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ASIS International Overview

Alexandria, Va. – [ASIS International](#) is a professional organization for security managers, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. With more than 37,000 members worldwide, ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing programs and materials that address broad security interests.

Founded in 1955, ASIS advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, media, government entities and the general public. By providing members and the security community with access to a full range of programs and services, and by publishing the industry's No. 1 magazine—[Security Management](#)—ASIS leads the way for advanced and improved security performance.

ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits

The ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits is the most comprehensive educational and networking event in the security industry. The 55th Annual Seminar and Exhibits will be held in **Anaheim, Calif., Sept. 21-24, 2009**. ASIS 2009 will provide access to exhibits featuring the latest security technology and innovations and provide a forum for 900 companies to demonstrate cutting-edge security products and services that are shaping the security industry today to more than 22,000 security professionals from across the industry and around it the world.

Professional Development

ASIS offers a broad array of training programs to keep security professionals abreast of industry changes. [Programs](#) include national and international conferences, webinars and much more. Designed specifically for security professionals, these programs consider every career stage and provide excellent networking opportunities through a wide range of courses with top-rate faculty.

ASIS Certifications

ASIS administers three internationally accredited [certification programs](#). The Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation is widely acknowledged as the highest recognition of security professionals. The credential is given to individuals who have demonstrated expertise in security management principles, concepts, technology and best practices. Those who have earned the CPP are ASIS board certified in security management. The CPP exam is administered in 30 countries.

The Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) designation is a specialty certification awarded to security practitioners who have demonstrated knowledge and experience in case management, evidence collection and preparation of reports and testimony to substantiate findings. Those who have earned the PCI are ASIS board certified in investigations.

The Physical Security Professional (PSP) designation is a specialty certification awarded to security practitioners who have demonstrated knowledge and experience in threat assessment and risk analysis, integrated physical security systems, and the appropriate identification, implementation and ongoing evaluation of security measures. Those who have earned the PSP are ASIS board certified in physical security.

Standards and Guidelines

The Commission on Standards and Guidelines is the promulgating body within ASIS International to develop security management standards and guidelines. The commission works with pivotal national and international standards-setting organizations to advance security practices worldwide through the development of standards and guidelines within a voluntary, non-proprietary and consensus-based process utilizing the knowledge, experience and expertise of ASIS membership and the security industry at large.

ASIS International is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited Standards Developing Organization (SDO) and participates in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards activities.

ASIS released its first American National Standard, the Chief Security Officer Organizational American National Standard, in 2008. Additional standards development initiatives include Business Continuity Management: Preparedness, Crisis Management, and Disaster Recovery; Auditing Management Systems for Security, Preparedness and Continuity Management with Guidance for Application; Facilities Physical Security Management; Organizational Resilience: Security, Preparedness and Continuity Management Systems—Requirements with Guidance for Use; Workplace Violence Prevention and Intervention; and Risk Assessment.

ASIS International Guidelines include:

- Private Security Officer
- Pre-employment Background Screening
- Business Continuity
- Workplace Violence Prevention and Response
- Information Asset Protection
- Facilities Physical Security Measures
- General Security Risk Assessment
- Threat Advisory System Response

ASIS Councils

The ASIS Councils have been established to serve the membership through identification of information regarding security issues in their specific concentration. [ASIS Councils](#) provide support to, and enhancement of, ASIS educational programs and materials designed to meet the needs of professionals with specific security concerns and issues inherent to a specific industry.

The ASIS Councils provide a vital link between practitioners and the Society to ensure that only the most relevant and latest information on security practices is made available for members. A sampling of ASIS Councils:

- Banking and Financial Services
- Crime and Loss Prevention
- Global Terrorism, Political Instability and International Crime
- Military Liaison
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- Privacy and Personnel Information Management
- Transportation Security

CSO Roundtable

The [CSO Roundtable](#), a by-invitation-only group of ASIS International, was launched in 2004 to give top security executives a stronger voice in business and public policy. The CSO Roundtable became a full-service membership group offering an exclusive array of benefits in 2008.

ASIS Foundation

Since 1966, the [ASIS Foundation](#) has actively forged the way for the creation of new academic, strategic and professional development opportunities within the security industry, through fundraising, research, scholarships and endowments.

The Foundation supports the growth and evolution of the security profession by funding and managing a wide range of activities designed to strengthen and advance the expertise of security practitioners and to professionalize and institutionalize the study of security management at the college and university level.

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