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



Happy Summer everyone! Hope everyone is beginning to enjoy the warm weather! Please stay safe this summer.

A few things:

- June 18, 2025, the Women in Security are putting on an Emerging Technology event – please see the newsletter for further details and see you there.
- July 28, 2025, our annual Chapter golf outing you can still be a sponsor, sign up to golf, or just come for lunch if you are not a golfer – see the newsletter for further details. A huge thank you so far to those who have signed up to be a sponsor and/or to golf or come to have lunch. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!
- August 14 and 15, 2025 is the Midwest Security Conference. This is a free event for all security professionals. We are teaming up with the Illinois Security Professionals Association (ISPA) to provide a joint meeting/speaker. Look for more details in our July newsletter.

It is with sadness that I announce after 15 years of dedicated volunteerism to the Chapter, our long-standing Chapter Certification Chair, Paladin Jordan has stepped down effective immediately from this critical Chapter volunteer position. I want to take this opportunity to thank PJ, both on behalf of the Chapter and its members, and personally, for all his hard work and dedication in running our study group these past 15 years. Many Chapter members have attended his study group and have successfully passed the test to obtain their CPP. PJ, we wish you well and we will miss your wonderful enthusiasm in encouraging our members to attain their CPP, PCI, PSP or APP. Enjoy your retirement from this long-standing volunteer position. However, don't be a stranger and we look forward to seeing you as your schedule permits at our Chapter meetings and social events.

June 2025 Message from Your Chapter Chair – Mary Therese Tylus, MA - Continued

With PJ's immediate retirement from this position, the Chapter is now looking for a new Certification Chair to step into this role to answer questions from members on how to obtain any one of the various four ASIS Certifications, run our study group, etc. We would like to have this volunteer role filled as quickly as possible. The qualifications for the Certification Chair are you must have one of the ASIS Certifications, be current with the ASIS Certification, as well as being a member of good standing and dues paying with both International and the Chicago Chapter. Please see the ad for this position later in the newsletter and contact either me or Sue Monreal, Vice Chair, if you are interested in assuming this Chapter volunteer role.

Our regular monthly Chapter meetings will resume in September at Harry Caray's River North. In the meantime, enjoy your summer, be safe and hope to see you either at the Women In Security event on June 18 and/or the Golf Outing on July 28, 2025.

ASIS Chicago Chapter

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

JUNE 18

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Women in Security
and NextGen Event -
Emerging Tech

 The Art Institute
of Chicago



JULY 28

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

2025 ASIS Chicago
Chapter Golf Outing

 Ruffled Feathers
Golf Club



EMERGING TECH IN SECURITY: INNOVATION & INSIGHT

Join Women in Security (WIS) and NextGen for an engaging afternoon exploring cutting-edge technologies shaping the future of security. Set in the iconic Art Institute of Chicago, this event will bring together industry leaders for interactive presentations, a thought-provoking panel, and networking opportunities.



June 18, 2025
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



The Art Institute of Chicago
159 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603



Ticket Cost
\$50



Parking Info - We recommend using SpotHero or park at the Millennium Garages.

**REGISTER
NOW!**



We look forward to seeing you all at the event!

Contact Us for More Info:



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Speakers and Moderators:



INTRODUCTION

Alex Holt

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SPEAKER 1
WEAPONS DETECTION

Erin Roberts

Sales District Manager
Bosch



SPEAKER 2
ENTRY SECURITY ECOSYSTEMS

Amber Beckwith

Director of Sales
4S Security



SPEAKER 3
VIDEO ANALYTICS AND CLOUD

John Doody

Director of Sales
Soterix Systems



SPEAKER 4
BODY-WORN DEVICES

Madeline Hodson

Public Safety Sales Manager
Motorola



ASIS Chicago Chapter Golf Outing



July 28, 2025 • Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, Lemont IL

Registration at 7 AM and Shot Gun Start at 8:30 AM

Golfer and Sponsorship Information:

Foursome

\$750

Single Golfer

\$200

Lunch Only

\$85

Platinum ▶ \$2,000

- (1) Golf Foursome
- (1) Year Website Advertising
- Registration Sign
- Tee Sign
- Banner
- (4) Drink Tickets + (4) Lunches

Gold ▶ \$1,500

- (1) Golf Foursome
- (1) Year Website Advertising
- Registration Sign
- Breakfast and lunch Sponsor Sign
- (4) Drink Tickets + (4) Lunches

Silver ▶ \$1,000

- (4) Months Website Advertising
- Registration Sign
- Banner
- Tee Sign
- (2) Drink Tickets + (2) Lunches

Trophy Sponsor or Hole Contest ▶ \$600

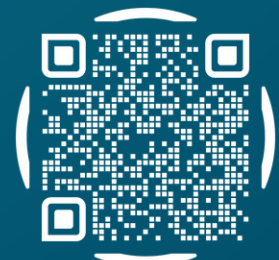
- (1) Drink Ticket + (1) Lunch
- Tee Sign
- Banner
- Table at hole

Tee Sign ▶ \$300

Register Here ▼



If you are interested in sponsoring or learning more about the 2025 ASIS Chicago Golf Outing, please contact Chuck or Andy using the information below.



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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



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**

Fast Facts: Identifying Heat-Related Illnesses

More than hurricanes or tornadoes, heat stress is the top cause of weather-related deaths, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

“Between 2000-2019 studies show approximately 489,000 heat-related deaths occur each year, with 45 percent of these in Asia and 36 percent in Europe,” the WHO said in a fact sheet.

The heat can get to anyone. Finding shelter from the sun and staying hydrated can make all the difference. But some people are at greater risk for heat-related illnesses, including women who are pregnant, children, and anyone with an underlying illness, including asthma, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or mental health issues.

So, if you see someone who has been outside in extreme heat, how do you know if they’ve been out there for too long? Johns Hopkins Medicine offers insight into the signs of heat-related illnesses and how to respond.





Always Armed, Rarely Drawn: Rethinking Firearms in Executive Protection

When most people think of executive protection, they picture a large, suited individual with a bulge on their hip, standing rigidly nearby with a scowl on their face.

But that image is outdated. Today's protection professionals are far more likely to blend into the background than dominate it. And while many of them are armed, the weapon is seldom used and that is 100 percent by design.

The 99 Percent Rule: The Firearm is a Failsafe, Not a First Option
In modern executive protection (EP), a firearm is not carried as a daily tool, but for scenarios that fall within the narrowest band of likelihood: direct, imminent, and unavoidable threat.

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Leveraging Lockers: The Future of Weapons Storage is Here

Regardless of how large or small an armory is, it's critically important to safely store weapons and ensure that only authorized officers have access to them.

It's of equal importance that administrators have clear, real-time insight into which officers have a weapon on their person to maintain both a proper inventory and a working audit report of usage. Among the solutions that achieve these objectives—which are increasing in adoption among departments across the United States—are intelligent weapons lockers.

Similar to cabinets and lockers that manage keys and shared devices, intelligent weapons lockers are a physical security solution that can be customized to include individual storage compartments for both sidearms and long guns. There are clear advantages to storing weapons in this way, such as restricting access to a single user for a particular weapon, keeping all weapons in a centralized or decentralized location, and maintaining a real-time audit trail of where each weapon is at any time.

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How to Make a Weapon Selection When Arming Your Security Team

Firearms are a tool used to protect oneself and others from serious bodily injury or death. With more than 1.2 million people working in the security industry and roughly 900,000 of those personnel are working in a guard capacity, only around 15 percent of security professionals carry a firearm.

Firearms in the security industry are generally utilized in more specialized roles and distinctive functions in areas which have increased risk. Every single time an armed security professional goes to a situation, there is at least one firearm involved—their own. Carrying it properly and utilizing proper training are essential.

Choosing a firearm should also address the inherent risk that armed personnel face, along with required training making sure the weapon is secure when not needed. About 6 percent of firearms self-defense is conducted by a security professional or off-duty law enforcement officer. This does not include situations where a firearm was presented, and the situation then de-escalated without shots being fired. It also does not include situations where the presence of armed personnel deterred a potential attacker, however the number is believed to be high.

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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](#)

CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2025

Do you like to plan ahead and mark your calendar so you can attend our Chapter Meeting? Here are the dates and locations:

JANUARY 16, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
at Home - Caray's*

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
at Home - Caray's*

MARCH 13, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
at Home - Caray's*

APRIL 10, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
at Home - Caray's*

MAY 15, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
at Home - Caray's*

NO JUNE MEETING

*TBD on doing a Virtual
Zoom Chapter Meeting*

JUNE 18, 2025

*Women in Security
and NextGen Event -
Emerging Tech*

JULY 28, 2025

*ASIS Chicago
Chapter Golf Outing*

CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2025 CONTINUED

NO AUGUST MEETING

*TBD on doing a Virtual
Zoom Chapter Meeting*

September 18, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

OCTOBER 16, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

DECEMBER 18, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

**We look forward to
seeing you at our
upcoming meetings!**

We will provide more details and information about the upcoming events as we get closer to them. Please keep an eye on our website and check your email inbox regularly for updates.

We had some incredible events and speakers in 2023, and we are confident that 2024 will be even better. Thank you for your continued support!



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!