

Certification *Profile*



David J. Moitzheim, CPP, PCI, PSP, has been a security and investigative professional for 21 years, doing contract security management and

private investigative work throughout the Dakotas and Minnesota. In 2004, he was offered what he describes as a “dream job” at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

As one of five security specialists at the clinic, Moitzheim has a range of responsibilities. “We conduct security surveys, threat and risk assessments, [and] internal investigations; evaluate security equipment and technology; and plan and implement executive protection and special projects,” he says.

He and other security specialists coordinate and conduct specialized training for security personnel and teach security-awareness programs for all Mayo employees. They also research and revise security-related policies, procedures, and standards.

Moitzheim is well qualified for these duties. In addition to holding a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, he is in the final stages of completing an MBA. He also holds all three ASIS certifications, having earned the Certified Protection Professional® (CPP) in 2003 and the Professional Certified Investigator® (PCI) and Physical Security Professional® (PSP) certifications in 2005.

“I’ve been a member of ASIS since 1991 and through its publications, I saw that more companies were recognizing the CPP certification and using it as part of their vetting process,” he says. “Although the PCI and PSP certifications aren’t as well known today, I have no doubt that both will become sought-after as the investigation and protection industries con-

tinue to professionalize.”

Moitzheim says practically everything in his job relates to these certifications. “Planning and implementing special projects, employee education, executive protection, and writing policies and procedures speak directly to security management and the CPP. My investigative and research responsibilities are covered by the PCI. And conducting surveys, threat and risk assessments, and evaluating security technology all fall squarely into the domain of the PSP.”

According to Moitzheim, every security specialist and security manager at the Mayo Clinic is required to be a CPP. “I don’t know whether the Mayo Clinic has more CPPs per capita than any other organization,” he says, “but I feel confident that we have more CPPs working in the same workspace than anyplace else.”

That’s good for the department and the hospital. Moreover, “so much concentrated talent certainly makes for some interesting debates,” he adds.

Moitzheim says that as the industry continues to grow and professionalize, its possibilities appear endless. “The industry has only one way to go, and that is forward.”

He notes further that as the industry matures, “security management is going to become more specialized, with better-educated leaders who are more in step with their organizations’ goals.”

That makes certification all the more critical.

In addition, “thanks to the efforts of ASIS International, the job of chief security officer will become more common, and those CSOs will have more influence at the corporate leadership level,” says Moitzheim. “I foresee only good things in our future.”

—Profile by Vicki Moeser, ASIS public relations manager.