

NEXT MEETING:

When:

Tuesday – Feb. 10th
11:30 to 13:00

Where:

Jim's Family Rest.
8950 Laurel Canyon
Sun Valley
(818) 768-0213

Topic: Retail Crime How to get your team organized...

Greg Nottingham,
Field Organized Retail
Crime Mgr., Gap, Inc.
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for 21 years

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Chairman's Corner

by Pat Salter, CPP

"It's the economy, stupid!" Remember those words, uttered over and over on the 1992 election cycle by the young democratic governor of Arkansas as he campaigned against the incumbent president George HW Bush. Our economy in 1992 was according to the democratic nominee "the worst in 50 years." In fact the economy in 1980 was much worse as was the economy in 1974. Rhetoric such as this is common during an election cycle, (recall some of the over the top rhetoric this past presidential campaign). However, this time we can all agree, the economy is in trouble, severe trouble. The trillion-dollar question is how bad, how bad is the economy?



How will this economic tsunami affect all of us in the security industry? Some of us already have felt the economic instability around us. Lay-offs, budget cutbacks, corporate re-structuring are just some of the business strategies some of us are dealing with.

The point of this missive isn't to point out how bad or not the economy is but to reflect on how it is affecting our industry and how we can work together to increase our value to our employers and clients during these times of economic uncertainty. Opportunities abound during rough economic times to those who plan and those who can prove that they have value added service for those companies and customers who have need of security and security related products and services. I would like to foster among us a heightened dialog to assist one another and our customers to ensure that we survive and prosper during these times of economic uncertainty.

In the short term, opportunities in our industry historically shrink, but after things sort out new opportunities will arise. Our job as security professionals is to be in a position to be available for those opportunities, assets will need to be preserved, personnel will need to be protected and intellectual property will need to be kept secure.

In addition the public sector will continue to partner with the private sector to protect and secure public facilities and the public. This mutual assistance leverages law enforcement assets so that it can concentrate on what it does best, deal with and prevent crime. This makes law enforcement more effective and tax dollars stretched and used more effectively.

So during the next several years let's resolve to continue our relationships and build upon our past successes and work to assist all of us to continue to provide the best in goods and services to the public, our employers and customers.

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Insider Crimes - From Preparation to Response

The following article was provided by Cyber Crime & Computer Forensic News which is created each month by Kroll Ontrack. This document does not provide legal or other professional advice and should not be relied upon as anything other than a starting point for research and information on the subject of electronic evidence.

They might seem like typical employees, but they're not. They're criminal insiders, using their professional authority to access and steal confidential data or cause mayhem on a company's IT systems. What can companies do to protect themselves against thieves who have access to their most sensitive information?

There are many types of insider crimes. The most common examples of insider crimes include cases where an employee leaves the company and takes confidential information (such as client contact information) or where an employee steals proprietary information for personal gain. Other common incidents involve disgruntled individuals who delete, destroy or compromise information. In many instances of insider crimes, criminal and civil laws are broken and the information obtained through the investigation ends up as evidence in a court proceeding.

There are a few steps an organization can take to prevent insider crimes. First, organizations should establish an auditing process to monitor employee computer use and limit access to restricted information. While it may seem sneaky to monitor the activities of your trusted employees, the first step in protecting against information leakage is determining whether or not information is being lost. In addition, regular audits can insure compliance to the organization's computer use policy and can aid in reducing the likelihood of an insider event. Second, external audits of an organization's computer infrastructure can be used to ensure proficiency and to prevent wrongdoing within an IT department where the "keys to the kingdom" are held. Further, it is prudent to establish and maintain a strict set of password requirements, thereby decreasing the likelihood that someone is able to gain access to restricted information by mere luck and immediately disable access to restricted information upon termination of employment. This is extremely important in the case of IT personnel that share administrative passwords. This is an ill-advised practice that complicates an internal investigation and compromises computer security.

While preparation is definitely a key step, a prudent team will also incorporate procedures to manage incidents of insider crimes within the organization's incident response plan. The first step will be to document the date, time, location, people involved, items involved, manner and any other relevant information. As this information may end up in court somewhere down the road, it is important to sufficiently document the event and establish a secure chain of custody, including an identification of the conditions of the collection. Next, be sure to identify all possible sources of electronically stored evidence involved. Once your team begins collecting the information, be sure it is properly secured, packaged, marked and identified. Lastly, be sure to preserve the chain of custody and protect the information from conditions that may damage the data.

Tip of the Month

Our Tip is courtesy of US-CERT

"Some e-mail accounts, especially within an organization, offer a feature (called an autoresponder) that allows you to create an 'away' message if you are going to be away from your e-mail for an extended period of time. The message is automatically sent to anyone who e-mails you while the autoresponder is enabled. While this is a helpful feature for letting your contacts know that you will not be able to respond right away, be careful how you phrase your message. You do not want to let potential attackers know that you are not home, or, worse, give specific details about your location and itinerary. Safer options include phrases such as 'I will not have access to e-mail between [date] and [date].' If possible, also restrict the recipients of the message to people within your organization or in your address book."

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The least-suspicious employees may be the ones who commit insider crimes against their employers. Therefore, corporations must take steps to prevent criminal activity and be prepared to respond quickly so as to minimize the impact to the organization. In certain circumstances, you may need to call on an expert who has the training and experience necessary for proper preparation and response to insider crimes. Thus, it is perceptive to establish a relationship with a reputable computer forensics expert and/or a high tech investigative consultant prior to a need for their services.

Special thanks to Terry D. Willis, Kroll Ontrack Consultant, for his contribution in writing this article. Mr. Willis specializes in computer forensics and high technology investigative consulting. Prior to joining Kroll Ontrack, he was a Senior Detective and headed the Los Angeles Police Department's Computer Crimes Unit.

February meeting: Our Guest Speaker...

Retail Crime – How to get your team organized! Greg Nottingham is the Field Organized Retail Crime Manager for Gap, Inc. He is a 21 year veteran of the Ontario Police Department and in his present position shares his knowledge of prevention, detection and capture with various shopping malls, law enforcement agencies and other security professionals.

Greg will present a list of prevention techniques and ways to detect fraud in the retail environment. .

This is going to be a very informative meeting, addressing issues that may be important to your position. Please make your reservations early to ensure that we have enough space at the restaurant.

Happy Valentines Day...!

Remember your significant other on Saturday, February 14th.

They have ~~a lot~~ everything to do with who you are!



January meeting: See what you missed!!!

TSCM: Technical Surveillance Counter Measurers were discussed by Frank Faulk, CPP. His presentation explained a lot of the process involved in a "bug sweep," and many technical aspects of the process.

Also, every meeting has an increase in attendance. The speakers have all been informative and relevant to our security knowledge. Make your reservations for the next meeting!

Up coming Speakers & Events...

March- meeting

Mar. 10th, 2009

Speaker:

Lt. Loren Farell
LAPD Forgery

Topic:

Identity Theft,
the latest
problems and
what you can do!

Up Coming ASIS Training:

Topic:

Crisis
Management:
Introduction to
the Response
Plan and
Advanced
Topics

When:

02/09/2009 to
02/12/2009

Where:

Redondo Beach

[More Info \(link\)](#)

**Get your seat
now!**

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Menu selection for next meeting...

Please choose from one of the entrée selections below when you make your reservation. If your diet does not include entrée's from the selection, please let us know and we can make accommodations. When you send in your RSVP, please indicate BEEF, CHICKEN or FISH for yourself and your guest(s).

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER (BEEF)

Chopped beef steak, breaded and fried. Dinner includes a choice of potato or rice pilaf, fresh sautéed vegetables, soup and salad bar.

CILANTRO CHICKEN

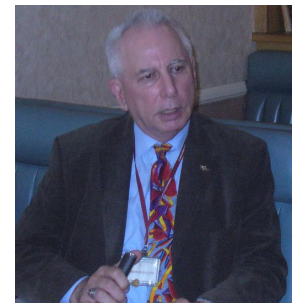
Tender breast of chicken, marinated and sautéed in cilantro butter sauce and served with rice, refried beans, Pico de gallo, fresh guacamole and tortillas.

FRESH SALMON AL PESTO DINNER (FISH)

Fresh Salmon filet topped with garlic-pesto sauce, serves on a rice pilaf with garden vegetables. Also comes with soup and a salad bar.

ASIS Region III CPP Review Course - 2009 "time NOW to enroll"

Mark your calendars for the ASIS Region III Spring 2009 CPP (Certified Protection Professional) Review Course. The course is scheduled for 21 February to 11 April 2009 with a practice CPP exam on 18 April 2009. The class will be held at the Southern California Edison headquarters in Rosemead on Saturday mornings. The Region III course is recognized by ASIS International as the premiere locally produced preparation course for the CPP exam.



The course covers all the study material for the CPP exam by having student teams present the various topics to the class. Teams work with the guidance of a CPP Mentor who acts as a facilitator where necessary. Region III is in the process of having this class awarded academic credit through Riverside Community College (RCC). Cost of the class is \$140.00 for the Region III course and \$60.00 for registration with RCC. This registration is mandatory as portions of the course will require online access to RCC functions. Still, the cost is less than that of other review courses than do not offer academic credit.

Obtaining the CPP designation marks you as "board certified in security management." More and more employers are recognizing the value of having their senior security staff credentialed as CPP's. In fact, some studies show that the CPP designation can add \$10,000.00 or more to annual compensation. More details will become available soon.

Stephen Huss, CPP

Famous Quotes

We are always looking for speakers with "hot" topics.

Please make your recommendations to Pat Salter at pat.salter@securitasinc.com

Or call him at (818) 782-6184

"Most of the things worth doing in the world were said to be impossible before they were done."

Jurist, Louis Brandeis

"The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot."

Professional Speaker, Michael Altshuler

Upcoming Chapter Events!!!

Thursday, Feb. 5th. ASIS-130 will have a Board & Transition meeting at Jim's Rest. At 11:30.

CPP Review – SIGN UP NOW!!!

Please check out the events section of the website for up to date listings!!!

Committee positions ... are still available....

The chapter has a host of committees that are in need of members for each committee.

"The reward of membership is discovered by involvement!"

The more involved you become in the Chapter, the more the Chapter and ASIS become significant in your professional security life. The Chapter is staffed and managed by its volunteer members. All of the committees have room for one or two more, so the choice is yours.

- What would you like to do to get involved?
- Are there any changes you believe would make the Chapter a better resource?
- Do you like to write articles?
- Are you a person who knows a lot of different speakers?

There are many choices... come join a committee!

Call for photos...

We are attempting to add a photo gallery to the Chapter website. If you have any old photos that you would like to share and have placed on the website, please contact Frank Faulk, CPP @ (818) 831-2404.

If they are already digital, please email them, with (who, what, when, where and anything else that may be interesting) to Info@asissfv.org, if they are original (paper) photos, they will be scanned and returned to you.

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Look at the employment section of the website...

www.asissfv.org/employment.htm

If you know of an open position, please pass it on to Wayne!!!

CALL For Papers

If you have some information that you would like to share with the chapter, please send your article, notes or just an email with your idea to the newsletter editor.

We are always looking for information related to our industry.

Thank you...

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Welcome Aboard...

New members are truly welcomed.

As professionals, we cherish new members because they bring new information and new ideas with them as they begin networking with each of us.

As the year progresses, it is important for the new members to make plans to attend a monthly meeting (or two, or three... or more!) and introduce yourself.

We will make every effort to keep the upcoming speakers and topics on the web site.

Please call Eric Mardian to make sure he will have your Membership Certificate at the next meeting so it can be presented to you.... *Welcome aboard!*

Placement... by Doug Carner CPP

Our group represents a diverse collection of talents spanning a wide range of experience, skills and certifications. Sometimes it can be quite challenging for our members to find a career position that utilizes all of their talents. As the group's Placement officer, I can be of tremendous assistance matching positions to your career goals.

I have friendly contacts at the major industry head hunters and prior work experience as a recruiter. Over the next few weeks, I will be reaching out to our members who may be searching for a new employer, or need to hire employees. Once I have a better understanding of what you are looking for, I can direct opportunities to you at the earliest stages of their availability. Please contact me with your questions or special needs. All communications are kept in the strictest confidence and privacy.

Please call your Placement Chairman – Wayne Horton, CPP at (626) 844-6960 or e-mail at whorton@nortonsimon.org

NEWS ARTICLES FROM ASIS THAT NEED TO BE SEEN!

["Tougher Security Standards Coming for Removable Storage Devices"](#)
[NextGov.com \(01/29/09\) ; Aitoro, Jill R.](#)

["Supreme Court Reverses Drug Conviction"](#)
[Native American Times \(01/26/09\) ; Woster, Terry](#)

["Crime Wave: Workplace Theft"](#)
[Newark Crime Examiner \(01/25/09\) ; DeMarco, Gerard](#)

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News & Education ... from ASIS International

55th Seminar and Exhibits | September 21-24, 2009 | Anaheim, CA

Please mark your calendar. The largest security exhibit in the world will be at our back door this September. Make your reservations now....

<http://www.asisonline.org/education/programs/anaheim/default.htm>

ASIS Foundation...

Apply Today for a 2009 ASIS Foundation Education Award

The February 6 deadline is fast approaching for the first 2009 [Timothy J. Walsh APC I Award](#), which pays tuition, transportation, and hotel costs for a member to attend the Assets Protection Course (APC) I on March 16-19, 2009 in New Orleans.

Chapters are also encouraged to apply for the [Roy Bordes Award for Physical Security](#), a two-day, locally delivered, customized physical security program. Application deadline is March 1, 2009.

Applications are still being accepted for [2009 Cross Awards](#), which pay registration fees for 30 members to attend the ASIS certification review course of their choice.

Created to help security professionals and graduate and undergraduate students reach their educational goals, Foundation Awards support security professionals at all stages of their careers.

In addition, the ASIS Foundation offers a number of [matching scholarships](#) for chapter members and students. For details on these programs, visit www.asisfoundation.org or contact Barbara Buzzell at Bbuzzell@asisonline.org or +1.703.518.1441.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Are you an expert in crisis management and business continuity? Known for your success in interrogation techniques? Designed an innovative, enterprise-wide security solution for your global organization? Possess 'in the trenches' expertise in anti-terrorism strategies?

We want to hear from you! We invite you to submit a proposal for a presentation at security's leading event.

ASIS 55th Annual Seminar and Exhibits
September 21-24, 2009
Anaheim, California
Deadline: February 9, 2009

For complete details and submission instructions, visit
<http://www.asisonline.org/education/programs/callForPresentations.xml>.

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Strange... but true!

This was taken from SkyNews

A bank robber is facing a life sentence after a blunder that led police straight to him.

Chicago, Ill. The man walked into a Chicago bank and handed a teller a note that read: "Be Quick Be Quiet (quiet). Give your cash or I'll shoot."

He was handed about \$400 but mistakenly left half the note, written on his October payslip, behind. Detectives found the other half outside the bank - complete with his name and address. Police said they had known some strange bank robberies but none quite like this one.

The suspect, 40-year-old Thomas Infante, was also caught on CCTV cameras near the bank wearing a brown coat. They found the garment when they went to his brother's home nearby. Infante was arrested at his home in Cary and later admitted the robbery, according to the FBI. If convicted, he could be jailed for up to 20 years.

2009 has began... What is our direction? By Frank Faulk, CPP

As members of the largest international professional security organization, we need to set our sights on how we as individuals will continue to grow, both personally and professionally.

It is said, "It is far better to give, then to receive." Volunteering truly has its own rewards. The ASIS organization is loaded with volunteer members that give their time to the entire group, their region, their chapter, their committee and their friends. Many also volunteer time to the community.

As we begin another year, let us offer a little time sharing our knowledge with others. I am sure, any time spent mentoring, regardless of to whom or where it is done, is very satisfying. Usually questions and answers shared with those we teach bring back some skills that we rarely use.

This makes us the better.

In our ongoing effort to provide a good meal selection, good parking, some degree of privacy and a convenient location, we are meeting at:

**Jim's Family Restaurant
8950 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Sun Valley**

...the corner of Sheldon & Laurel Canyon, just off I-5 at Sheldon...