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LELC: Chairpersons Newsletter Welcome

From the Desk of the Chairperson: Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Law Enforcement Liaison Council (LELC) newsletter. The LELC focuses on issues of importance for ASIS members in their relationship with Law Enforcement entities, personnel, and activities. Our primary focus is public-private partnerships (P3). Members of our council are experienced professionals with strong views about these relationships. We recognize their ever-changing nature and hope that dialogue created through our work will make the profession stronger and promote action in those who are up-and-coming security professionals. In this newsletter, we hope to share with you important information that will introduce you to ideas and people that will help you do your job better. In cooperation with others, we achieve a greater breadth of knowledge and vision. This newsletter is our way of sharing experiences that will help the security profession shine. Let's grow together! Special thanks to our editor, Jim Fetzer, for his work in kicking off this initiative.

LELC: Committee News

The LELC Booth was busy at the recent ASIS Conference in San Diego. Council members staffing the booth received almost fifty business cards from attendees requesting information on programs as well as some requesting information on committee membership. Over nine hundred copies of written literature, DVDs and tapes were distributed on topics such as Operation Cooperation, BJA Report "Engaging the Private Sector", IACP Summit Report on Public/Private Cooperation (ASIS was a participant), and "The New Structure of Policing". Special thanks to Rural Law Enforcement Technology for their support. Contact LELC Annual Seminar Committee Chairperson Mike Gambrell or Vice-Chair Ron Rabena for further information.

LELC: Member News

Chief Steve Harris, Redmond PD, Redmond, OR – LELC Member

The Redmond Police Department recognized the need to learn about local business concerns and offer advice and information about crime prevention and trends. We also realized the importance of creating partnerships with the private sector, as well as sharing resources in order to fight crime and prepare for emergencies. As a result, The Redmond Police Security Forum was created as a means to share information between the private sector and law enforcement. The Forum meets at The Honeywell Learning Center, and although business representatives change, attendance remains fairly constant, about twenty private sector security professionals meet with Redmond Command Staff and Lieutenants every three months.

Since December 2005, the forum has met four times, the most recent meeting in September 2006 with a focus on domestic and international terrorism prevention. In December, forum members heard from the lead investigator of the 2000 U.S.S. Cole bombing. He presented an in-depth look at the process of investigating a terrorist act. The March meeting featured two representatives from the Washington State Joint Terrorism Task Force – a group consisting of law enforcement officers from city, county, state, and federal agencies. The topic of discussion was how they respond to suspicious circumstances and their efforts at identifying potential terrorists. In June, an F.B.I. agent talked about domestic terrorism, terrorist groups that are active in the United States, and the international ties to other activist organizations. Finally, in September, A.T.T.A.C.K. (Auto Theft Tactical Analysis Center of King County), located at the Redmond Police Department, was featured. The Detective Lieutenant in charge of this unit, along with our Crime Analysts, demonstrated the investigative capabilities of this Fusion Center and what we plan on doing in the near future to pro-actively fight crime.

Outside of the forum meetings, Operations Commander Ed Billington and Lieutenants meet with the security personnel at several large corporations located within the city (Redmond Town Center, Microsoft, United Parcel Service, Group Health Hospital to name a few) to talk about mutual concerns and strengthen our partnerships. Just recently, we met with key Microsoft security managers to explore response protocols on campus and parking issues. They in turn hosted day-long training on verbal de-escalation that was attended by two of our defensive tactics instructors. Our defensive tactics instructors recently re-certified Redmond Town Center security officers in the use of O.C. spray.

When his schedule permits, the Chief of Police attends the monthly meetings of the Puget Sound Chapter of the American Society of Industrial Security. The Puget Sound and Olympic Mountain Chapters co-hosted an annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. We were honored that two of our own received awards. Commander George Potts received a Special Services Award, given to those who demonstrate outstanding skills and service. He was recognized for his part in coordinating dignitary protection for V.I.P.s that have visited Redmond, including President George W. Bush, Vice-President Dick Cheney, Vietnamese President Phan Van Khai, and Chinese President Hu Jintao. Chief Steven Harris received a Leadership Award for his role in advocating for and developing public and private sector partnerships throughout our region.

We are fortunate to be a part of A.S.I.S. There is no doubt we have benefited greatly from our partnerships with local business and the professionalism of the A.S.I.S. membership.

LELC: “IN BOX”

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM ASIS LEADERSHIP, COUNCILS, CHAPTERS, MEMBERS LELC wants to hear from you, the ASIS Leadership, Councils, Chapters, and members. We want the entire society to know of private-public sector partnerships working in your community. We would like the name, phone number, and email address of the persons we can ask for the information. Contact the LELC Newsletter Editor Jim Fetzer CPP, jfa@tds.net or 865-675-3331, with the info. As we distribute the information from those partnerships that are working in your community, it provides others with support to begin a program and a resource of experience and advice.

ATTENTION RVP'S & CHAPTER CHAIRPERSONS

LELC needs the name and email address of all chapter LELC coordinators in order for us to send this newsletter to them directly. Our goal is to develop communications with the chapters and their coordinators to support them with up-to-date LELC information thru the newsletter and work together on common goals. Please email the information to our editor Jim Fetzer at jfa@tds.net.

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