

## PCI Profile

Paul Wimbert, PCI

**P**aul Wimbert, PCI, senior investigator with Verizon's Island Metro Region and a member of ASIS since the early 1990s, applauds the Society for introducing the Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) designation in 2003. "Although I hope to earn Certified Protection Professional (CPP) status eventually, the PCI is a good fit with my current responsibilities," says Wimbert, who earned his PCI certification in November 2003.

Wimbert's career in security began at Verizon in 1992 when he was asked to apply for a position after assisting with an investigation. Now he conducts investigations regarding protection of the corporation's personnel, networks, information, electronic and physical assets, and revenues against internal and external threats.

Wimbert sees two reasons to obtain professional certification: the first is personal and the second is professional. On a personal level, certification is a source of pride, as

it establishes that the individual knows what to do and how to do it correctly. Professionally, certification demonstrates knowledge, which in turn establishes credibility and advances one's career, he explains. "Certification helps you stand out in the crowd," says Wimbert.

When Wimbert decided to pursue the PCI certification, Verizon was supportive. The

corporation underwrote the test fees and study materials, which Wimbert found to be excellent. And, in recognition of his newly earned PCI status, his department at Verizon presented Wimbert with an award and certificate. The framed certificate sits on Wimbert's desk—a testament to the value placed on the certification.

"The PCI certification is relevant to anyone in a corporate investigative position," Wimbert states. Additionally, the continuing education requirements ensure that PCIs keep abreast of new developments in the field. Wimbert encourages all who are qualified to seek PCI status. ■



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