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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**December 2025 Message
from Your Chapter Chair,
Mary Therese Tylus, MA**



December 2025 Message from the Chair

On behalf of myself and the 2025 Officers and Chairs of the ASIS Chicago Chapter, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you at our December Holiday Party on December 18, 2025, at Harry Caray's. Please RSVP by Friday, December 12, 2025. Further details can be found in the newsletter and in your email inbox!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

ASIS CHICAGO CHAPTER 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY

*Join us for a festive evening filled with fun, laughter,
and holiday cheer!*

December 18th
11:00 AM / THURSDAY

SPEAKERS:



Mary Therese Tylus, MA
Chicago Chapter Chair



Sue Monreal, CPP
Chicago Chapter Vice Chair



Jason Sikora, CPP
*ASIS North American
Regional Board of Directors*

WHEN AND WHERE:

Harry Caray's River North, 33 W. Kinzie, Chicago IL
December 18, 2025 - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Ticket Purchases End December 12, 2025



**Register
Today!**



ADDITIONAL INFO:

This year, we will not be having a gift exchange. Instead, we will implement a "split the pot" fundraiser, where individuals can purchase tickets with cash. The proceeds from the split the pot will benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

The last day to RSVP is December 12, 2025, make sure you register today!

2025 ASIS Chicago Chapter Holiday Meeting

Split The Pot - Ticket Prices

1 Ticket = \$1.00

6 Tickets = \$5.00

15 Tickets = \$10.00



Ticket sellers will be circulating the room

**Proceeds of the Split the Pot Will Benefit the
Greater Chicago Food Depository**

Some Changes to Chapter Practices Beginning Immediately:

- Starting immediately, the Chapter will no longer have available at pre-registration for our events “Pay at the Door”. We have run into problems with members/nonmembers registering for events with Pay at the Door and then not showing. Because we count you in the RSVP, we are still charged for that ticket. Therefore, to avoid attempting to collect later, we are no longer providing that courtesy. All registrations starting with our Holiday Party 2025 will require payment at the time of registration.
- We will still be able to take “walk-ins” on a limited basis at our events, so if your schedule frees up at the last minute, please feel free to attend an event. The only exception is if there is a hard RSVP date, then walk-ins will not be available.
- When you pay your Chapter Dues now, you will have the option of checking the “Auto Renew Button”. This way, just like International, we are rolling out this feature to make paying your Yearly Chapter Dues easier for everyone! We hope you enroll in that new feature!
- Note that beginning with registration for our January Chapter meetings, the ticket price has gone up slightly. See elsewhere in this newsletter where we highlight the new ticket prices.

We appreciate your understanding as we implement these changes in order to maintain the financial health of the Chapter.

New Pricing for 2026 Monthly Meetings

Due to a slight increase in pricing from Harry Caray's for 2026, our ticket prices for the monthly Chapter meetings are increasing slightly, starting with ticket sales for our January 2026 meeting:

\$50 – Member No Parking

\$60 – Nonmember No Parking

\$58 – Member + Valet Parking

\$68 – Nonmember + Valet Parking

Ticket prices for the monthly 2026 Chapter meetings for the Chapter's Law Enforcement and Military remain the same:

\$19.00 Member Current/Retired Law Enforcement/Military Discount + Valet Parking

\$19.00 Non-Member Current/Retired Law Enforcement/Military Discount + Valet Parking



ASIS Chicago Chapter Golf Outing



Friday July 17, 2026 • Carriage Greens Country Club, Darien, IL

Registration at 8 AM and Shot Gun Start at 9 AM

Golfer and Sponsorship Information:

Foursome

\$750

Single Golfer

\$200

Banquet Only

\$85

Platinum ▶ \$2,000

- (1) Golf Foursome
- (1) Year Website Advertising
- Registration Sign
- Tee Sign
- Banner

Gold ▶ \$1,500

- (1) Golf Foursome
- (1) Year Website Advertising
- Registration Sign
- Breakfast and lunch Sponsor Sign

Trophy Sponsor ▶ \$600

- (1) Drink Ticket + (1) Lunch
- Tee Sign
- Banner
- Table at hole

Ticket Information

All paid golfers will receive lunch at the turn, a banquet after the round, and two drink tickets. Banquet includes: buffet and 1 hour of open bar. Additionally, there will be a silent auction for Chicago sports memorabilia and a Beat The Pro contest.

Tee Sign ▶ \$300


▼ Register Here ▼



If you are interested in sponsoring or learning more about the 2026 ASIS Chicago Golf Outing, please contact Chuck Slaybough using the information below.



Chuck Slaybough ▶  chuck.slaybough@axis.com

 253-987-9448

ASIS Chicago Chapter

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

DEC 18

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

2025 ASIS International
Chicago Chapter Holiday
Luncheon

 Harry Caray's
Italian Steakhouse
- River North



JAN 15

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

ASIS Chicago November
Meeting and Seminar

 Harry Caray's
Italian Steakhouse
- River North



FEB 19

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

ASIS Chicago November
Meeting and Seminar

 Harry Caray's
Italian Steakhouse
- River North



Help Wanted: ASIS Chicago Chapter Certification Chair Position is Available

The ASIS Chicago Chapter is looking for a member in good standing with both International and the Chicago Chapter to become our Chapter's Certification Chair and to assume this vital and important role for the Chapter. Here are the requirements:

- Must be a member in good standing with both International and the Chicago Chapter with dues paid up annually to both.
- Possess an ASIS CPP Certification.
- Promote ASIS Certifications to the Chapter membership.
- Develop and manage Chapter certification review programs ie crafting, direction, and facilitating the annual Chicago Chapter's study group.
- Assist certification candidates with the certification application and exam scheduling process.
- Provide Chapter newsletter team with the Chapter specific certification news (newly certified members, review programs, changes to ASIS certification policies and resources, etc.)
- Receive automatic ASIS credits for volunteering.
- Personal pride and accomplishment from assisting security professionals with their professional development goals.
- Becoming the Chapter's subject matter expert on ASIS Certifications, credentials, etc.

Interested? Contact our current Chapter Chair, Mary Therese Tylus, MA at marytylus@comcast.net or Vice-Chair, Sue Monreal, CPP at smonreal@titan-security.com for more information regarding this exciting, rewarding and important Chapter Volunteer Leader position.

**HELP
NEEDED**

The Value of an ASIS Certification

Enjoy personal satisfaction and professional achievement by:

- Validating your security management expertise
- Elevating your stature in the profession
- Gaining a competitive edge in the marketplace
- Enhancing your career and earnings potential. ASIS certificants earn an average of 20% higher salaries than those without an ASIS certification (per ASIS Certification Survey – April 2019)
- Broadening experience and training from law enforcement and military backgrounds

The Value of an ASIS Certification to Your Employer

- Build a strong, dedicated team committed to high standards and continuing professional development
- Promote ongoing enhancement of critical job knowledge and skills
- Feel confident that your staff are using best practices
- Recruit the most qualified professionals
- Reinforce or elevate your organization's reputation and credibility

Learn More



Fast Facts: The Cost of Incivility

In the United States, an increase in uncivil behavior has resulted in the erosion of workplace morale, leaving employees to deal with hundreds of millions of uncivil interactions every day. This translates into an estimated \$2 billion per day loss due to decreased productivity and increased absenteeism, according to a recent thought leadership paper from the Security Executive Council (SEC).

Recent surveys indicate that Americans are seeing more incivility and are increasingly worried about safety and disorder in daily life, according to *Beyond Incivility: The Soaring Business Cost of America's Deteriorating Civility*. An estimated 60 percent of workers think society has become uncivil, with almost half of those surveyed reporting having encountered multiple incidents of rude or disrespectful customer behavior during the past year.

Findings from the most recent Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Civility Index show that more than 70 percent of U.S. workers thought their supervisor could have done more to prevent an incident of incivility at work, suggesting widespread dissatisfaction with how companies address rude behavior in the workplace.

"If employees feel incivility goes unchecked, it breeds disengagement and cynicism," the SEC paper said. "Indeed, two-thirds of workers in one poll said incivility directly reduces productivity, and 59 percent said it lowers morale in their workplace."

Learn more about the direct and indirect costs of incivility at work in the video below.



Source: "Fast Facts: The Cost of Incivility," by Sara Mosqueda, *Security Management Magazine*, ASIS International, October 20, 2025.



How Executive Protection is Changing One Year After UnitedHealthcare CEO Attack

One year after a gunman shot and killed UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson outside a hotel in New York City, the security industry continues to reckon with the shifting threat landscape of executive protection.

In the immediate aftermath of 4 December 2024, many warned of the potential for copycat attacks and a rise in violence targeting CEOs of healthcare and insurance companies. Those concerns intensified as hatred of UnitedHealthcare's business practices spread across social media, seeming to justify the actions of the gunman and call for others to follow in his footsteps.

Many organizations responded by going into "pure panic mode," hiring "muscle—the stereotypical guys in suits with earpieces" to accompany executives without addressing the actual problem they were trying to solve, says Kevin Palacios, CEO, HELPS Latam, and chair of the ASIS International Executive Protection Community.

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2025 U.S. Mass Killings Decrease, But Don't Expect a Permanent Downward Trend

The United States recorded the lowest number of mass killings so far in 2025 than any time since 2006, according to a database maintained by The Associated Press (AP), USA Today, and Northeastern University.

A shooting last weekend at a children's birthday party in California was the 17th mass killing this year—down about 24 percent compared to 2024. Mass killings also decreased last year, down 20 percent from 2023.

The database project defines mass killings as incidents in which four or more people are killed in a 24-hour period, not including the killer. Unlike other projects, like the Gun Violence Archive, the AP database includes mass killings that use weapons beyond firearms, including edged weapons, fire, and vehicle crashes—such as the New Year's Day attack on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Experts warn, though, not to take this year's numbers as a sign of long-term change around mass violence in the United States.

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New Security Products: Mobile Surveillance, Brand Misuse Monitoring, and More

What new products are entering the scene in the security industry? Check out this quick roundup from Security Management.

Mobile Surveillance Kit for High-Angle Monitoring

Outdoor rallies, sporting events, and concerts often require temporary security installations, including coverage of high-angle vantage points and aerial threats like drones. The new Mobile Surveillance Kit (MSK) from Spotter Global combines remote drone identification and tracking, a Starlink satellite connection for livestreaming, and a surveillance camera in one compact unit that can be installed on rooftops or high ground to cover large spaces. A Spotter Global radar—depending on the model—can track people and other targets from nearly a mile away from the MSK.

The MSK provides an alternative to flying a drone over the area of interest for surveillance, which can be a safety risk if large crowds are present below, says Logan Harris, CEO of Spotter Global, in an interview with Security Management.

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Ready to Accelerate Your Security Career? Apply For the Associate Protection Professional (APP) Today

Level Up Your Security Career

Nothing beats experience-based knowledge when it comes to demonstrating your skills, expertise, and proficiency. That's why eligibility requirements for the Associate Protection Professional (APP®) credential have been modified to better reflect the real-world experience of today's incoming and transitioning security professionals. Apply to earn your APP Certification with just one year of compensated security experience—no college degree or management experience required.

Make the Smart Move

Where do you want to go in your security career? The Associate Protection Professional (APP®) certification will help you get there. This globally recognized designation from ASIS International opens new pathways for professionals who have recently entered the security field. Get started today.

Ready to Launch?

Whether you've recently obtained your degree or made the switch from an entirely different sector, the APP certification is your first step in advancing your security career. This designation, which you can earn with only a year of applicable experience, shows hiring managers that you have an assured grasp of the fundamental security skills you need to level up your career. Build confidence in your security skills and knowledge—earn your APP credential now.

[APPLY FOR APP](#)



ASIS International Announces the Launching of a New Join Process

Effective February 14, 2024, ASIS International will launch the new join process. What does this mean for our new International members?

1. It will be easier to join ASIS International – the application stays the same, but the payment process will be easier. The website to join International remains <https://www.asisonline.org/join>
2. If International members want to purchase multiple products from the ASIS store with their membership – they will receive the membership discount. For example – someone may decide to add membership and a webinar to their cart – the webinar will be discounted to FREE at checkout due to the customer being recognized as a new member upon purchase.
3. Regardless of when someone joins, their International membership will be good for one FULL year (At this time, if you joined in March – though you'd pay full price, you'd only receive membership for 9 more months).
4. Expiration dates will appear in an International member's My Account section and multiple reminders will be sent out via ASIS International upon renewal time.
5. International members continue to have the ability to sign up for auto renewal and save 5% or renew for three years in advance to save 10% AND lock in the current price.
6. Soon International members will have the option to pay by PayPal.

Once you join – your International expiration date always stays the same. Unless you let your International membership lapse – then you would need to rejoin the International Association and you will receive a new International expiration date.

And when you join the Chicago Chapter as a new member and pay your dues what happens next? Your expiration date for your Chapter Dues will now be the same as your International Dues expiration date.

For now, those of us who have joined International and the Chapter prior to February 14, 2024, your International and Chapter Dues Expiration Date will continue to remain 12/31 of each year.

ASIS Chicago Chapter Event Registration Information

We always look forward to having everyone join us at our monthly chapter events and we welcome all guests! However, it's essential to ensure that you have provided your up-to-date contact information when signing up for yourself or a guest. We require this information to inform all attendees in case of an emergency, such as a cancellation or change in venue. Unfortunately, during our January meeting, we had to cancel due to a burst water pipe, and we were unable to reach everyone. We noticed that some people did not enter a phone number when registering, or if someone registered a guest, they did not include their contact information. Therefore, please make sure to add your contact information when registering for our events, including your phone number and email address. Current ASIS members can keep this information updated from their International and Chapter profiles, while non-members can update this information when registering for an upcoming event. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our future events!

Making Profile Changes to your ASIS International & Chicago Chapter Profile

Did you know that if you make changes to your ASIS International Profile, you have to go into your Chicago Chapter Profile and do the same? Yes, unfortunately, when an International & Chicago member makes a change to their profile in either system, the changes do not carryover. Thus, if you change jobs, change emails, add a certification, etc., you must make those changes in both systems. So, periodically check your International and your Chicago Profile for accuracy and up-to-date information. Your profile is only as good as you keep it current.

Do You Feel Overwhelmed by the Emails Being Sent From ASIS?

We have heard from several Chicago members that they feel inundated and overwhelmed with emails from the Chapter. We as a Board and Chairs, do our best to keep our Chapter communications to a minimum. We send out one to two announcements per week for our upcoming events and increase the frequency the week of so that those whose schedules free up at the last minute can attend.

As we investigated this issue further, we believe that perhaps the root of the “too many emails from ASIS” are from International, specifically, the Community Connections emails. Based on your selected preferences in your International profile of interests/expertise, International will then send those applicable Community emails. Those notifications can be modified by going into your ASIS International profile and changing your ASIS Connected Community Settings and/or your email & communication preferences as follows:

Step 1: After logging into ASIS International, click on My Information, select My Account, and then in the ASIS Links box to the right – My Communication Preferences.

Step 2: After making and saving changes scroll to the bottom of the page and click on ASIS Connected Community. Click on My Connections to see which ASIS Communities you are enrolled in and determine how often you want to receive them – daily or weekly. Make your changes and then hit save (also check to see who you are following).

Step 3: Move to the My Community Tab and select Email Preferences and verify or change your preferences and hit save. In this same tab, select Communication Notifications and do the same.

Need help? Call ASIS International Membership (703-519-6200) and they can help walk you through the process.

Update: Meeting Announcements From Chapter Webmaster

Below is an article from StarChapter, our website service and the service we use to send out mass emails to our Chapter members and nonmembers explaining a change in the From Address from mass emails coming from our Chapter. In the past the announcements about our meetings and events used to come from ***webmaster@asischicago.net***. The new email address being used is now: ***postmaster@mg.asischicago.net***. Please make sure that you check your junk and spam folders in case these emails are going there and unblock that new ***postmaster@mg.asischicago.net***. Thanks.



StarChapter made some updates to our mass emailing features to comply with new guidelines required by Google and Yahoo. This change in From Address is in place to ensure to those providers that mass emails coming from your organization are authentic, and not spam. It may take some time for all email providers to adapt based on those guidelines, as all bulk email tools are experiencing an increase in delivery issues immediately following these new requirements. This issue should improve as email providers adapt to the new policies.

Moving forward, all mass email sent through your StarChapter system will be from ***postmaster@mg.yourdomain.ext***. ***Yourdomain.ext*** will be replaced with your organization's domain name. You will still have the ability to add a unique reply-to email address or sender name to your message when setting up your email campaigns.

Please reference ***this article*** for further information and tips to maximize your delivery.

Best,

The StarChapter Team



New Chapter Luncheon Ticket Price for Law Enforcement and Military Personnel

The ASIS Chicago Chapter is proud to announce a special ticket price of \$19 for all law enforcement and military personnel to come join us at our regular monthly Chapter Luncheon meetings. Our monthly Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Harry Caray's River North, 33 W. Kinzie in Chicago, IL. Come join us for networking, a great lunch, and fantastic guest speakers on various topics relevant to security practitioners.

[Register Now](#)

Upcoming Events.

2026

JAN

15

2026 January Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

FEB

19

2026 February Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

MAR

19

2026 March Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

APR

16

2026 April Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

MAY

21

2026 May Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

SEPT

24

2026 September Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

Upcoming Events.

2026

OCT

15

2026 October Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

NOV

12

2026 November Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

DEC

17

2026 December Chicago Chapter Monthly Meeting

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harry Caray's
11 AM - 1:30 PM

As we prepare for a new year of events, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who joined us throughout 2025. Your continued support—along with the expertise and generosity of our speakers—has been essential to the success of the ASIS Chicago Chapter's events and initiatives.

Before we close out the year, we hope to see you at our final event of 2025: the ASIS Chicago Chapter Holiday Party on December 18, 2025. It's always a highlight of the season and a wonderful way to celebrate another successful year together.

Looking ahead, 2026 is already shaping up to be an exciting year filled with outstanding speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities. We encourage you to review the calendar above and begin marking your dates now so you don't miss any of the programs we have planned. For added convenience, each meeting date on the calendar is clickable—just select the event to be taken directly to its registration page.

Thank you once again for your commitment to the ASIS Chicago Chapter. We look forward to another engaging and successful year with you!



Make Sure to Follow the New ASIS Chicago Chapter LinkedIn Page

Hello everybody! Currently, there are two different LinkedIn pages for the ASIS Chicago Chapter. One of the pages is a private group page and the other one is a public company page. These two different LinkedIn pages can often cause confusion on where to look and interact with. Due to these issues, we as a chapter will no longer be supporting or posting on the private group page. All social media content moving forward will be posted on ASIS Chicago Chapter's public LinkedIn page. This new change will give us the option to attract new members to the chapter and upcoming events. If you have not done so already then make sure to follow the new public LinkedIn page to stay up to date with chapter events and news!

[ASIS Chicago Chapter LinkedIn Page](#)

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
**2025 ASIS
MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

**ASIS
INTERNATIONAL**

Go to www.asischicago.net

Click "Membership" on left hand side

Click "Pay ASIS International Dues" from drop down menu

Enter your ASIS username and password

Click renew "My Personal Account" and verify information

Submit payment (\$245.00) await receipt in your email inbox

**LOCAL CHICAGO
CHAPTER**

Go to www.asischicago.net

Click "Membership" on left hand side

Click "Pay Chicago Chapter Dues" from drop down menu

Click "Pay Local Dues"

Click "Add To Cart"

Submit payment (\$20.00) and await receipt in your email inbox

Your ASIS International and ASIS Chicago Chapter dues must be paid separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership at leonardo.jimenez@securitasinc.com

ASIS International
Membership Registration
(New Members)



ASIS International
Membership Renewal
(Existing Members)



ASIS Chicago Chapter
Dues* (New & Existing
Members)





@ASIS Chicago Chapter



<http://asischicago.net>

Make sure to stay connected for all the latest news & updates!



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Women in Security/NextGen Event Sponsor

To become a Women in Security or NextGen Event sponsor, go to the Tab on the left-hand side of the ASIS Chicago website, and click on Subcommittees. Scroll to the middle of the web page and click on "Become a Women In Security/NextGen Sponsor" and simply follow the prompts to support furthering our Women in Security and NextGen professionals.

ASIS Chicago Event Sponsor

To become an ASIS Chicago Event Sponsor, go to the Sponsors Tab on the left-hand side of the ASIS Chicago website and then click on ASIS Chicago Event Sponsor and follow the prompts to become a sponsor for any one of our special separate events.

Become a Website Sponsor

To become an ASIS Chicago Chapter Website Sponsor, go to the Sponsors Tab on the left-hand side of the ASIS Chicago website and click on Become a Website Sponsor and follow the prompts to become a website sponsor today!