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Greater Philadelphia Chapter Upcoming Events

August 24, 2016

**Sunoco Central Monitoring Facility Visit
Newtown Square, Pennsylvania**

September 12-15, 2016

**ASIS International 62nd Annual Seminar and Exhibits
Orlando, Florida**

October 4, 2016 (Tentative, check calendar)

**Delaware Valley Intelligence Center
South Philly, Pennsylvania**

November 16, 2016

**Private Security Appreciation Night Awards
Location TBD**

December

**Holiday Fundraiser & Party
Location TBD**

ASIS Council Corner

Don Shellenberger, CPP, Council Liaison

After months of keeping councils 'open' for new member consideration, the following Councils have suspended new member consideration: Executive Protection, Health Care, School Safety & Security, and my council; the Physical Security Council! There are several reasons Council leadership 'closes' membership enrollments. Sometimes it's to give the current members opportunities to take higher level leadership positions. Other times, it's to ensure all current Council members are 'actively engaged' and feel as if they are positively contributing to council activities.

Our own Benard Gollotii, CPP is an active member of the School Safety & Security Council! He's researched and contributed articles to their council and is volunteering his services to assist a local Non-Profit in conducting a security assessment in preparation for the organizations expansion plans. Another local tidbit from the Banking and Financial Services Council is their recently published newsletter which contained an article entitled "The Ever-Changing Aggressor", by Sean Adams. The article on Workplace Violence is even more relevant, since the mass shooting in Orlando.

Lastly, all Councils received word that at the upcoming ASIS 2016 conference & exposition, all council 'Booths' will be located on the Trade Show floor. We anticipate increased traffic to all councils, so if you're a current member and haven't decided on going.....you should change your mind and attend. Sometimes the council booths were not in the best of locations to attract visitors: but not this year!

Next GPB Newsletter article: "Council Preparations for ASIS 2016 in Orlando!"

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2016 ASIS CPP Professional Certifications and New Members

CPP Professional Certifications

Joseph C. Blackburn, CPP
Michael J. Hill, CPP
Anthony Hurley, CPP
Paul A. McGinley, CPP
William P. McSorley, CPP
Michael G. Ventiere, CPP

New Members as of May 2016

Nicholas Carman
Curtis Baillie, CSC
Vincent Hernandez
John Ferguson
Thomas Gallagher
Jim Larkin

Julia Canonica
Brandon Karl Gill
A Benjamin Mannes, CPP
Alicia M Glenn
Kenneth Sulkowski
Darielle Hallett Pasquito
Michael Ventiere, CPP
Beth Ann VanVleet

INSECURITY



How ASIS Foundation Impacts Professional Growth

By Michael Ventiere, CPP, ASIS Foundation Liaison

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the wider ASIS Greater Philadelphia Chapter. It is my honor to begin serving the chapter as ASIS Foundation Liaison. ASIS and The ASIS Foundation have had a significant impact on my career and my life. It is with that in mind that I will strive to serve the Foundation, as well as the GPC membership.

When I enlisted in the US Navy 8 years ago I thought I'd stay in for one enlistment and leverage the experience to become a Law Enforcement Officer, just as my father, a Marine, had. I had already earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, but I wanted some experience to go along with my education.

I trained at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, to be a military police officer. My first assignment took me to Bahrain. There, I deployed as part of a team that provided security for civilian manned ships carrying naval assets. I learned discipline, how to work as a member of a team, and about the security principles behind force protection and anti-terrorism.

I remained in Bahrain for my second assignment, though this time I was assigned to the security force for the Naval Activity in Bahrain. Over the course of that year, I became a field training officer and conducted over 300 hours of training regarding security principles, as well as the fundamentals of guard duties, patrol, investigations and dispatch.

I transferred to Naval Weapon Station Earle in Colts Neck, New Jersey my 3rd year in the Navy. I was preparing to start a family and it became clear over the next 4 years that when the assignment ended, I'd

leave the Navy. I still spent a lot of time in the field, but I spent an equal amount of time in the office. I was working above my pay grade (as all good sailors do) managing a budget, human resource issues, coordinating with outside contractors to complete projects, and being asked to sit down with other department heads and security stakeholders to manage the day to day security operations of one of the largest piers in the World.

I spent my spare time building my resume as much as possible. I earned certifications in homeland security, securing sensitive information, and disaster preparedness. I began course work to earn my master's degree in security management.

And that's when I met ASIS. Nearly every class syllabus recommended I read an ASIS white paper. Many of my required texts were written by ASIS Board Certified Protection Professionals or Physical Security Professionals. I began to understand that there was a robust professional security community in the private sector and that ASIS certifications were highly regarded by its members. I joined the organization and attended my first meetings with the Central New Jersey Chapter.

At that first chapter meeting I was warmly greeted by the Young Professionals Liaison, Frank Halpin, CFE, who spoke with me at length about the benefits of being a member of the organization. Not very long after that meeting, Frank reached out to me to tell me about the [ASIS Foundation/Military Liaison Council Certification Scholarship](#). The scholarship was established in 2012 to help active duty military members pursue ASIS board

certifications and it covers the cost of application, preparation and testing.

The [ASIS Foundation](#) provides funding for education, research, and organizational and financial support to ASIS chapters and councils. It awards numerous scholarships and grants to individuals and chapters every year.

I knew that earning board certification would be necessary to advance my career, so I applied for the scholarship. I was the first enlisted Master-at-Arms to be awarded, along with four other service members, including a Captain from the German armed forces.

I couldn't believe the positive feedback I received from not only the Navy, but also from the ASIS community. It was a tremendous honor, but it was an even greater leg up toward getting my certification. The ASIS Foundation not only covered my application fee and the cost of testing, but I received the complete Protection of Assets set and access to the online tutorials. It was everything I needed to buckle down, prepare for and earn my certification.

I'm very thankful for the opportunity the ASIS Foundation & The ASIS Military Liaison Council gave me and the doors that it helped me to open. This month I accepted a position upon whose merits of obtaining the CPP were extremely beneficial. I encourage all of the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of ASIS International to consider supporting the Foundation in every way by [making a contribution](#) right on our website to help strengthen and grow our security profession!

Please feel free to contact me at mventiere@gmail.com.

Police & Security Expo in Atlantic City, June 28-29, 2016

Reporter: Jerry 'Dutch' Forstater, Chairperson

Philadelphia ASIS members 'Dutch' Forstater, Chairperson; Sam Vinicur, Treasurer; and Thomas Pilson, IV, member; all participated in Police & Security Expo, its 30th year in Atlantic City's Convention Center.

Spanning an entire floor of the convention center, the technological display and services provided covered an array of support technologies from command center vehicles, to police pursuit vehicles, to cyber security threat prevention, and simple traffic signal and safety measures.



Ron Coleman Co-Vice-Chair of ASIS Southern Connecticut and Visitor Pass Solutions with Bryce Brooks of Air Wheels America.

Some interesting focuses in the show were the Bucks County Emergency Command vehicle with full display and ready to be delivered to Bucks County tomorrow, to throwable cameras which are used for tactical missions. As you can suspect, every measure of lethal and non-lethal weapon were on display: Sig Sauer long rifles, non-lethal electrical stun devices, shotguns, riot control gear, and uniforms and patches by the dozens.

If lights and sirens and electronic controls are what you desire – this is the place. There were so many red, white, and blue flashing lights, it was hard to count. All LEDs of course.

Many of the police technologies were devoted to the gathering of intelligence, analyzing of the media whether video or audio, and gathering of the information. One vendor provided new products: one was to turn your phone into an eavesdropping device, another even acted as an app for radio command to existing radio systems. The third application was to provide monitoring of all activities

surreptitiously for law enforcement use of phone data and connectivity.

All in all, it was a lightly attended show, but contained a wealth of information if you were focused on specific needs.

I also met with Ron Coleman, Co-Vice-Chair of the Southern Connecticut ASIS Chapter who is having a Public Safety Appreciation Night that is more generally focused on EMS responders and HAZMAT teams,



Joseph Snell of Kiwi Video Analytics and Michael Michalski of PSE.

as well as law enforcement responders and other allied public safety professionals – both public and private.

A young husband and wife team, Garrett Culloo and Erika Ortiz, were there and making the strongest entrepreneurial impression I have ever seen. This young ex-military gentleman

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A 180° scan of the Situation Room inside the new soon-to-be-delivered Bucks County Emergency Command Vehicle.

Police & Security Expo (continued)

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and his wife designs and manufactures this new line of non-polyester, formfitting, uniformwear that is a one-size-fits-all, and fits great in each and every style. Garrett is a remarkable young entrepreneur who is interested in joining ASIS and exhibiting on a national basis. It's energetic young minds like Garrett's and Erika's that will propel the future of ASIS and the applications of security needs in the industry through the first half of this new century.

The number of Young Explorers in groups ranging from six to a dozen was surprising. I counted at least a half dozen Young Explorer groups accompanied by police liaisons. Young, bright individuals who were very enthused about the automatic cardiac reviving robot that actually pumps life back into a person without human intervention.



Garrett Culloo and Erika Ortiz of Nesse, LLC, model their self-designed and manufactured bodywear for security.

Robert Hampton of MSE Security and Thomas Pilson of PSE discussing barrier security design while enjoying their morning Joes.



Felipe Arenas showing body armor weighing less than one pound. In the future, this will be built into furniture used as protection against active shooter attacks.



Animal Search and Rescue

8 Myths (and Facts) about Classroom Barricade Devices (Part 2 of 2)

By Lori Greene, AHC/CDC, FDAI, FDHI, CCPR

This is the continuation of February's two-part series reprinted by permission from Doors & Hardware, October 2015.

The following myths and facts about classroom barricade devices were presented at the annual conference of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM),

7. MYTH: Fire marshals do not have authority over barricade devices that are not permanently attached to doors.

FACT: How many fire marshals would allow this chained and padlocked panic hardware (above) in an occupied school? This photo was taken after the end of the school day, but while the school was occupied for an event. The fire marshal has the authority to order the chains and padlocks removed, even though they aren't permanently attached. Why would classroom doors be any different?

8. MYTH: Locksets do not provide enough protection against active shooters.

FACT: There are many locks that provide the necessary level of security and meet the model code requirements for egress, fire protection, and accessibility. These products are certified to meet recognized industry standards for security and durability and are listed for use on a fire door assembly. In some cases, schools looking to use barricade devices already have locking hardware but may not have distributed keys or established the protocols for lockdown.

In addition to standard mechanical locksets, there are also electrified locks available which can be locked using a fob, a code, or from a remote location. All of these classroom locking products

will allow free egress at any time.

The Final Report of the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission states: "The testimony and other evidence presented to the Commission reveals that there has never been an event in which an active shooter breached a locked classroom door." A holistic approach must be taken for classroom security including training, drills, key distribution, and impact-resistance of glazing adjacent to the hardware, and there is no reason to sacrifice life safety in favor of security.

1958 edition of The Building Exits Code required that, "Latches or other releasing devices to open exit doors, or doors in the path of travel to reach exits, shall be of simple types, the method of operation of which is obvious, even in darkness." Accessibility standards and fire protection are addressed in the report as well as the egress requirements.

One concept introduced during the second hearing was the idea that during an active shooter situation, the classroom becomes an "area of detention or restraint." While the code requirements for an area of detention or restraint do allow restricted egress, the report states that these requirements typically apply to occupancies where egress is unwanted, dangerous, or impossible. In facilities where a protect-in-place strategy is expected to be used, there are many additional code requirements to reduce the risk for building occupants. Schools are not typically designed with the added safety features that would be required for an area of detention or restraint, so locking students and teachers in a classroom results in a much lower level of safety for those contained occupants.

Another important consideration

addressed by the report was the need for access by emergency responders, which is crucially impeded when a barricade device is installed. Many of these devices cannot be deactivated from the outside, or require a proprietary tool for access. Because of the numerous different barricade devices currently on the market, first responders who are assisting another district may not be aware of the type of device used in a particular school, or how to defeat it. Delayed access caused by barricading of classroom doors with wood, chains, or other objects has already played a role in several school shootings with fatalities.

Based on all of the information presented in the report, the Board concluded that **no changes were recommended to the current building code or fire code at this time.** Unfortunately, the law that was passed by the Ohio legislature a few weeks before the report was released requires the Board to adopt rules for the use of barricade devices. The Board will now be forced to create these rules, which will go into effect in March 2016. Many school districts believed that the new legislation would allow them to immediately begin using barricade devices, but until the Board releases the new rules, the devices should not be used.

On Sept. 2, 2015, the Ohio BBS issued an advisory statement to all Ohio school system superintendents and administrators as well as building and fire department personnel, regarding barricade devices and egress in educational occupancies. The advisory describes the next steps in the process to develop rules for classroom barricade devices, lists the current

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Ohio Building Code requirements, and states, **“Schools are cautioned against purchasing and deploying devices before the rules take effect as some devices may not comply with the new rules.”**

This situation in Ohio could set a dangerous precedent of lawmakers getting involved where they do not have the experience to consider all aspects of a code issue. A similar law allowing barricade devices has already been passed in Arkansas, despite strong opposition from the state fire marshal, who is also one of the top law enforcement officers in the state.

While some states have already rejected the use of barricade devices in schools and reinforced their position in support of current model code requirements, a few jurisdictions do allow the devices. It’s important to help code officials, school districts, legislators, law enforcement, and parents understand the risks involved with putting lower-cost security ahead of safety.

In general, the Ohio Building Code (OBC) requires and will continue to require the following for door operation:

1. Egress doors should be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge;
2. Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors shall not require tight grasping, tight pinching or twisting of the wrist to operate; and
3. The unlatching of any door shall not require more than one operation. Doors in the means of egress must be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

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