



The Security Blanket

ASIS - San Fernando Valley Chapter 130

Issue: May 2008

NEXT MEETING:

When:

Tuesday – 5/13/08
11:30 to 13:00

Where:

Coco's Restaurant
10841 Sepulveda Blvd
Mission Hills
(118 & 405 Fwy)

Topic:

Cargo Security
By: Art Lopez
United Parcel Service

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Chairman's Corner



The year is almost half over! Our May meeting is coming up and our June meeting is just around the corner. Visit with us this May and learn about security in the transportation industry from a transportation security expert, Art Lopez, a long time security investigator for United Parcel Service, "Big Brown," the largest transportation company in the world. United Parcel Service was founded in Seattle in 1907 and is now worldwide. Art was supposed to be our speaker in March but at the last minute had to go to Texas for an investigation.

Cargo security affects us all. According to the Department of Homeland Security; cargo security, beginning with the ports, moving onto the trains and then the trucks on the national highway system, are among our most vulnerable critical infrastructures. Cargo security affects each and every American. Critical to our national security, cargo security is a long ignored sector of our industry. Come break bread with us this upcoming meeting, on May 13th and learn more about cargo security.

With the meeting in mind, if we can consistently get 25 or more attendees for each meeting we can get a private room to meet in. So bring a friend, client, prospect or fellow security professional to our meeting!

One last note; I would like to thank Frank Faulk for his yeoman's work this year maintaining the chapter's website, and resurrecting the Security Blanket our chapter's newsletter. Frank is the consummate professional and he is much valued for his contributions to our chapter.

See you May 13th!

Notice: Change of location.....

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

Coco's Restaurant & Bakery

10841 Sepulveda Blvd.

Mission Hills

...just north of the 118 freeway on Sepulveda...

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May meeting: Look what's happening!!!

This month's speaker will be Art Lopez, investigator for the western region of United Parcel Service.

Mr. Lopez will be explaining the necessary safeguards to implement for your products. If you use contracted carriers or your own, in-house vehicle and drivers, there are red flags you need to know about.

Please plan on attending to learn more about this important topic and networking with fellow industry colleagues!!

June meeting: Another great topic!!!

Risk Assessments by Robert L. Dodge, CPP, Vice President, Western Region, Pinkerton Consulting and Investigations.

Mr. Dodge, CPP, will be sharing both an overview/outline for Risk Assessments and some interesting scenarios that have been identified over time.

Please mark this on your calendar for June 10th....

Certification Update

... excerpts from ASIS Dynamics

Steve Huss CPP, Certification Chairman



Did you read the front page article in the March/April issue of Dynamics? The ASIS credentials have been awarded accreditation by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the U.S. member for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). All three international certifications have been included; Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) and Physical Security Professional (PSP).

For those members that have already achieved one or more of these certifications, congratulations on the international recognition. Well Done!!!

For the remaining members, it is time to schedule study time and make a personal commitment to go through the process of getting your personal certification. The personal sense of achievement is very satisfying. Your colleagues and other business professionals respect the endorsement, understand the level of your commitment to professionalism and seem to listen to your opinions "a little more".

Every month there is a call for articles to add to the newsletter. It is important to recognize those individuals that contribute their work for the benefit of all.

This month, the Chapter would like to recognize **Doug Carner, CPP CHS-II** for his excellent contributions. Doug is also our chapter's Placement Officer and an account manager for Superior Alarm Systems.

Tip of the Month

Our Tip is courtesy of the Seattle Police Department

"All of the crime prevention techniques in the world are nothing compared to your own gut instincts.

Your gut is often right -- trusting your own instincts that a situation feels 'wrong' can be the best personal safety tool you have.

People are often afraid to trust their instincts because it would be embarrassing to be wrong.

Remember that a moment of embarrassment is far less important than your overall safety.

Don't ignore a situation that feels wrong just because in your mind it "looks okay."

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"When Security Matters" - Anonymous credit cards

A survey in September 2002 found that over 7 percent of online shoppers identified themselves as having been victims of credit card fraud. It has happened to me and it may have happened to you.

Most credit card issuers promise a zero liability policy for unauthorized charges. Even so, identity theft victims may find it difficult to get errors removed from their credit report. You can protect yourself by using disposable and virtual credit cards.

A few years ago, the major credit card companies heavily promoted pre-funded disposable debit cards as the ultimate gift to be purchased from, and usable at, almost any store. Because of their convenience and anonymity, these cards also became key players in scams.

For example, the initial deposit payment for a large purchase could be made with a disposable \$100 debit card. When the seller bills for the second payment, the card has an insufficient remaining balance and the seller has little recourse.

When the card balance runs low, the scammer could then use the card to verify a new account on eBay and PayPal. Eager sellers will have already shipped their goods prior to the payment funds being recalled due to insufficient credit remaining on the buyer's card.

Recent Patriot Act legislation, seeking to curb terrorism, requires the purchaser of gift debit cards to provide a social security number assigned to the same address listed on their government issued photo ID. The new law makes it possible, albeit difficult, to track fraudulent purchases back to the original purchaser.

Disposable debit cards are still available, but only from banks, PayPal and financial institutions capable of complying with the new law. The most popular cards are from NetSpend, which sells most of their cards through check cashing outlets.

For Internet purchases, you should consider a virtual credit card. Virtual cards become invalid immediately after they are used and they have no physical form. As such, virtual cards eliminate the risk of unauthorized charges but they cannot be used to pay monthly bills or confirm will-call theater tickets or travel reservations.

As added protection, virtual cards include an expiration date, typically a few weeks after their issue date. With Discover, the expiration date matches the expiration date on the customer's actual Discover Card.

Virtual credit cards are free, and your purchases appear on your normal credit card statement. In the case of MBNA, Citibank, Discover and PayPal, you simply install software that generates the virtual card number as an extension of your existing credit card terms.

Regardless of the credit cards you use, make sure your on-line shopping is secure. Look for the lock symbol on your web browser or "https" at the beginning of the payment web address. Seeing the "Trust-e" or Better Business Bureau symbol indicates that the seller has been independently audited and deemed trustworthy.

Review your credit card statements every month and, to prevent thieves from dumpster diving, shred credit card records once they are no longer needed. *By Doug Carner, CPP CHS-II*

Up coming Speakers & Events...

**May –
SFBA ASIS/
HTCIA**
May 6 - 8,
2008

Location:

**So. San
Francisco
Conv. Cntr.**

City:

**San
Francisco**

**June –
meeting**
June 10th,
2008

Speaker:

**Robert
Dodge CPP**

Topic:

**Risk
Assessments**

We are always looking for speakers with “hot” topics.

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

Or call him at (818) 782-6184

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Notes from the ISC West....

The ISC (International Security Conference) West was April 2,3 & 4 in Las Vegas.

The show was larger than ever. Two days was not enough time to see it all.

The technology in CCTV seems to be continuing to move more toward IP type cameras and the cameras are getting closer to the capabilities of their analog counterparts. Network digital video recorders (NVRs) were also well represented; these will be the answer for archiving the information (video) from the IP cameras, similar to DVRs today.

Nice stuff... more money!!!

Every year there are the latest and greatest “new” products. While there were some new items, there was nothing new to revolutionize technology in our industry, just some better items. Items to look for - **video analytics**, getting better, not the total answer yet but does fit some applications.

Overall, the cost of the items is coming down making budgeting a little easier.

Seminar by the Bay....

The San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of ASIS and the High Technology Crime Investigation Association of the Silicon Valley are having their 2008 Conference, Training and Expo May 6th, 7th & 8th (**THIS WEEK**).

Registration for all three days is only \$250 or \$100 for any single day. If you are interested in attending, there is still room.

Please go to the chapter website for the links and further information. Look on the calendar and checkout the events section.

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”.

We are now offering advertising space on each newsletter and emailed HTML. The funds will be added to the chapter’s treasury. For the nominal rates, please contact the newsletter.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome, please send by email to: <mailto:info@asissfv.org>

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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Committee positions ... still available....

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:

- ASIS Foundation
- Legislative Representative
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Liaison - members

April is already gone, time is flying... We need some volunteers to begin putting together the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day event. This will take a few volunteers to assist the committee chairman to coordinate the event.

If you would like to take any piece of this event and create the theme, assist in the speaker selection and make it a nice day for the Law Enforcement guests we hope to have in attendance, please call Wayne Horton (LEAPS Chairman) or see Pat Salter CPP, our Chapter Chairman.

POA Manual is now available ...

Our Chapter has been rewarded one **Protection of Assets Manual** for outstanding participation in the 2007 **Reach Out! Member-Get-A-Member** program.

The POA is available at each meeting. If you wish to check out a section or reference material or if you wish to have a few pages copied for your use, please contact Bill Nelson at the meeting or contact him by email bill@goldenwestk9.com.

Look at the employment section of the website...
www.asissfv.org/employment.htm

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.

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