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



Happy November, everyone!

Our Women In Security Co-Chairs, Wendy Young, Alex McNulty, and Brandi Srda, CPP, hosted, along with the Greater Milwaukee and North Shore Chapters, a wonderful Tri-Chapter Women In Security Event held on October 30, 2025, at Lamb's Farm. The panel of speakers and other guest speakers were all motivating and captivated the attendees with their pearls of wisdom. You can read more about the success of this event and view photos later in this newsletter.

Please join us at our upcoming meeting on November 20, 2025, with our own Co-Webmaster and Chicago Police Officer Robert Long of the Chicago Police Department's Bureau of Counterterrorism – Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) presenting us with an overview and introduction of that department including the roles and functions of fusion centers and CPIC operations along with an introduction to suspicious activity reporting and the publicly available resources from the City of Chicago. Tickets are now on sale, so hit the registration button found later in this newsletter.

Our Holiday Party will be held on December 18, 2025, at Harry Caray's, with yours truly and our Vice Chair, Sue Monreal, CPP, presenting "The State of the Chapter" and Jason Sikora, CPP, ASIS International North American Board of Directors, presenting on "The State of International". We will be hosting a cash-only split-the-pot to raise funds for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Please note there will be no gift exchange this year. Tickets on sale soon!

Continue to mark your calendar, if you haven't done so already, for 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!

See you all on November 20th at our meeting.

Chicago, Milwaukee & North Shore Chapters Unite at Lambs Farm

The ASIS Chicago, Milwaukee, and North Shore Chapters came together at Lambs Farm on October 30th for this year's Tri-Chapter Event, where security professionals from across the region gathered to learn, connect, and share experiences under the theme "Resilience in the Face of Fear."

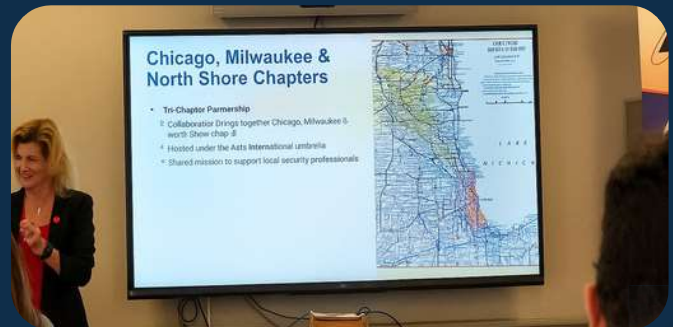
The event opened with a warm welcome and a message highlighting the importance of strength, adaptability, and community within the security profession. Throughout the day, attendees experienced a thoughtful mix of professional development, personal storytelling, and collaboration.

The Career Progression Panel featured Madeline Hodson, Courtney Usenick, and Amy Hanks, moderated by Suzanne Monreal, CPP, offering valuable insights into leadership and career growth. Keynote speakers included Kimberly Urbanek, who inspired the audience with her message on resilience; Anne E. Schwartz, who shared expert guidance on media relations and communication under pressure; and author Kraig Moreland, who captivated attendees with "The Furnace Girl: The Mysterious Case of Elfrieda Knaak."

The day also included time for connection and networking over lunch and happy hour, allowing members to exchange ideas, share experiences, and strengthen relationships across chapters.

A special thank-you goes to Hector Magallanes for providing complimentary professional headshots and to everyone who contributed to making the event seamless and memorable. The collaboration between our three chapters and the inspiring turnout are true reflections of the strength and unity of our ASIS community - continuing to advance the profession through authenticity, leadership, and resilience.

Highlights from the Tri-Chapter Event



ASIS CHICAGO CHAPTER

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2025
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Robert Long
Chicago Police Officer

**The Crime Prevention and Information Center
Overview: An Introduction to the Chicago Police
Department's Crime Prevention and Information
Center (CPIC) and Suspicious Activity Reporting**

This presentation will provide an overview of the Chicago Police Department's Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) including information regarding the roles and functions of fusion centers and CPIC operations. The presentation will also provide an introduction to suspicious activity reporting as well as publicly available resources from the City of Chicago.

ASIS Chicago Chapter

NOVEMBER MEETING

SPEAKER INFORMATION



Event Speaker:

Robert Long

Chicago Police Officer

The Crime Prevention and Information Center Overview: An Introduction to the Chicago Police Department's Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) and Suspicious Activity Reporting

Officer Robert Long is a 19-year member of the Chicago Police Department and works in the Chicago Police Department's Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) Fusion Center as a member the Counterterrorism and Protective Intelligence Team. Officer Long serves as the primary liaison for private sector and critical infrastructure outreach. Before joining the CPIC Fusion Center's Counterterrorism and Protective Intelligence Team, Officer Long worked previously conducting project management and policy implementation for the Bureau of Counterterrorism, Office of the Chief; as a policy and research analyst for the Chicago Police Department's Research and Development Division; and as a Bureau of Patrol tactical officer. Officer Long holds a master's degree in Criminal and Social Justice from Lewis University and was the recipient of the 2023 National Fusion Center Association Suspicious Activity Reporting award.

REGISTER TODAY!

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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.

ASIS Chicago Chapter

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

NOV 20

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

ASIS Chicago November Meeting and Seminar


 Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse - River North



DEC 18

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

2025 ASIS International Chicago Chapter Holiday Luncheon

 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: 7 Types of Disinformation

Misinformation and disinformation topped the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Risks Report 2025 two-year ranking, and the interplay of false information with political and societal polarization creates ideal conditions for civil upheaval. Changing technological capabilities—including the use of artificial intelligence (AI)—makes the generation and spread of false narratives easier and faster, simultaneously making them harder to detect and remove.

“Threat actors, state agencies in some countries, activist groups, and individuals who may or may not have criminal intentions can automate and expand disinformation campaigns, greatly increasing their reach and impact,” the report said.

To determine how best to respond to false information and narratives, it's important to clearly analyze the type of message. Learn more in the video below.





Staff Shortages Delay, Ground Some U.S. Flights as Government Shutdown Drags on

Frontline aviation workers are missing paychecks and cannot always afford to get to work, resulting in increased delays and travel security risks as the U.S. government shutdown stretches into its second month.

Air traffic controllers and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers are among the 700,000 federal workers considered essential and required to work without pay while the U.S. federal government is shut down in a budgeting gridlock.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy warned of “mass chaos” if the government shutdown continues. In a press conference on 4 November, he said that parts of the U.S. airspace may need to be closed because of a lack of available air traffic controllers. Duffy did not clarify the portions of U.S. airspace that might be affected.

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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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The Importance of Planning, Communication, and Dignity in Employee Terminations

When we think of disruptive behavior in the workplace, we usually imagine someone who is overly loud, argumentative, or interrupts the workday in obnoxious ways. However, disruptive behavior in the workplace extends far beyond noisy interruptions—it comprises any actions or patterns of conduct that interfere with normal organizational operations, compromise workplace safety, or hinder the productivity and cohesiveness of the work environment. This includes when an employer fires one of its employees.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that in August 2025 in the United States there was an average of more than 164,000 employment separations every day, both voluntary and involuntary. It can be reasonably inferred that employment terminations, given that can be a stressful event, can escalate into disruptive, dangerous, or even hostile behavior. Unfortunately, there is currently no comprehensive national statistic that specifically tracks how many of these terminations escalate.

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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.



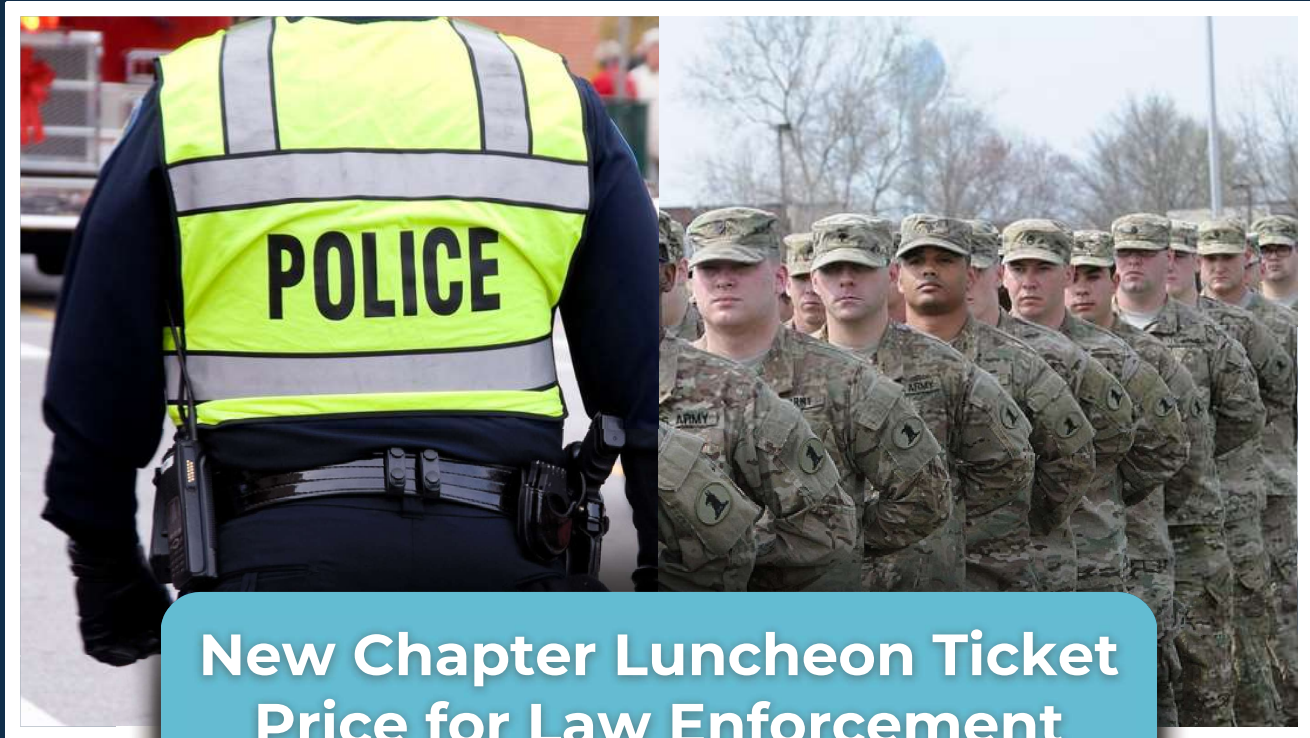
StarChapter made some updates to our mass emailing features to comply with new guidelines required by Google and Yahoo. This change in From Address is in place to ensure to those providers that mass emails coming from your organization are authentic, and not spam. It may take some time for all email 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 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
Hilton Caray's*

FEBRUARY 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
Hilton Caray's*

MARCH 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
Hilton Caray's*

APRIL 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
Hilton Caray's*

MAY 15, 2025

*In Person Chapter Meeting
Hilton Caray's*

NO JUNE MEETING

*TBD on date Virtual
Zoom Chapter Meeting*

JUNE 2025

*Women in Diversity
and Next-Gen -
Emerging Tech*

JULY 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 10, 2025

In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's

OCTOBER 30, 2025

In Person Women-In-Security
(WIS) Tri-City Event at
Lamb's

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

In Person Chapter
Meeting at Harry Caray's

DECEMBER 18, 2025

In Person Holiday Party
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)





@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!