

Certification *Profile*



Asked whether he would recommend ASIS certification, **Frederick A. Coe, Jr., CPP**, answers, “That’s a no brainer. It’s a measure of credibility for what we do as security professionals.”

Coe, security director for the Massachusetts Army National Guard, works out of the Joint Force Headquarters located in Milford, Massachusetts. His duties include design, supervision, and maintenance of all electronic security systems (CCTV, access control, intrusion detection alarms, and digital network recording systems) for the Massachusetts National Guard, which possesses sites that include armories, aviation facilities, ammo supply points, and training facilities.

He began his career in security in 1963, as a port security specialist with the U.S. Coast Guard. “I worked for the First Coast Guard District (New England) on an 82-footer patrolling Boston Harbor, inspecting commercial vessels,” Coe says. “This experience taught me the value of security inspections and risk assessments, which later became a valuable tool in my security career.”

As a project manager with American Science & Engineering in the 1970s and 1980s, Coe oversaw the installation of specialized security x-ray systems for the White House Secret Service, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Capitol Police.

“My job with American Science & Engineering also took me to Iraq and Kuwait during the latter part of the Iran-Iraq war (1988-89), selling truck inspection x-ray systems to the Iraqi regime,” Coe says. “I became familiar with the city of Baghdad

and the surrounding area. Never would I have ever thought that I would return 15 years later as a National Guard MP soldier leading a convoy through those same streets. My squad could never figure out how I knew the way around Baghdad during the initial part of the invasion of Iraq.”

Prior to 9-11, Coe worked as a security systems integrator for Eastern Video Systems Inc. in Massachusetts. “As a National Guard weekend warrior,” he says, “I attended many military security schools and law enforcement training classes that provided me with additional knowledge and experience for my profession.”

After 9-11, the Massachusetts Army National Guard called him to active duty. He spent eight months on airport security at Boston’s Logan International, seven months in Afghanistan, and another seven months in Iraq.

Coe retired from the National Guard in 2006. “I had been involved with security and military force protection for more than 25 years and decided that after two combat deployments, it was about time to get validation for the experience, knowledge, and education that I had attained in my career,” he says.

That year, Coe became an ASIS member and earned his CPP designation. He is the only person at the Joint Force Headquarters—thus far—with a CPP. “The ASIS certification process has provided me an opportunity to stay current in security trends, practices, and technology,” Coe says. “My combat security experience in Afghanistan and Iraq has given me confidence to handle a broad range of security skills.”

—Profile by Vicki Moeser, ASIS public relations manager.