



The Security Blanket

ASIS - San Fernando Valley Chapter 130

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NEXT MEETING:

When:

Tuesday – 1/8/08
11:30 to 13:00

Where:

Lulu's Restaurant
16900 Roscoe Blvd.
Van Nuys

Topic:

“State of High Rise &
Real Estate Security”
by
Geoff Craighead CPP

RSVP:

RSVP Online

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This Position is available
at this time. Temporary
Treasurer is Bob Lee.

Remember

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Chairman's Corner



Happy New Year! Welcome the first chairman's corner of 2008. We are looking forward to some changes in the San Fernando Valley Chapter of ASIS. We, as you have already been informed, are moving our meetings from the first Tuesday of the month to the second Tuesday and we are also moving locations from Marie Callender's in Sherman Oaks to Lulu's in Van Nuys.

We need volunteers this year for many of the committees. See the newsletter for the open committee chairs. Volunteering is a great way to meet the other members and help this chapter re-establish itself as the most active chapter in the Southern California area.

Our speaker this January is Geoff Craighead, CPP, the expert in commercial and high rise security. He is also very much involved in the National arena of ASIS. Let's welcome him with a good turnout.

If you didn't already know it our very own Robert Lee, CPP has been named one of the Security Industry's top 25 Security Experts in Security Magazine. (Follow this link http://www.securitymagazine.com/CDA/Articles/SEC_Highlights/BNP_GUID_9-5-2006_A_1000000000000207241). Bob, congratulation's on being so honored.

We hope to have a rewarding, fulfilling year in Chapter 130 San Fernando Valley. I look forward to meeting all of you at our meetings this coming year. Come visit at least once. Mark it on your calendar, the second Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting: Look what's happening!!!

Our guest speaker will be Geoff Craighead CPP, the Vice President of High Rise and Real Estate Services of Securitas Security USA. His topic will be “State of High Rise Building Security”. Geoff has been involved with the security and life safety operations of high-rise facilities for over twenty years.

Geoff is Board Certified in Security Management and certified by the Los Angeles Fire Department to provide high-rise life safety services. His book, "High-Rise Security and Fire Life Safety" (Butterworth/Heinemann, 1st edition, 1996 - 2nd edition, 2003) is a best seller. Geoff is currently a member of the ASIS Board of Directors and has held several other national leadership positions for ASIS and other organizations. Please attend to learn how this information may affect your company.

Also, each officer and committee chairman will present a brief update of information regarding the various areas of interest and business for our chapter.

And, we will have an opportunity to great and meet with other members and friends. Please join the fellowship & camaraderie.

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Harden the Target by Robert Lee CPP

This is a list of ways to identify suspicious activities. This information should be distributed to all employees and should be included in your business security plan:

- Multiple sightings of the same suspicious person, vehicle or activity at the same location
- Individuals or activity that does not "fit" the surrounding environment
- Individuals sitting in a parked vehicle for an extended period of time
- Persons sketching/taking notes, photographing or videotaping areas or buildings which are not normally associated with tourist activity
- Clothing out of sync with weather (wearing a heavy clothing in hot weather)
- Person(s) carrying unusually heavy bags or backpacks
- Individual(s) setting down backpacks, bags, boxes or suitcases and then walking away
- Vehicles, especially vans, U-Haul, or delivery trucks, improperly parked or parked in locations not normally associated with deliveries

Personnel should be encouraged to follow their instincts. If something doesn't look right, it might not be. Suspicious persons or activities should be reported immediately to your local law enforcement agency.

WHAT IS NIMS?

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System. NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

What Is NIMS? NIMS is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines. The intent of NIMS is to:

- Be applicable across a full spectrum of potential incidents and hazard scenarios, regardless of size or complexity.
- Improve coordination and cooperation between public and private entities in a variety of domestic incident management activities.

NIMS Compliance HSPD-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make the adoption of NIMS by State and local organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance (grants, contracts, and other activities) by FY 2005.

Jurisdictions can comply in the short term by adopting the Incident Command System. Other aspects of NIMS require additional development and refinement to enable compliance at a future date.

Is your organization thinking about NIMS compliance? It should. NIMS will be the standard, for public and private sectors alike, in the very near future.

Information submitted by: Robert Lee CPP of Borden/Lee Consulting

Tip of the Month

Our Tip is from the National Cyber Security Alliance.

No computer system or network is completely secure.

If you have important files stored on your computer, copy them onto a removable disc and store them in a secure place in a different building than your computer.

If a different location is not practical, consider software encryption. Encryption software scrambles a message or file in a way that can be reversed only with a specific password.

Also, make sure you keep the original software start-up disks handy and assessable for use in the event of a system crash.

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Certification Update by Stephen Huss CPP

The next CPP review coordinated by Region III is now taking seating requests.

The course will be held on seven (7) Saturday mornings from 0800-1300 beginning February 23rd, 2008. The sessions will be held at the SoCal Edison facility located at 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue in Rosemead (south of the I-10 San Bernardino Freeway).

The tuition is only \$150.00 per person and payment must be made on the first day of class.

The course Director is Richard Long CPP: Phone – (949) 279-4775
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Please contact either of the above to make your reservations for a seat to further your professional certification(s).

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...

RSVP NOTE... If you have any problems with the web site RSVP section, please email your reservation to Info@asissfv.org. *We are having a minor problem with the linking in the website and it is presently being addressed. Thank you....*

Giving back to the community.....

The Office of the Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles formed a Crisis Response Team (CRT) in 1998. The CRT is in need of more volunteers to be available in their own communities.

The CRT mission is to provide immediate on-scene crisis intervention as well as emotional support and referrals to victims and their families involved in traumatic incidents.

In essence the volunteers, after training, are asked to be available for three 12 hour shifts per month, usually covering a portion of a weekend. The CRT calls include, but are not limited to:

Major Traffic Accidents	Homicides
Death Notification Assistance	Multi-Casualty Incidents
Drive-by Shootings	Natural Deaths
Fire	Suicides

This group of volunteers has saved the LAPD and the LAFD over \$2,268,000.00 between November 1998 and October 2007.

CRT Links on the ASIS SFV Chapter 130 web site:

[CRT Overview and Fact Sheet](#)

[CRT Recruitment Flyer](#)

[CRT Volunteer Application](#)

Information was submitted by: Craig Chamberlain of The World Security Group

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 by [email](#).

New meeting location and schedule!!!

Two major changes in our meetings. Our monthly schedule has moved from the first Tuesday of each month to the SECOND Tuesday of each month. Please change your calendar for the year.

We are going to have luncheons from 11:30 to 13:00 and every effort will be made to keep the meetings on schedule, both start & finish.

Finally, the new location is the Lulu's Restaurant on the north west side of the Van Nuys airport. From the 405 freeway, go west on Roscoe Boulevard to the restaurant which will be on the south side of the street, just after Home Depot. The restaurant is located at 16900 Roscoe Boulevard, Van Nuys.

The cost of the luncheon will remain at \$20.00 with advance reservations and \$25.00 at the door.

It is your Chapter and your meetings, please RSVP online.

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: Info@asissfv.org 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 position and committees need volunteers for 2008:

- Treasurer
- ASIS Foundation
- Professional Certification Representative
- Legislative Representative
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Liaison
- Membership
- Placement