

## Security Architecture and Engineering Council Links

[Alarm Industry Research and Education Foundation](#) (AIREF) is a tax-exempt foundation representing the electronic, life safety, security and systems industry and their associations, under the auspices of the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA). AIREF serves as the research arm of the electronic life safety, security and systems industry engaged in initiatives critical to public safety, consumers and the alarm industry. Through research and education AIREF will provide the resources and statistics that public safety officials can use to better understand and utilize our industry in their effort to protect and serve the community.

[American Fire Sprinkler Association](#) (AFSA) is a non-profit, international association representing open shop fire sprinkler contractors, dedicated to the educational advancement of its members and promotion of the use of automatic fire sprinkler systems. Provides the open shop fire sprinkler contractor with training, consulting, communication, and representation.

[American Hardware Manufacturers Association](#) (AHMA) is the premier trade association serving the hardware, home improvement, lawn and garden, paint and decorating and related industries. AHMA's members include hardware producers, manufacturers' agents and industry trade publications. Membership is open to any company headquartered in the United States and engaged in the manufacture of goods for the hardware/home improvement, lawn and garden, and paint and decorating trade. Any international firm or corporation engaged in the manufacture or marketing of products for the hardware channel is eligible to become a non-voting associate member. Manufacturers' agents and industry trade publications can also join as non-voting associate members.

[Associated Locksmiths of America](#) (ALOA) is an international professional organization of highly qualified security professionals engaged in consulting, sales, installation and maintenance of locks, keys, safes, premises security, access controls, alarms, and other security related endeavors.

[Building Owners and Managers Association](#) (BOMA) has a mission to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. Website has section on Security and Emergency Preparedness.

[Canadian Security Association](#) (CANASA) is a national non-profit organization, established in 1977 and dedicated to promoting the interests of its members and the safety and security of all Canadians. They are the national voice of the security industry and have a growing membership of more than one thousand companies across Canada, representing all major segments of the industry. CANASA has a comprehensive network of services, including high quality security education, advocacy, marketing, communications, leading industry trade shows and the latest industry information and news.

[Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat](#) was established to facilitate professional exchanges among those involved in all aspects of the planning, design, construction and operation of tall buildings and the urban habitat. Its primary goal is to promote better urban environments by maximizing the international interaction of professionals, and by making the latest knowledge available to its members and to the public at large in useful form and Key Control

[Door and Hardware Institute](#) (DHI) is a professional organization that serves the North American marketplace as the advocate and primary resource for information, professional development and certification resource for the architectural openings industry with a focus on the channels of distribution. The purpose of DHI is to provide its members with the skills and competencies to compete successfully in the advancement of the safety and security of the built environment.

[FacilitiesNet](#) is a comprehensive, interactive web site for facilities professionals. Thousands of facility decision-makers worldwide visit FacilitiesNet each month. Offers very in-depth information on facility management.. There are over 10,000 pages of content and it is still growing. FacilitiesNet is an encyclopedia of information for facilities decision-makers. Includes links to three magazines – Building Operating Management, Maintenance Solutions, and Facility Service Decisions. Also contains a bookstore, buyers' guide, and research into all aspects of facility management.

[International Association of Arson Investigators](#) (IAAI) is a worldwide organization of fire investigators, fire service/law enforcement professionals and other related disciplines dedicated to the promotion of professional standards in fire investigation, fire safety, public education and awareness of fire-related issues, and the suppression of arson.

[International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) (IAFC) is a network of more than 12,000 chief fire and emergency officers. Their members are the world's leading experts in fire fighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search & rescue, and public safety legislation. Their mission is to provide leadership to career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency service organizations throughout the international community through vision, information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

[International Association of Investigative Locksmiths](#) (IAIL) is a group of locksmiths, security professionals, police officers, insurance investigators and others with an interest in the benefits of investigative locksmithing to the community as a whole. IAIL is involved in developing this profession, learning as much as possible about this field and helping to share that knowledge with others of a like mind. They believe in cooperation between the investigative agencies and the technical personnel, i.e. locksmiths and security professionals; and through that cooperation, providing a service to the law-abiding community. Their goals are: to educate the public in this field of investigative locksmithing through seminars and meetings, with the intent of improving the safety and security of the public in general; and, to educate locksmiths, police officers, insurance investigators and security professionals in the capabilities and techniques used in this field of investigative locksmithing.

[International CPTED Association](#) (ICA) is committed to creating safer environments and improving the quality of life through the use of CPTED principles and strategies. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) focuses on the social territoriality of an area. Its basic premise is that the proper design and effective use of the physical environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, thereby improving the quality of life.

[International Facility Management Association](#) (IFMA) is the largest professional association for facility management. Globally, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs and produces World Workplace, the largest facility management-related conference and exposition.

[National Association of Security Companies](#) (NASCO) is dedicated to promoting and sustaining professional integrity and competence throughout every aspect of the private security business. At the forefront of efforts to set meaningful standards for the private security industry, NASCO also monitors proposed state and federal legislation and regulations that might affect the quality and/or effectiveness of private security services.

[National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association](#) (NBFAA) is the nation's oldest and largest association dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security, and systems industry. Through a federation of state associations, NBFAA reaches grass roots members, enabling them to band together on national issues, and delivering to them industry information, professional development tools, products, and services.

[National Council of Investigation and Security Services](#) (NCISS) is a cooperative effort of those companies and associations responsible for providing private security and investigation services to the legal profession, business community, government and the public. Daily, there are an increasing number of problems confronting the orderly growth of this profession. These problems include, among others: overly restrictive legislation regarding training and standards, proliferation of legislation requiring local licensing, public misunderstanding and misinformation on the role and contribution of private investigators and security services, and an uninformed media. It is the role of NCISS to meet and solve these problems while seeking to uncover and recommend action on any hidden potential problems which may have an effect on the profession.

[National Fire Prevention Week](#) is a website dedicated to National Fire Prevention Week. Contains information on the history of fire prevention, and the Great Chicago Fire, which led up to starting National Fire Prevention Week. Promotes fire safety and education, exit drills in the home, and gives fire safety tips. Also gives fire prevention lesson plans to teach fire prevention to children of all ages.

[National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) is an international nonprofit association with the mission to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

[National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center](#) (NLECTC) was created in 1994 as a component of the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ's) Office of Science and Technology. The NLECTC system serves as an "honest broker" offering support, research findings, and technological expertise to help State and local law enforcement and corrections personnel perform their duties more safely and efficiently. The NLECTC system consists of facilities across the country that are colocated with an organization or agency that specializes in one or more specific areas of research and development. Although each NLECTC facility has a different technology focus, they work together to form a seamless web of support, providing technology assistance, support, and information.

[Safe Spaces: Designing for Security and Civic Values](#) is a forum presented by the American Society of Landscape Architects. The forum occurred on July 25-27, 2004. The theme was that security design should protect the public in a manner that preserves the integrity of our buildings, public spaces, and communities while demonstrating the values of an open and accessible society. Showed how the leading experts in the field were meeting this difficult challenge. Explored the latest practices, tools, techniques, and building materials for establishing effective, transparent security design. Plenary and concurrent sessions focused on threat assessment, public process,

planning and design, technology, materials, methods, and historic preservation. This website contains information from that forum that is still useful today.

[U.S. Fire Administration](#) (USFA) is an entity of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. USFA serves the Nation independently, in coordination with other Federal agencies, and in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities. With a commitment to excellence, they provide public education, training, technology and data initiatives.

[Building Operating Management Magazine](#) is the renovation, construction and facilities management magazine for building owners. Comprehensive coverage of construction alternatives from renovation/retrofit and expansion to new construction.