



This Government Affairs and Public Policy Newsletter provides ASISPAC contributors with the latest information regarding the involvement of ASIS with Members of the U.S. Congress and the Department of Homeland Security.

HOMELAND SECURITY NEWS

During the first quarter of 2016, ASIS continued its work to expand public-private partnerships with the federal government.

ASIS staff met with Dr. Ron Clark, Deputy Under Secretary for the National Protection & Programs Division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Dr. Clark oversees the Office of Infrastructure Protection, the Office of Cyber and Infrastructure Analysis, the Office of Biometrics and Identity Management, and the Federal Protective Service, among other functions.

ASIS discussed the relationship to the Office of Infrastructure Protection which, because of the importance of coordination between DHS's Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) and ASIS members in the field, is one of our most important relationships. ASIS intends to involve the Office of Infrastructure Protection in future partnerships, perhaps with the FBI, where ASIS members, FBI agents and PSAs can have informative and productive relationships at the local level across the entire country. ASIS plans to meet with Secretary Clark monthly for exchange and updates of information.

Also in the first quarter, ASIS met with representatives of the DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis (DHS-I&A) to discuss ASIS support for a planned "Corporate Security Symposium" to be held in Chicago June 7, 2016. This will be the sixteenth Corporate Security Symposium conducted by DHS since April 2010. The series of symposia are a cooperative effort between DHS-I&A, DHS Infrastructure Protection, the FBI and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and the private security community. As the preeminent organization in the private security community, ASIS has agreed to help boost attendance and encourage sponsors for various components of the Symposium.

ASIS also is assisting the FBI with a project aimed at establishing how entities in five critical infrastructure sectors assess risk. ASIS will engage the CSO Roundtable to participate in this project, and also has brought the leadership of the ISAC (Information Sharing & Analysis Center) Council to assist with this effort. All five sectors of interest (Communication, Energy, Financial Services, IT and Transportation) are members of the National Council of ISACs. The Council invited ASIS and the FBI to attend its June 9th meeting in Washington, D.C., to present on the project and enlist the help of the ISACs.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ASIS continued to follow the developments of security-related legislation in the House and Senate during the first quarter of 2016.

ASIS has been following closely the introduction of a bill by Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) and House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul (R-10-TX) that would establish a commission to study digital security and encryption.

The spate of terrorist attacks last year, especially those in Paris and San Bernardino, raised the specter of terrorists using secure digital communications to evade intelligence and law enforcement agencies. The same technologies that companies use to keep Americans safe when they shop online and communicate on the Internet are the same technologies that terrorists and criminals exploit to disguise their illicit activity

In response to this challenge, Chairman McCaul and Senator Warner, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, have proposed a National Commission on Security and Technology Challenges in the Digital Age. The Commission would bring together more than a dozen experts from areas such as international commerce, cryptography, law enforcement, technology, privacy and digital security both in the United States and abroad to develop viable recommendations for Congress on how to balance competing digital security priorities and resolve the conflicting issues of privacy and security.

While the bill's drafters understand that Congress probably can't legislate a solution for access to encrypted technology, they intend to have an independent, bipartisan commission make recommendations to Congress with a balanced, global perspective on what might be achievable.

The bill was formally introduced in March as S. 2604/H.R. 4651, and has been referred to the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee, and the House Committees on Energy & Commerce, Judiciary and Foreign Affairs, respectively.

ASIS looks forward to working with Congress, the administration, and fellow stakeholders to advance a solution to this very complex issue. Part of that work will involve trying to anticipate how the proposed commission will affect the work that the FBI, assisted by ASIS and others, is doing to engage the private sector in the search for solutions that will advance public safety.

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