

ASIS NEWSLETTER

The Chicago Chapter Member Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER VICE CHAIRMAN

by Eugene Posey

Welcome, new and current chapter members. Thank you all for your interest and continued support in making ASIS International, especially the Chicago Chapter what it is today. No other organization possesses the vast array of knowledge, expertise, and experience like ASIS International.

In light of the uncertain outcome of the pandemic, things seem to be looking up as we may get back to in-person meetings very soon. I am excited to serve on the board as well as acknowledge our amazing ASIS Chicago Chapter 2021 board members, appointed committee chairpersons, and our new 2021 Women in Security Liaison, Suzanne Monreal. I strongly believe that we as a chapter are on a path toward success, and it's because of you.

As a member, please take advantage of your membership opportunities with free attendance at our monthly Zoom webinars, exclusive access to our POA and member directory and free access to our new monthly newsletter. Check out the ASIS Chicago Chapter website for more information. <https://asischicago.net>. And don't miss catching up on the latest announcements, discussions and upcoming events inside our ASIS Connects portal: <https://community.asisonline.org/home>.

If any member has an idea about new content, a question or concern, feel free to reach out to myself or any board member. We'd love to hear from you. In the meantime, be safe and thank you for your membership.

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AN INTRODUCTION WOMEN IN SECURITY LIAISON

Suzanne Monreal, CPP

The Chicago ASIS Chapter Board is pleased to welcome and introduce to our members, Suzanne Monreal, CPP, who has been named our Women in Security Liaison for the Chicago Chapter. Suzanne joined Titan Security Group in October of 2020. She began her career in 2006 with Levy Security and Premier Security and was promoted into multiple leadership roles. As Vice President of Operations she was responsible for managing security operations, policy creation, client partnerships, fiscal planning and performance, and employee development encompassing a wide range of commercial, retail, residential, cultural and healthcare properties.

Suzanne achieved the industry certification of Certified Protection Professional (CPP) in 2018, issued by ASIS International and earned her Bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University. Suzanne is currently a member of the ASIS Women in Security Community, Chicago Business Owners and Management Association (BOMA) Security Committee and the Illinois Security Professionals Association (ISPA). In 2019, Suzanne received the Security Life Saving from the Illinois Security Professionals Association.

As the Chapter's Women in Security Liaison, Suzanne will be actively working with the Board and members to:

- Actively seek to recruit and retain women in security professions as members of the Chapter.
- Identify and recruit other individuals in the WIS group to join the initiative.
- Plan and coordinate WIS social and networking events for the WIS group.
- Work with the chapter Program Chair to develop WIS related education sessions (leadership development, career services, etc.)
- Recommend women among the membership for leadership roles within the Chapter, as appropriate.

Suzanne is excited to get started in this new role and looks forward to working with all members of the Chapter on this initiative. She looks forward to hearing from you regarding your ideas for WIS social and networking events as well as WIS related education sessions.

You can send your ideas to Suzanne at smonreal@titan-security.com.

**Introducing ASIS Chicago Chapter's Women in Security Liaison
Suzanne Monreal, CPP**



ABOUT JAMISON TAFF & YPELS

by Jamison Taff



Jamison Taff is the current Regional Account Manager with the security integrator company Apex3 Systems. The firm is a design build security company with a focus on surveillance cameras, access control, intrusion detection, gun detection and more.

Previous to his current role, Jamison was responsible for property management for three buildings in downtown Chicago. He has his Illinois Brokers License and in the process of obtaining his Associate Protection Professional (APP) designation through ASIS International.

After becoming involved with ASIS Chicago, he was appointed the Chair position for the Young Professionals & Emerging Leaders in Security – commonly known as YPELS. Jamison also has support from his committee members Deanna Watson (Allied Universal Security) and Jessica Pila (Axis Communications). This subgroup of ASIS caters towards younger people in the industry and those just getting started in security.

The core principals of YPELS are networking, education and growth. Networking is important for the younger members and although Covid slowed things down in 2020, the quantity and quality of events will be ramping up for 2021.

Some of the social events that our members can look forward to are: a virtual mixology class, wine/beer tasting, trivia and bingo night, virtual meditation and some reoccurring Security Socials. It's not just what you know, it's also who you know that makes the difference and these events will help you connect with those people.

Education is another big facet of YPELS, and we will be hosting several educational events throughout the year. Some of the topics we'll be working on are: professional development, social media etiquette, mental health and stress management, public vs. private sector security and how to find success during and after Covid-19.

Growth is the last pillar in YPELS and the end goal with all those involved. Today's young professionals are tomorrow's leaders, so we will focus on helping you grow to get you where you want to be. Those more experienced in the industry also have something to offer with their keen mentorship and insights to security.

YPELS is eager to make 2021 better than 2020 and we look forward to hosting everyone throughout this year!

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SAVE THE DATE

DICK NORWOOD GOLF OUTING

AUGUST 13TH
RUFFLED FEATHERS
LEMONT, IL

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MARCH CHAPTER MEETING SPEAKER STEVEN A. LYDDON

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security – CISA (Cyber Infrastructure) role as the Nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

Steven A. Lyddon is the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Protective Security Advisor in the Springfield Division, which covers all of Illinois south of Interstate 80. CISA is the Nation's risk advisor, working with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future.

Steve began his Law Enforcement career with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department in 1991, working in both Corrections and Patrol. In 1994 he joined the Illinois State Police (ISP), where he has held the assignment in Patrol, Narcotics Investigations, SWAT, the ISP Academy, the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center; and as the FOIA Officer and Executive Officer of the ISP Legal Office. He was an appointed Commissioner for the Illinois Commission on Police Professionalism and has been actively involved in crafting legislation on many criminal justice related issues. Steve retired from the State Police in April 2019, having served as the Chief of Staff from July 2015 through March 2019.

Steve is a Navy Veteran and served in the Naval Reserve. He served on active duty from September 2001 to September 2002, and was stationed at the Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Steve has a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice and Political Science from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and a Master of Arts in Homeland Security with a concentration in Weapons of Mass Destruction from American Military University. Steve is a Graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session #254 and is a past president of the Illinois Chapter.

Zoom Link to the Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9151292062?pwd=ZUwufuqgrj8iGdSIH-cXtCVLrvN6rp6L4EPx>



MISSED THE FEBRUARY
CHAPTER MEETING OR HAD
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES?

PAST SPEAKER RECORDINGS

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CHAPTER WEBSITE HOMEPAGE
UNTIL MARCH 18, 2021.