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October 2025 Message from Your Chapter Chair, Mary Therese Tylus, MA



What an awesome time in New Orleans for GSX 2025. For those of you who attended in person, I hope all of you had safe travels home. Wonderful speakers and learning sessions, a chance to network with old and new friends, a great exhibit hall with the latest technology, and on Tuesday evening, an awesome trip to the WWII Museum. The Museum displayed a light show/movie outdoors on the concrete walls between two of the museum buildings which showcased some of the music, letters between soldiers and their families (later displaying the actual photos and letters of those showcased) and footage from Bob Hope's tours entertaining the troops. It was very moving and touching!

Now that everyone is back, our next Chapter meeting is October 16, 2025, with G. Michael Verden, of the Lake Forest Group, who will discuss the Trump Assassination Attempt in West Palm Beach, Florida: What We Learned to Prevent Future Attacks. Sign up today for the meeting! Details are in the newsletter and in your mailbox.

The Women In Security Co-Chairs are busy planning the upcoming Tri-Chapter Women In Security Event set to be held on October 30, 2025, at Lamb's Farm. Details are in the newsletter, so hurry and reserve your spot. This will be another great learning session.

Don't forget our November 19 Chapter meeting and our Holiday Party on December 18, 2025 – mark your calendars now for these events. At our Holiday Party this year, we will be hosting a split-the-pot to raise funds for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Details for both of these events will be forthcoming in your email box and the November newsletter.

Next year's annual golf outing – Friday, July 17, 2026, at Carriage Greens Country Club, 8700 Carriage Greens Dr., Darien, IL 60561. We will have more details at the Holiday Party and via our newsletter, LinkedIn posts, and email blasts. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this yearly event for more networking and fun!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our October 16, 2025, meeting!

ASIS Chicago Chapter

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

OCT 16

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

ASIS Chicago October Meeting and Seminar



Harry Caray's
Italian Steakhouse
- River North



OCT 30

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ASIS Tri-Chapter Meeting
Spotlighting "Resilience"
Chicago-Milwaukee-
North Shore



Lambs Farm





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Chicago - Milwaukee - North Shore

Tri-Chapter Event 2025

October 30th @Lamb's Farm 10:00-3:00pm

Theme: RESILIANCE in the Face of Fear

Agenda

- **10:00am-10:30am** Registration, headshots, and networking
- **10:30-10:40am** Opening Message
- **10:40-10:50am** Special message from Lambs Farm
- **10:50-11:45am** Career Progression Panel: Madeline Hodson, Courtney Usenick, & Amy Hanks, Moderated by Sue Monreal
- **11:45-1:00pm** Networking Lunch
- **1:00pm-1:45pm** Kim Urbanek- Resilience Speaker
- **1:45-2:30pm** Anne E Schwartz - Media Relations
- **2:30-2:45pm** Kraig Moreland Author of The Furnace Girl: The Mysterious Case of Elfrieda Knaak
- **2:45-5:00pm** Happy Hour Networking



Register @

www.northshoreasis.com

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Hector Magallanes at
hectormphotography@gmail.com**

**Admission
Early Bird \$60
Till October
2 CEUs
CPP PSP PCI APP**

ASIS CHICAGO CHAPTER

OCTOBER MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Mike Verden

Founder and CEO of The Lake Forest Group

Topic:

The Trump Assassination Attempt in West Palm Beach, Florida: What We Learned to Prevent Future Attacks

On September 15, 2024, former U.S. President and 2024 Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump survived an assassination attempt while golfing at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Florida—just 64 days after a similar attempt at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. The U.S. Secret Service faced heavy criticism for significant oversights, including failing to secure the course's perimeter and shortcomings in pre-event briefings, technology deployment, countersurveillance, tactical assets, and post assignments. G. Michael Verden, a former Secret Service agent with experience in the Major Events Division, Counter Assault Team, and Presidential Protective Division, will discuss the detailed planning required for securing outdoor events like golf courses, how lead agencies coordinate with local, state, and federal authorities to develop integrated security plans, and the security deficiencies uncovered in the investigation to highlight measures that can prevent future attacks on public officials.

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OCTOBER MEETING

SPEAKER INFORMATION



Event Speaker:

Mike Verden

Founder and CEO of The
Lake Forest Group

The Trump Assassination Attempt in West Palm Beach, Florida: What We Learned to Prevent Future Attacks

Mike Verden, Founder and CEO of The Lake Forest Group, helps organizations keep their employees safe from active shooters, workplace violence, and emergencies. He is a former police officer, retired Secret Service, and past Senior Director of Security for the NBA. Mike was born in Tipperary, Ireland, grew up in Chicago, began his professional career with the Skokie Police Department, became a Secret Service agent in the Chicago Field Office, and later moved on to serve on the Presidential Protective Division, Counter Assault Team, and Major Events Division to protect the President, First Lady, and large-scale events like the Olympics and Super Bowl. He graduated from Western Illinois with a degree in Law Enforcement Administration and Indiana State with an M.S. in Criminology.

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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

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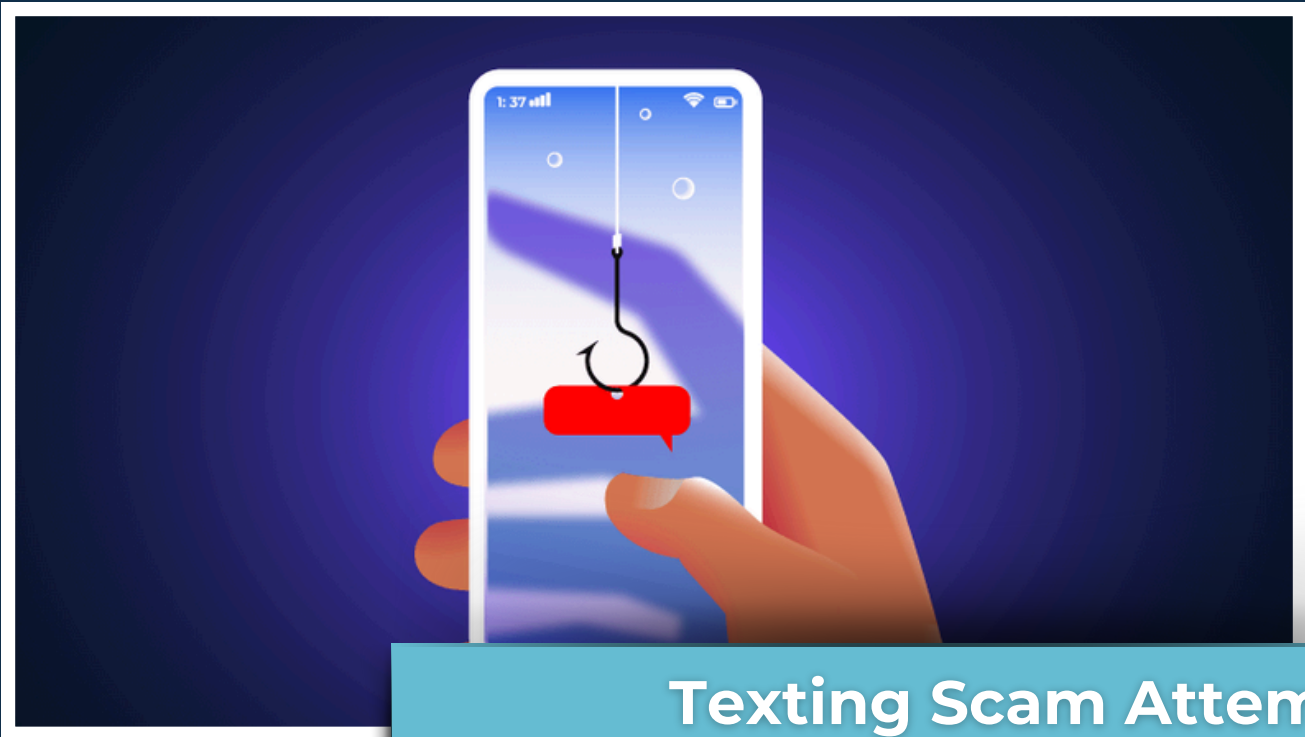
Fast Facts: 13 Elements of a Strong Post-Incident Recovery Plan

Organizations have a responsibility to protect employees and take measures to prevent workplace violence. But sometimes, even with the best preventions in place, violent incidents happen at work.

The ASIS International Workplace Violence and Active Assailant—Prevention, Intervention, and Response Standard provides an overview of policies, procedures, and protocols that organizations can adopt to help identify, assess, respond to, and mitigate threatening or intimidating behavior and violence that affects the workplace.

Watch the video below to learn more about creating a post-incident recovery plan to implement if an act of workplace violence occurs at your organization.





Texting Scam Attempts Increased 50 Percent This Year

Thirty percent of Americans who encountered a digital scam in the past year said it started with a text or messaging app, up from 20 percent the year before, according to the 2025 Cyber Readiness Report, an annual assessment from Consumer Reports, Aspen Digital, and the Global Cyber Alliance.

One in five of those who said they personally encountered a scam or cyberattack in the past year said they lost money to the scam—about the same as last year. But that amounts to approximately one in 10 Americans.

Gen Z (18- to 29-year-olds) were particularly affected; 40 percent of this group who reported a cyberattack or scam attempt said it began via text. Last year it was only 13 percent.

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43 Percent of Workers Plug Sensitive Work Information into AI Tools

Nearly two-thirds of the 6,500 individuals across seven countries polled by the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) and CybSafe said they now use artificial intelligence (AI) tools—a 21 percent jump from last year. Despite the rapid adoption, 58 percent of users reported receiving no training on security or privacy risks related to AI use.

Safe practices are lagging so far behind that organizational data is increasingly at risk, found the report, *Oh Behave! The Annual Cybersecurity Attitudes and Behaviors Report 2025-2026*. Most users said they use ChatGPT and other AI-based chat tools, and 43 percent said they share sensitive workplace information with AI tools without their employers' knowledge, including internal company documents (50 percent), financial data (42 percent), and client data (44 percent).

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Guy Fieri and Sammy Hagar Learn About Double Brokering Fraud the Hard Way

Chef, restaurateur, and Food Network reality star Guy Fieri and rock-and-roll legend Sammy Hagar just lost a million dollars worth of tequila.

How does one lose 24,000 bottles—two full, 18-wheeler tractor truckloads—of premium-branded liquor? The answer is a logistics fraud scheme known as double brokering fraud, but let's start at the beginning.

Hagar, the rocker who can't drive the speed limit, and Fieri, who cultivated a persona of pushing culinary limits, founded Santo Spirits to craft a tequila where, according to the company website, "each barrel is filled with nothing less than the raw creativity and authenticity that has defined each of their lives—a full-throated declaration of true agave flavor."

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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 Harold Caray's

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harold Caray's

MARCH 13, 2025

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harold Caray's

APRIL 10, 2025

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harold Caray's

MAY 15, 2025

In Person Chapter Meeting at Harold Caray's

NO JUNE MEETING

TBD on date of Virtual Zoom Chapter Meeting

JUNE 11, 2025

Women in Diversity and Next-Gen - Emerging Tech

JULY 23, 2025

ASIS Chicago Chapter Meeting

CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 2025 CONTINUED

NO AUGUST MEETING

*TBD on date Virtual
Zoom Chapter Meeting*

September 7, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

OCTOBER 16, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

OCTOBER 30, 2025

*In Person Women-In-Security
(WIS) Tri-Chapter Event at
Lamb's Farm*

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

DECEMBER 18, 2025

*In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's*

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 have some incredible events and speakers as we begin to wrap up 2025 so don't miss them and mark your calendar!

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)





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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!