

Certification *Profile*



For more than 19 years, **Kevin Doss, CPP, PSP**, has provided consulting services within the security sector as a crime prevention and counterterrorism specialist.

During this time period, he has worked with government agencies, commercial entities, medical facilities, non-profit organizations, and financial institutions to protect human life and property from the threat of compromise or loss.

“My career path was intended to be in law enforcement or the military, but the security industry offered more flexibility,” Doss says. “Once I was immersed in the security industry, I found that it was a great career path and still provided me with the personal satisfaction that I was making a difference in people’s lives every day.”

Today, Doss works as a retail security consultant for Diebold, Inc., in their Global Security Division. He also provides consultative services by performing risk and vulnerability assessments, developing security plans, and providing instruction on counterterrorism, physical security, and crime prevention.

It has become a daily challenge for him to find ways to help clients save money and still give them the security protection they require. “Providing physical security on a shoestring budget is a process that demands finding new strategies to create unconventional approaches when recommending security countermeasures,” Doss explains. “Security professionals are being asked to protect more critical assets using fewer resources. Part of my responsibility as a consultant is to help organizations accomplish their core mission and security objectives without unnecessary expenditures.”

Security is a field that Doss would

wholeheartedly recommend to others.

“For the individual with a passion for security and protecting others, security management offers tremendous opportunities and personal satisfaction,” he says.

He credits his membership in ASIS International with helping him develop a comprehensive network of personal and professional connections. “Another major benefit,” he adds, “has been the security-related educational opportunities. They have substantially increased my understanding of the security industry and the challenges which all security professionals face daily.”

Doss was a member of the first Physical Security Professional® (PSP) certification class in 2003. Shortly after passing that exam, he began studying for the Certified Protection Professional® (CPP) exam, which he passed in 2005. In addition to his ASIS certifications, he earned his master’s degree in security and risk management from the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom earlier this year. But it’s the certification process that he feels identifies weaknesses in one’s security proficiency.

“That process provided me with a tremendous foundation that I was able to build upon and develop myself as a security professional,” Doss says. Additionally, he feels that certification brings credibility and professionalism into the workplace.

“My company does indeed benefit from my certifications, as does any company with whom I do business,” Doss says. “The depth of understanding and knowledge that an ASIS certified professional brings to the table cannot be understated, especially when it is combined with hands-on experience.”

—Profile by Vicki Moeser, ASIS public relations manager