

## ASIS AUGUST 2006 CERTIFICATION NEWSLETTER

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### Safety Act Designation Awarded to ASIS International Certification Programs by U.S. Department of Homeland Security

The significance of ASIS acquiring the designation under the Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technology Act of 2002 (the SAFETY Act) is tremendous and far-reaching for ASIS certification holders and the various security industries they serve.

The Society's legal team has provided FAQs about the SAFETY Act on the ASIS website at [http://www.asisonline.org/certification/SAFETY\\_Act\\_faqs.htm](http://www.asisonline.org/certification/SAFETY_Act_faqs.htm). Brief highlights are provided below:

#### **What is the SAFETY Act?**

The purpose of the SAFETY Act is to ensure that the threat of liability does not deter manufacturers of anti-terrorism technologies from developing and commercializing new products that could significantly reduce the risks or effects of terrorist events. Companies that supply products and services that can be used to detect, defend against, or respond to acts of terrorism can apply for and receive coverage under the law.

Although this legislation was largely intended for product manufacturers, ASIS took the unprecedented step of convincing DHS that the legislation also should apply to non-traditional products and services, specifically ASIS guidelines and certification programs. This groundbreaking initiative on behalf of ASIS members and other security practitioners has had beneficial outcomes in both arenas, with guidelines receiving the SAFETY Act Designation in May 2005; certification in July 2006 after two years of effort.

#### **What does this mean for ASIS board-certified individuals?**

The SAFETY Act Designation gives ASIS board-certified professionals, their employers, and their customers immediate protection from lawsuits involving ASIS certification and the ASIS certification process that arise out of an act of terrorism. Not only does it limit the types of liability claims that can be brought against a certificant, but it also entitles the certificant to immediate dismissal of those specific types of claims. Employers of ASIS certified practitioners also gain protection against terror-related liability claims that can include a presumption of dismissal from a lawsuit. While the SAFETY Act will not prevent all terror-related claims against employers of personnel holding an ASIS certification, it should limit the types of claims that can be brought against them, thereby reducing the threat of onerous lawsuits.

#### **Does this apply to non-U.S. practitioners working for non-U.S. companies?**

Of importance to non-U.S., ASIS board-certified practitioners is the fact that liability protection under the SAFETY Act extends to non-U.S. soil. Specifically, acts of terrorism that occur on non-U.S. soil may be covered provided those acts cause harm in the United States. *Please see website address above for FAQs.*



**ASIS Certifications are the first its kind to receive liability protection under the SAFETY Act**

## *The 2006 ASIS International Certification Award Winners*

**Congratulations to all Regional and PCB-sponsored Certification Award winners!** The annual PCB certification awards pay tribute to volunteers and organizations that have played a key role in advancing the CPP, PSP, and PCI designations.

Chapters and regions responded enthusiastically, nominating and selecting Regional winners, most of whom were recognized for their accomplishments in enhancing educational sessions. Award recipients from the other categories – Organizational Award of Merit and Certificate of Special Recognition – were honored for their commitment to the advancement of ASIS security designations and/or for playing strong leadership roles in the training and development of their staff. ***This Year's Winners are:***

### *Regional Award*

Timothy O Gilmore, CPP; **Region III**

Robin C. Brown, CPP, PSP; **Region IV-A**

Earl E. Truncer, III, CPP; **Region IV-A**

Cathryn S. Starr CPP; **Region IV-B**

Martin Cramer, CPP; **Region VI**

James R. Finnely, CPP; **Region IX**

J. Robert Filson, CPP; **Region XII**

Frank Fiore, CPP; **Region XIII**

Thomas P. Falotico, CPP; **Region XVI-B**

Charles L. Scholl, CPP; **Region XVII**

Maria Cristina Ovalle, CPP; **Region XXIII**

Joseph P. Cully, CPP; **Region XXV**

Janet R. Ward; **Region XXV**

Peter V Horsburgh, CPP, PSP; **Region XXV**

John B. Gilliland, CPP; **Region XXV**

Anthony Lee Choon-Wai, CPP; **Region XXXIII**

Mark S. Jarratt CPP; **Region XL**

Jeff B. Taylor, CPP, PSP; **Region L**

### *Organizational Award of Merit*

Portman Management Company; **Region XII-A**

ARASCO C.A.; **Region XXIII**

Defence Systems Ecuador; **Region XXIII**  
(an Armorgroup Company)

Securitas Canada Ltd; **Region L**

### *Certificate of Special Recognition*

**Special recognition is being given to the City of Des Moines, IA** for their support of the CPP program. The city has taken the initiative in researching companies that bid on their contracts and requiring that they have a CPP on staff. Such was the case with the contract for security at the Des Moines International Airport and recently with the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority that required a local CPP and another to be attached to the account. While certification is not a requirement, they value the importance of having an ASIS Board Certified individual as an important component in the various security sectors they serve.

## Important Announcements!

### PCI Reference Materials Updated

The PCB recently completed the process of preparing new forms of the PCI exam and making related changes to the reference list. Included in the updating, is content from the Protection of Assets (POA) Manual, which has also undergone rewriting and has produced enough material to be added to the PCI exam. The new study forms will be in effect for individuals preparing to test in 2007. This updating helps to ensure that the references remain current and accurately reflect the current security environment.

### Updated Reference Materials:

**Art of Investigative Interviewing**, 2nd edition, Charles L. Yeschke, Item #: 1478

**Corporate Crime Investigation**, Jack Bologna and Paul Shaw, Item #: 1283

**Introduction to Investigations**, 2nd edition, John S. Dempsey, Item #: 1476

**Process of Investigation: Concepts and Strategies for Investigators in the Private Sector**, 3rd Edition, Charles A. Sennewald, CPP, Item #: 1693

**Protection of Assets (POA), Undercover Investigations**, Chapter 1, Part 2 ASIS Item #: 1692

**POA, Investigations Management**, ASIS Item # 1691

**All questions on the exams are taken from the reference books so it is important to note this change!**

### Dates, Time and Location for CPP and PSP International Exams

### Sunday, September 24 Certification Examinations

8:15am - 2:00pm	Room
CPP Spanish	Betsy A
CPP International	Betsy B
PSP	Betsy C

### A New Look for ASIS Certification Handbook



The PCB is pleased to announce that all three certification handbooks are now combined into one. All essential information is integrated into a sleek, reader-friendly, functional reference piece. Readers can quickly identify the program they are most interested in and have a clear guide of each step needed to achieve certification. In addition, the handbook's strategic redesign helps potential exam candidates with answers to frequently asked questions and provides an overview of preparation resources they need. The handbook may be viewed online at <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/handbook.pdf>.

# Certification Seminar Activities September 25-28

## **Earn Recertification Credits at the 2006 Seminar!**

The Professional Certification Board (PCB) is awarding the same number of credits for seminar session attendance as last year.

Certified individuals who register for the full seminar will receive four credits, with additional points being earned by attending ASIS sessions. Credits can be accumulated in any of the following ways:

- Attend two sessions and earn one credit
- Attend three – four sessions and earn two credits
- Attend five or more sessions and earn three credits

Remember to submit the session name and number to the Certification Department so that it can be added to your recertification credits!

## **Special Presentation of New Certificants**

The annual presentation of new CPPs, PCIs, and PSPs (those certified from September, 2005 to present) will be held on Tuesday, September 26 during the General Session. Details on how to sign up, location and time will be sent to certificants in late August. Please contact Lisa Murphy at [lmurphy@asisonline.org](mailto:lmurphy@asisonline.org) if you have questions about the event.

## **PCB Award Recipients to be Featured in Certification Lounge**

*Please see request below for pictures and write-up*

The PCB would like to highlight the accomplishments of volunteers in the certification lounge during the 2006 Annual Seminar. To ensure that award winners are recognized for their achievements, we request that they forward a picture of themselves or members of their company, along with a brief summary of the work they have done on behalf of certification to Allison Barton via email at [abarton@asisonline.org](mailto:abarton@asisonline.org). Please limit paragraph to 50 words or less.

***The deadline date for submitting this information is August 14, 2006.***

## **Jim Ellis, CPP, PSP to be Presented with Volunteer Leadership Award at Annual Seminar**

Congratulations to Jim Ellis, CPP, PSP for being selected as the 2006 recipient of the E.J. Criscuoli, Jr., CPP™ award. This honor will be presented at the Annual Seminar and Exhibits Luncheon on Monday, September 25 in San Diego, CA. Ellis is an avid supporter of ASIS certification programs for the Central Iowa Chapter where is currently the Chapter Chair as well as Newsletter Editor and Website Manager. Ellis is also Assistant Regional Vice President for Region 8A. *Way to go Jim!*

The Volunteer Leadership Award is given in recognition of former president and former executive vice president, E.J. "Cris" Criscuoli. Acting in his various ASIS capacities, Cris most enjoyed working and talking with chapter officers and members. He strongly believed that chapters represent the strength of the Society. Upon his retirement as the chief staff officer, the board of directors created this award in his honor, an award to recognize the unsung heroes of ASIS.

# Certification Seminar Activities September 25-28

## Certification Lounge Room 23B

HOURS: Monday, September 25 – Wednesday, September 27  
9:00am – 4:30pm

Thursday, September 28  
9:00am – 12:00 Noon

Everyone knows the special meeting spot for all CPPs, PSPs, and PCI's – the Certification Lounge. If you want to find out what's new in certification, this is the place to be. You'll get an opportunity to not only meet with your peers, but to also talk with PCB members, and learn about important certification updates. .

### **Here are just a few other reasons to visit the Certification Lounge During the Annual Seminar and Exhibits:**

#### **Bulletin Board**

- Post important messages, reminders, and updates for your colleagues

#### **Important Networking**

- Take photos with your colleagues and volunteer leaders

#### **Promotional Campaign**

- Learn more about the return of the Power of Certification Campaign

#### **Certification Award Winners**

- See the "who's who" list of Certification Award winners in your Region

#### **Daily Raffles Certification Merchandise**

- Try your luck – you may win must have certification merchandise

#### **And Don't Forget ...**

- A staff member is always available to answer questions and provide you with assistance
- The lounge offers a combination of sofas, folding chairs and tables so it's a perfect location for holding discussions on certification
- You'll have a great place to take a break and enjoy refreshments

See You There!

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## Professional Certification Board

*The Professional Certification Board is a group of fifteen certified professionals appointed by the President of ASIS to oversee and administer the certification programs.*

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