

**Message from the Chair – December 2017**

***Michael Rossano, CPP, CFE***

As 2017 comes to a close, I'd like to take this moment to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the chapter as an executive board member over the past three years. This past year as Chairperson has been a great honor and I truly appreciate the membership's support. Special thanks go out to my fellow board members Sam Vinicur, Lucy Shapiro and Steve Palme; as well as Regional VP Mark Wolfheimer.

We had a great year full of outstanding meeting presentations at some of the most interesting venues in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties. Some highlights include January's NextGen First Responder & HLS Technologies Summit in University City; February's very successful Young Professionals Networking event at Pennsylvania 6; May's Common Sense & Awareness in Today's Terrorist Environment at SAP Americas; June and July tours of the Wells Fargo Center and Montgomery County Public Safety Operations Center. We also had an opportunity to meet up and enjoy drinks at the Tower Club during the Annual ASIS Seminar in Dallas.

But perhaps our two most special events this year were the Law Enforcement Appreciation Night (LEAN) in May and last month's Private Security Appreciation Night (PSAN), at which time we had the pleasure of honoring the men and women on the front lines who protect us on a daily basis. The awards highlighted some truly amazing stories of valor and service.

Thanks also to everyone who supported the chapter through sponsorships, donations, committee service, website administration and meeting participation. It is our wonderful membership that makes this one of the best ASIS chapters.

Best wishes for continued to success to our incoming executive board members Sam Vinicur (Chair), John Philippi (Vice-Chair), Michael Ventiere (Treasurer) and Francis McNulty (Secretary). I look forward to another great year in 2018 and will continue to support you all and the chapter moving forward.

Sincerely,

Michael Rossano, CPP, CFE