

Word is Getting Out at the United Nations



Pictured at the U.N. - Jose L. Rodriguez, CPP, (left); Patrick N. Nebo, CPP, (center); Darryl H. Beard, CPP, (right)

The security force at the United Nations is an organized, diversified, and well-prepared team. Officers come from all over the world. Training and tours of duty are diverse as well. However, there are some things—such as having objectives on the job—that are universal to all workers and an important part of satisfying a supervisor and ultimately receiving a promotion.

Advising the security team on developing their objectives, Patrick N. Nebo, CPP, and Assistant Chief of the Security and Safety Service at the United Nations, is a case in point. Nebo, a member of ASIS International since 1996 and a Certified Protection Professional since 1997, reports to the United Nations Chief of Security, Michael McCann. Nebo is responsible for training the United Nations' security staff. One of his goals for this year is to have some of his officers obtain the CPP credential. Those who are successful in their qualifying exams will become board certified professionals in security management.

At first, his staff was curious, but reticent. Many members of his team had police backgrounds, but "They weren't sure they would qualify to be a CPP," Nebo said. Then, Greg Sanders, CPP, and a member of the ASIS Professional Certification Board, which administers the CPP program, entered the picture. He assured Nebo that his officers were indeed qualified, and that Nebo "could still do it." And do it, he has.

An initial ice-breaking session at the U. N. run by Darryl H. Beard, CPP, PCI, and Jose L. Rodriguez, CPP, introduced 12 interested security officers to the rigors of getting the CPP. But now, there are at least 25 people signed up for the review course. Why the increase in interest? "We are getting the word out," Nebo said.

Instructional staff for the review course will be Darryl H. Beard, CPP, PCI; Edward H. Malia, CPP; Eddie L. Hall, CPP; Helman O. Benjamin, CPP; and Jose L. Rodriguez, CPP, all members of ASIS Chapter 13, in Northern New Jersey. The review course was originally scheduled for this October, but because of other training commitments, it has been rescheduled for January 2004 at the security training facility within the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York City. Nebo wants his officers to take the test shortly thereafter.

"If you have the CPP," said Nebo, "it's an asset, and very desirable for promotion." Word definitely seems to be getting out.

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