Previously I was employed by United Parcel Service. I retired from them after 25 years, having various jobs with them, the last being a District Loss Prevention/Security Representative. I have been a member of ASIS and the San Fernando Valley Chapter since 1998. In 2005 I obtained my CPP certification.



I am privileged to serve the members of the San Fernando Valley local ASIS chapter this coming year. I pledge to you to give my utmost to provide this chapter with programs that will enhance the members' professionalism in the Security industry of which ASIS is the leading professional organization. Your board will endeavor to make the chapter meeting relevant and educational to our members' interests around the security industry.

So I am asking you to please set aside some time every month to participate in your local chapter's main event the monthly chapter meeting. If you only attended one meeting last year, attend two this year. I am asking you to please consider attending at least one meeting a quarter. We only have ten meetings a year and we need your participation to flourish. Every member brings something towards the whole essence of the chapter. Each member is important to the life of the chapter.

With that in mind, attend a meeting; to learn, to network, to reacquaint yourself with colleagues. Volunteer. We need committee chairs. We need a new generation of leaders in the security industry; they will come from among our members. Help make this a memorable year in the chapter's life and in your professional life.

News about... *The Security Blanket*

The Security Blanket will accept all relevant articles for publication. Articles will be added to the next Security Blanket that has space for the article. Every effort will be made to ensure any article that are of a time sensitive nature are published on time. (Please note when the article is submitted if time is an issue.) The cutoff date will be the 20th of each month and the publish-distribution date will be about the 25th of each month for the subsequent month.

If someone would like to write monthly antidotes, they will have a space reserved.

The entire newsletter will be placed on the chapter web site each month and the emailed news brief will contain links to the various areas of the newsletter. If you wish a printed version, you will be able to print the PDF file from the website, otherwise, the newsletter will be "paperless".

Next month we will offer advertising space on each newsletter and emailed HTML. The funds will be added to the chapter's treasury.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome, please send to Frank@highpointcomm.com.

Meeting locations and best time???

Over the years we have used the Sportsman Lodge, the Odyssey Restaurant, the Airtel Plaza Hotel, Marie Callender's, Glendale Elk's Lodge and others. We have had breakfast meetings and lunches. It is now time to look into 2008 and find a location central to as many members as possible and find the best time for most of the members so it is as easy as possible for the most to attend.

We believe we are looking for a location in the center of the valley, probably Van Nuys and we believe lunches may be easier to attend than breakfast.

Another time slot that has been presented is to move the standard monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of each month.

We are looking for suggestions on all matters. Please send in your comments as soon as possible to Pat.Salter@securitasinc.com so we can use **everyone's** input.

It is your Chapter and your meetings, please send in your comments.

Thank you....

Employment ...

We would like to update our employment section of the website. If you or your company has any openings that you would like posted (for free) in our Employment Section, please send a help wanted PDF file and your listing will be added with the link to your file.

Please send your attachment to: frank@highpointcomm.com with ASIS Employment in the subject line.

Committee positions ...

The chapter has a host of committees that are in need of both committee chairman positions and members of each committee. The following committees need volunteers for 2008:

- ASIS Foundation
- CPP Certification Representative
- Legislative Representative
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Chairman
- Membership
- Placement