

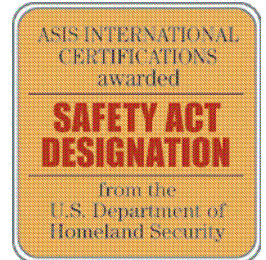
ASIS OCTOBER 2006 CERTIFICATION NEWSLETTER

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ASIS Attorney Briefs Certificants on Liability Protection

An important presentation was held during the 2006 ASIS International Annual Seminar on the benefits of the Society's Guidelines and Certification program being awarded the SAFETY Act designations by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Since ASIS notified certificants of the recent designations, there has been a flurry of questions and



concerns as to what this means and how the benefits will be applied. In an effort to address these issues, an hour-long presentation detailing the purpose and impact of the designation was given by Brian Finch an attorney retained by ASIS. Mr. Finch emphasized the following points of interest to ASIS certificants:

The first is the clarification of the meaning of SAFETY. It stands for Support for Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technology. The purpose of the SAFETY Act is to ensure that the threat of liability does not deter manufacturers of Anti-Terror Technology (ATT) from developing and commercializing new products that could significantly reduce the risks or effects of terrorist events. Originally devoted to ATT, it is now defined to include services as well as systems and equipment. It is important to note that ASIS took the unprecedented step of convincing DHS that the legislation should apply to non-traditional products and services, specifically ASIS guidelines and certification programs. This being said, ASIS Certifications are the first its kind to receive liability protection under the SAFETY Act.

Why the SAFETY Act?

The events of 9/11 caused some of the most catastrophic and tragic disasters that led to billions of dollars in losses. Unfortunately, security professionals engaged in the development of ATT are exposed to high risks and exposure to liability suits. This deterrent severely hampers manufactures of anti-terrorism technologies from developing and commercializing new products. The SAFETY Act offers these companies an avenue to seek liability protection from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Congress passed the Act with the knowledge that customers conducting business in the homeland security market would be exposed to nearly limitless legal liability.

Benefits

Under the SAFETY Act, the seller of an ATT (either a product or service as mentioned above) may apply for liability protections from DHS. This protection includes a presumption of dismissal from a lawsuit or a cap on damages awarded. Even customers of the SAFETY Act protected service or product are entitled to immediate dismissal for claims related to that service or product. SAFETY Act protections apply regardless of whether the customer is a government or private entity.

Acts of terrorism that occur on foreign soil may be covered under the SAFETY Act

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Protection applies even if approved technologies are sold to **commercial** customers or if act of terror occurs **abroad** so long as US interests are implicated (i.e., economic losses).

How do These Benefits Impact ASIS Certificants?

The benefits are far reaching. The award gives ASIS certification holders – whether a Certified Protection Professional, a Professional Certified Investigator, or a Physical Security Professional – and their employers the ability to walk away from destructive and wasteful lawsuits. This means that they no longer have to worry about being involved in claims alleging that the Certification somehow did not do enough to defend against or respond to acts of terrorism. In addition to knowing that the ASIS Certified professional retains an outstanding breadth of knowledge on security matters, they and their employers and even the public at large will benefit from limited liability claims. The deterrents from such lawsuits are powerful incentives for those who hold and utilize ASIS Certifications and are major reasons that ASIS pursued SAFETY protections. They solidify the program and are great motivation for prospective certificants.

Protection also apply to seller's subs, vendors, distributors and **CUSTOMERS**

How far do the Benefits Extend?

The Safety Act does not limit liability where and act of terrorism has not occurred and ASIS approvals **DO NOT COMPLETELY** immunize users of its Guidelines or holders of its Certifications. Although the benefits are significant, the ASIS approvals only offer a certain type of protection to Certified professionals such as, the dismissal that their certification was not an adequate defense against acts of terrorism or that a certified employee had insufficient credentials. Each scenario and type of business is unique. Therefore, to receive more complete protection (protection that goes beyond usage of ASIS guidelines and certifications), a company should apply for its own SAFETY Act protections.

Still Uncertain About the SAFETY Act ...

There are FAQs on the ASIS website regarding the SAFETY Act that are updated frequently. These examples of likely or realistic events provide greater clarification, which you may find useful. Please visit <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/safetyfact.pdf> to learn more about the Act and to find more in-depth details about other questions you may have. A SAFETY Act fact sheet is also available on the ASIS website at <http://www.asisonline.org/certification/safetyfaqs082406.pdf>.

Important Reminder Regarding Recertification Credits

A minimum of 50 percent of recertification activities in any term must be acquired through forms of educational activities – up to 100%. Volunteer activities may account for UP TO 50% of total recertification credits. This means certificants can earn their credits by using a combination of both education and volunteer activities, ensuring that the latter accounts for no more than 50% percent of their total credit submission. Some examples include:

100% via education and 0% via volunteer service
80% via education and 20% via volunteer service
75% via education and 25% via volunteer service
50% via education and 50% via volunteer service

Special Recognition Awards at the 2006 Annual Seminar

City of Des Moines, IA

This year, the PCB awarded the City of Des Moines with a Certification of Special Recognition. The city received this award because of its foresight and support of the CPP program in conjunction with requirements set forth in certain security service RFPs for Critical Infrastructure entities operated by the City of Des Moines. Specifically, the City of Des Moines entities that have supported the CPP program are the Des Moines International Airport, the City of Des Moines Water Reclamation Authority and the City of Des Moines Purchasing Department.

The award was presented to Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie in a special ceremony on Friday, September 8th at Des Moines City Hall. Accompanying the mayor were Michael L. Valen, Purchasing Manager, Mr. Ken McCoy, Airport Operations Manager - Des Moines International Airport and Philip R. Koundakjian, Facilities Manager - Wastewater Reclamation Facility. An additional presentation of the award was given during the Certification Awards presentation at Tuesday's General Session.

The PCB would also like to extend a special thank you to Jim Ellis, CPP, PSP who works tirelessly on promoting the advancement of ASIS certifications. This recognition would not have been possible without his assistance and support.



From left to right:

Jim Ellis, CPP, PSP,
Chair, Central Iowa Chapter

Major Rick Singleton, Des
Moines Police Department;

T.M. Franklin Cownie,
Mayor, City of Des Moines;

Ken McCoy,
Operations Manager, Des
Moines International Airport.

PCB Member Dave Tyson, CPP Receives Excellence in Security Convergence Award

The Alliance for Enterprise Security Risk Management (AESRM), a partnership of the three leading international security associations — ASIS International, ISACA and the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) — presented Dave Tyson, CPP with the first-ever AESRM Excellence in Security Convergence Award.

Tyson was recognized for his achievements and presented with the AESRM Excellence in Security Convergence Award at a special awards luncheon on September 25. The award was created to honor individuals who are leading the growing field of “security convergence,” which is the integration of traditional and information security functions. Thirty-three entries were received, nominating security professionals from around the world for the first installation of this award. ***Congratulations Dave!***



Congratulations to the Recent Triple Certificants:

Klas O. Nilsson, CPP, PSP, PCI
Fernando M. Gomez, CPP, PSP, PCI
Alan M. Walker, CPP, PSP, PCI

Both Nilsson and Gomez are the first in their respective regions to become triple certificants. Nilsson, from Sweden, owns his own security consulting business and has been a member of ASIS since 2003. Gomez is from Mexico and has been an ASIS member since 2002. He is an Investigation Manager with FEMSA. Walker is a Regional Contract Security Manager with First Alarm Security and Patrol, which is located in San Diego, CA. Walker joined the Society in 2003. ***Congratulations again on your recent achievements!***

Organization Award of Merit Winners



PCB President, Robert Martin, CPP, presented Organizational awards to representatives from three of the four organizations that endorsed the certification concept by encouraging and supporting their employees in efforts to become certified.

Companies from left to right:
Defence Systems Ecuador (an Armorgroup Company)
Portman Management Company
ARASCO C.A.



PCB President addresses the audience at Tuesday's General Session at the 2006 Annual Seminar. During his speech he congratulated the latest group of new board certified security professionals – CPP's, PSP's, and PCI's – pictured below:



2006 Certification Lounge Highlights

Visitors from across the globe met at the certification lounge to greet colleagues and exchange ideas. It was also the location for informal gatherings and an opportunity for certificants to speak with staff. The lounge provided an avenue to all who wanted to assist and share their knowledge on security related issues and trends.

Some memorable highlights from the certification lounge:



**A gathering around certification staff
for inquiries about respective
certification programs**

Informal Meeting Groups



**The certification staff
is looking forward
to seeing you all again in 2007**

Thank YOU for a Great Seminar!



Friends gather for a discussion ...

From left to right: Jaime Oliva-Reyes, CPP, PSP; Alex Garrido, CPP, RVP for Region XXII; and Alfredo Iturriaga, CPP, SRVP for Regions XXI, XXIII, XXIV

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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