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*The Chicago Chapter Member Newsletter*



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER TREASURER

by Hakki Gurkan, CPP

Hello and thank you for taking the time to read the June newsletter for the Chicago Chapter of ASIS International. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as well as share some thoughts. I have had the honor and privilege to serve our membership as treasurer since January 2021. I am currently an active member of the Chicago Police Department. In over 21 years of service, I have been assigned to various districts and specialized units throughout the city, having most recently been assigned as an instructor at the Education and Training Division, providing in-service training to police officers.

Additionally, I proudly served in the United States Navy Reserves as an Intelligence Specialist, having completed active duty tours in Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) as well as a tour in Turkey – where my parents originally emigrated from to the US. I also volunteer with Leave No Veteran Behind (LNVB), a 501(c)(3) non-profit service run by veterans that provides educational, community service, and employment opportunities for veterans facing economic hardship. I hold a BA in Acoustic Arts from Columbia College Chicago. I received an MA in Liberal Studies from DePaul University, as well as an MS in Law Enforcement Administration from Calumet College of St. Joseph. I am currently pursuing a Masters in Business while in the process of establishing my own security firm, HRE Strategies, PLLC. My proudest accomplishment, however, is being a father to my two wonderful children, ages 6 and 5.

As one of the top ten largest chapters in the organization, the Chicago Chapter of ASIS International prides itself on assisting security professionals from all industries and at all levels to develop and grow as security practitioners. Whether you're a "seasoned veteran" who's been in the industry for decades or just starting your career and new to the field – we are here to support you. Whether it's through networking opportunities, building new relationships, the various meetings/seminars held, or our certification prep course (just to name a few) – we hope to be a valuable resource to support and assist you throughout your journey.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the rest of the 2021 Chicago Chapter Officers for all of their time and efforts. Matt Maravilla returned this year as our Chairman and Mary Therese Tylus also returned as our Secretary. I'd like to thank Eugene Posey, who served as Treasurer last year, who assisted with the transition and continues to serve this year as Vice Chairman.

Additionally, I want to thank all committee chairpersons who put in a lot of time and dedication to ensure that our Chapter is moving in the right direction. I would especially like to thank Jessica Lopez-Huskey for working tirelessly to bring you this newsletter every month.

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER TREASURER

by Hakki Gurkan, CPP

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2021 has continued to bring us challenges and uncertainties in many different ways. With those challenges came creative solutions, a lot of pivoting, and combined effort that has already gotten us halfway through the year in an efficacious manner. As we head into the second half of the year, we are looking forward to seeing all of these efforts come to fruition as more businesses reopen and things return to some semblance of normalcy. We look forward to holding our next in-person meeting this month!

This is an exciting time to be an ASIS member. We have a whole slew of distinguished guest speakers lined up for future meetings and seminars, courtesy of John Mack, CPP, our Program Chair. **Our 2021 ASIS “Dick Norwood” Golf Outing will be at Tamarack Golf Club in Naperville, Illinois on August 13, 2021.** We are also in the process of overhauling our website. It will be visually stunning, chock full of useful information, and provide enhanced membership benefits. And, of course, be more user-friendly. As our Secretary Mary Tylus mentioned in a previous newsletter, *we have successfully transitioned to a new payment method – StarChapter Pay – that has proven to be a secure and easy payment method for our membership.* But we also want to continue to grow and strengthen the organization, produce successful and thought-provoking Meetings/Seminars, expand our membership, and continue to support our members in their professional endeavors and continued engagement.

We look forward to collaborating with other Chapters and other organizations to continue to bring relevant content to our members that will expand our presence on the security stage, and further our mission. Your participation is eagerly anticipated and sincerely appreciated. And as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns or would like to get more involved. Thanks again!

Kind Regards,

Hakki Gurkan, CPP  
Treasurer  
ASIS International Chicago Chapter



# IN-PERSON CHAPTER MEETING

## Lessons Learned From Civil Unrest

Thursday, June 17th  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Harry Caray's  
33 West Kinzie Ave., Chicago, IL 60654

**RSVP by June 14th**



Civil unrest continues to cause significant concern for organizations within and outside the U.S. Join Allied Universal Security Services experts as they uncover lessons learned, provide recommended best practices, and discuss the latest technologies and resources available to achieve actionable intelligence capability while safeguarding your physical resources and personnel.

### Topics Include:

- Key learnings from recent events for businesses, organizations and individuals.
- Making sense of mass quantities of - often competing and unclear - information to maximize effective decision-making.
- Ways to identify and understand the methods and resources available to assess and mitigate risk.
- How to maximize resources through internal development and external capability multipliers.

### Chapter Speakers: JP Dries, CPP & Chris Thornton, Jr.



JP Dries holds the position of Vice President of Operations in the Chicago Branch with Allied Universal with over 18 years of security experience in the Chicago region. He started his career as a Security Officer and has been an active trainer focusing in the areas of Workplace Violence, Active Assailant, Emergency Response, Use of Force, Clery Act and career advancement development. He has achieved the industry certification of Certified Protection Professional (CPP) from ASIS International.



Chris Thornton Jr. joined Allied Universal in 2001 after serving in the U.S. Army. He has held numerous positions in the organization including, Account Manager, Supervisor, Operations Manager, Division Manager, and most recently, Regional Trainer. Chris currently holds certifications in CPR, Security Officer Certification Courses CPI, MOAB, OCAT, and PATH. Chris is often called upon to speak to a customers and industry groups on a variety of topics.

# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR GSX ?

## ASIS President John A. Petruzzi, Jr., CPP

Please join me and thousands of security professionals from across the globe at this year's Global Security Exchange (GSX) on **27-29 September 2021 in Orlando** or through our online digital platform. GSX 2021 will no doubt serve to support, nurture, connect, and inform a diverse group of global security professionals with robust digital and in-person programming—that's the GSX advantage!

This year's GSX means a little bit more for many of us. As the first in-person GSX in a little over two years, this year's event will serve as the first opportunity for us to reconnect in-person with many valued colleagues and friends. GSX is far more than just an event. It's community-building at its finest for the individuals who make our world a safer place to live and work.

### GSX EDUCATION

When it comes to learning that sharpens your security game, GSX is your playbook for success. The GSX education program addresses the biggest trends and challenges in security, including: access control, asset protection, surveillance, remote workforces, workplace violence, cybersecurity, business continuity, crisis management, and more.

The GSX All-Access Pass unlocks six learning theaters and more than 80 live sessions—including inspiring education sessions, expert-led tracks, exhibitor presentations, timely insights from Game Changers, and pre- and post-GSX sessions—**and the ability to earn 21 CPEs.**

### IN-PERSON

Additionally, the in-person format of GSX 2021 will feature nearly 300 exhibitors with cutting-edge innovations, technologies, and services. GSX's in-person host is the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. Rest assured that we are taking every precaution to safeguard your health and safety.

### DIGITAL

If you can't join us in-person in Orlando, every player is valued at the GSX digital experience. From the digital kickoff event on 15 September, you'll have to access on-demand content through the end of the year.

Tune in to live-streamed events from two learning theaters during 27-29 September. Engage in live Q&As and speaker interviews during pre- and post-encore events through the GSX platform. With access to on-demand content available through 31 December, you can maximize your schedule by attending some sessions live and others later.

I look forward to seeing you in September!  
John Petruzzi, Jr., CPP



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAVE  
YOU  
HEARD?**

**ASIS is now offering remotely proctored certification exams! This means that those who do not have a Prometric test center nearby can now take the ASIS certification exams in their own home or office.**

**HAVE YOU PAID  
YOUR 2021 ASIS  
INTERNATIONAL  
DUES?**

**INVEST IN YOURSELF AND YOUR  
CAREER— RENEW TODAY TO  
ENSURE YOU STAY A PART OF  
OUR MEMBER COMMUNITY OF  
34,000 AND CONTINUE  
ENJOYING THE MEMBERS-ONLY  
RESOURCES**

## PAST SPEAKER RECORDINGS

**MISSED THE MAY CHAPTER MEETING  
OR HAD TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES?**

**AVAILABLE ON OUR CHAPTER WEBSITE HOMEPAGE  
UNTIL JUNE 16, 2021.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND EMERGING LEADERS IN SECURITY (YPELS) INVITE YOU TO A VIRTUAL EVENT

## HOW TO LAND YOUR NEXT DREAM JOB

Presented by BG Staffing Group

- Networking Opportunities
- Resume Development
- Interview Questions
- Professional Etiquette and More

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS VIRTUAL EVENT HELD ON JUNE 30TH AT 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM CIVIL UNREST

Thursday, June 17th  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

ASIS Member Cost: \$42  
(Including Parking): \$50

Non-Member Cost: \$52  
(Including Parking): \$60

Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse  
33 W. Kinzie Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60654

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

JUNE 24TH  
12 PM - 2 PM

Mr. Chris Reider, CPP will outline an action plan managers can execute to marry their cybersecurity and physical security programs.

JUNE 29TH  
12 PM - 2 PM

Mr. Murray Montgomery will provide practical steps managers can implement in protecting their individual and organization's identity.

You will obtain 2 hours of CPE credits for each event. Cost is \$25 per person. Visit <https://www.asisatl.org/> under the "Chapter Events" tab to register.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Nation State Actors - Tradecraft Seminar

June 24th at 10:00 AM

Description: An understanding of the threats with regards to theft of intellectual property and information. IPPC is very excited to bring two powerhouse speakers... this will be an event to remember.

Speakers:  
Bill Hagestad, International Cyber Warfare Officer & Independent Security Researcher

Terry Gudaitis, Director of Intelligence Studies Program and Assistant Professor, GMU



The President's Challenge



## ASIS Awards of Excellence

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

**For more information about this and other announcements, please visit-  
[www.asischicago.net](http://www.asischicago.net) and  
<https://community.asisonline.org/home>**

# SPONSORSHIP

## PREMIERE/ 2 DRINK SPONSOR

**\$1,650**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- #1 Banner Placement at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 1 Year Website Sponsorship

## PLATINUM/ LUNCH SPONSOR

**\$1,350**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- #2 Banner Placement at Dinner Event
- Lunch Buffet Sign
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 1 Year Website Sponsorship

## GOLD SPONSOR

**\$1,150**

- Free Golf Foursome (including lunch & drinks)
- Name at Top of Banner at Dinner Event
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## SILVER BREAKFAST/COFFEE SPONSOR

**\$1,000**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for Two
- Breakfast/Coffee Sign
- Name at Top of Banner at Dinner Event
- Registration Sign Sponsor
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## BRONZE SPONSOR

**\$850**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for Two
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- 6 Months Website Sponsorship

## TROPHY SPONSOR

**\$500**

- Free Lunch and Drinks for One
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Sign at Trophy Table

## CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR

**\$400**

- Free Lunch & Drinks for One
- Name on Banner at Dinner Event
- 1 Tee Sign
- Sign at Contest Hole

## DELUXE TEE SIGN SPONSOR

**\$275**

- Single Golf Tee Sign
- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

## SINGLE TEE SIGN SPONSOR

**\$150**

- Single Golf Tee Sign
- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

# REGISTRATION

## SINGLE GOLFER

**\$130**

- Free Lunch & Drink for One
- Tables & Chairs at Hole

## GOLF FOURSOME

**\$500**

- Free Lunch & Drink for Four

## MEAL ONLY

**\$50**

- Free Lunch & Drink for One

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