

Certification *Profile*



Kenneth R. Jones, CPP, sums up what attracted him to the security industry simply: “I always wanted to work with people to improve situations,” he says.

“This is what we do in security.”

After a brief career as a police officer in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1982, Jones joined the U.S. Postal Service. He became a U.S. Postal Inspector in 1984 and has since held senior level executive positions within the organization in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston.

Jones, who holds both a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree in Criminology and earned his Certified Protection Professional® (CPP) credential from ASIS International in June 2007, believes the professional certification is a good fit for him and his colleagues at the Postal Inspection Service.

“The Postal Inspection Service is involved in every functional area covered in the CPP exam,” Jones says, adding that his employer paid the full cost of ASIS membership, examination fees, materials, and up to 40 hours of preparation. “I know we could benefit from the certification process and be more respected for our own security expertise if more Postal Inspectors obtained the CPP.”

In his present position as the Deputy Chief Postal Inspector with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service—one of the oldest fed-

eral law enforcement agencies in the United States—Jones is responsible for all headquarters operations including global security and investigations, intelligence, cyber investigations, human resources, training, internal affairs, and strategic planning. He also has a hand in revenue protection and facility design, manages an armed Postal Police Officer force and unarmed contract security personnel, and provides security consultation for the various industries doing business with the Postal Service.

“I work with top executives in the Postal Service, the financial services industry, the mail order industry and the insurance industry. My CPP certification demonstrates to them that I have a high level understanding of a wide variety of risk management and security areas,” says Jones. “In turn, the Postal Service benefits from my CPP certification due to corporate customers having an increased confidence in the Postal Service as a safe and reliable organization.”

Jones says there are presently over 1,700 Postal Inspectors and over 800 uniformed Postal Police Officers working for the Postal Inspection Service, and while only a small number of Postal Inspectors presently hold the CPP designation, he anticipates the number of those certified growing steadily over the next two years as a result of the organization’s strong encouragement, increased ASIS memberships, and sponsored CPP training courses.

—By *Chris Flynn, former ASIS public relations manager*