

PSP Profile

Corey Way, PSP

After a decade in the security industry, Corey Way, PSP, knows the value of his Physical Security Professional certification. "If you are responsible [for security], you should know what you are doing or where to get the information you need," Way says. The corporation deserves no less, he adds.

Way viewed the PSP as one way to ensure that he was staying current in the knowledge needed for the job. Preparation for the PSP exam, followed by continuing education to support the certification, as well as ASIS's professional development resources, keep him current with the corporate security industry, he says.

Way, who has been a member of ASIS for about five years and a PSP since 2003, is currently security manager at Arena Pharmaceuticals in San Diego, California.

He began his career in the local district attorney's office, conducting surveillance and pretrial investigations. Capitalizing on his knack for conducting investigations and his training in psychology, Way worked as a licensed private investigator for

several years. Later, his management experience with a contract security firm convinced him that he wanted to stay in security management and led him to his present position at Arena Pharmaceuticals.

Noting that his duties at the company were a good match with

the requirements for the PSP, Way decided to pursue certification. Arena was supportive of this decision, he says. Although the company did not offer an incentive per se, it did underwrite Way's attendance at the PSP

Review Program. And when he was awarded the certification, Arena highlighted Way's achievement in the company's newsletter. Way is confident that Arena appreciates the contributions he makes to the company's success.

Way observes that PSP certification would be valuable to employees in many industry sectors. "Arena's foresight regarding security is lost in many small and mid-sized companies," he says. Companies could save considerable dollars and achieve more effective results with trained, certified security employees, Way adds. ■



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