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### Newsletter

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The Greater Atlanta Chapter of ASIS  
meeting will be held  
Wednesday, Dec 19  
at 11:30 AM  
Century Center Marriott  
Off Clairmont Road at I-85.

**The fee is \$25  
\$27 with PayPal**

Speaker:

**Tim Giles, CPP, PSP**  
2006 Chapter chairman  
Speaking on

### Security Officer Recognition

Priority seating with reservations  
Please make reservations with  
John Garrigan, Secretary  
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## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Kevin Franklin, CPP

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe that we are at the beginning of the Christmas season and that 2007 is almost over. One of the true highlights of our chapter's year is the recognition of security officers and supervisors who have been selected as outstanding security professionals at our annual Security Officer Recognition Day (SORD). At our December 19th luncheon, we will honor these individuals in a special program. See the article on the next page. We hope you will join us in saluting these individuals.

Last month, Randy Ryan, CPP, Vice Chairman, served as our guest speaker and provided an excellent and thorough overview and explanation of the network of ASIS Councils that are available for members to join. These councils span a wide variety of industries and specialties and provide a great opportunity for members to contribute to the security sector in which they work or have interest. I thank him for making this presentation!

At November's chapter meeting, we elected Chapter Officers for 2008 (see page 2). The officers-elect will be sworn in at the December meeting on 19 December 2007.

In closing, I would like to thank the 2007 Executive Committee for their invaluable help with several programs over the past year. I owe a debt of gratitude to Wendell Dillon, CPP for taking over as interim Editor of The Informant during the second half of the year. I also thank Anne Gibbons, CPP and Marilyn Johnson of Georgia Power for their continued support in allowing the Executive Committee to meet each month at their facility. I would also like to thank the Certification Committee, Greg Wellborn, CPP, Greg McLain, CPP, Ken LaChance, PSP and Tim Beasley, PSP for their hard work in facilitating the Certification Study Groups. You all did a great job! I know that I did not mention all of the people that worked within the Chapter this year, but please accept my thanks for doing all that you did!

I look forward to seeing you all at the S.O.R.D. Luncheon on December 19, 2007.

Kevin D. Franklin, CPP.

**Advertising**

During the calendar year 2007, the Greater Atlanta Chapter of ASIS will e-mail the monthly newsletter. Members are invited to advertise their business affiliation in this publication.

Type of advertisement:

Business card/ or  
1/3 page . \$35/month  
1/2page.....\$50/month  
Full page....\$100/month

Include all appropriate artwork.  
E-mail to Wendell Dillon, CPP,  
Editor

**Web Site**

<http://www.asisatlanta.org>

Information on how to contact your Chapter officers and committee members is available.

Also, the newsletter and upcoming events will be available at this site.

**Treasurer Report**

Reported by Dan Oakley, CPP

Beginning balance	\$20,782.49
Income	\$627.76
Expenses	\$5,020.49
Nov balance	\$16,389.76

**Newsletter Submissions**

Please contact

Wendell Dillon, CPP  
Pong35@mindspring.com  
if you have any news you would like to submit to

**The Informant.**

**Deadline last Friday of each month**

We are particularly pleased to recognize in the Member-Abilia section any promotions or other official recognition of ASIS members

New security contracts of at least 1,000 weekly hours will also be reported. Membership is not required.

**Member-Abilia**

**New Members**

**Jerry Bennett**, VP Partner Relations, ERMS Corporation; **Valerie Benson**, Program Manager, SEI Group Inc; **Edward J Bradley**; **William H Norman, III**, CEO, Omega Security; **Joseph K Trotta**, Siemens Corp; and **Kevin Granberr** Systems Engineer, Cisco Systems.

**Welcome to these new members!**

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**DOOR PRIZE**

**Ken LaChance, PSP**, won one of the new Chapter ball caps, donated by the Chapter.

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**Election of Chapter Officers for 2008**

The following officers were elected at the November meeting:

Chairman	Randy Ryan, CPP
Vice-Chair	John Garrigan
Secretary	Dan Oakley, CPP
Treasurer	Melissa Mulhall

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**Security Officer Recognition Day (SORD)**

2007 is the third year that the Atlanta Chapter of ASIS sponsored this special recognition day for security officers and first line supervisors. Over the past consecutive years, we have seen an increasing number of companies wanting to publicly recognize their security personnel. There is not a better venue than the local ASIS Chapter monthly meeting, to do just that. Our local membership know and appreciate the duties and challenges associated with working as a private security officer

This year, we were fortunate to be able to select three outstanding officers to be considered as the "Security Officer of the Year" and two first line supervisors to be identified as "Outstanding Supervisor of the Year". These individuals will be honored for their accomplishments during our December lunch and meeting. Each recipient will receive a plaque, and a U.S. Savings bond. Beginning this year, each company will also receive an identical plaque for display in their offices.

As we look forward to next year, we will be looking for creative ways to further increase the participation rate for this all important program. If you have any ideas, or would like to serve on the SORD committee, please contact Joseph Shields, CPP [jshields@thorpeenterprises.com](mailto:jshields@thorpeenterprises.com) or Wendell Dillon, CPP [pong35@mindspring.com](mailto:pong35@mindspring.com).

Joe Shields, CPP  
SORD Committee chair



### CPP Study Group

Greg McLain, CPP has stepped forward to serve as the 2008 Certification Chair. The ASIS Atlanta Chapter will again host a CPP Study Group in 2008. The meetings will start on January 23, 2008 at 6:30pm in the Portman offices at 303 Peachtree Street and will continue through March. We still need a facilitator for the group. Any CPP interested in serving the Chapter as facilitator, please contact Contact Greg McLain, CPP at (404) 614-5000 or [gmclain@portmanholdings.com](mailto:gmclain@portmanholdings.com)

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ASIS International 2008



Seminar in ATLANTA

UPDATE -

December, 2007

As reported in last Informant, every month, we will be providing an update to our membership on the 2008 ASIS International Seminar, which will be held in Atlanta. I would like to first introduce you to our four Sub-committee Chairs:

- Richard L. Duncan, CPP - Director of Security, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- Bobby J. Garrett, CPP - Director of Security, The Weather Channel Companies
- Anne M. Gibbons, CPP, RPA - Asset & Building Security Coordinator, Corporate Security, Georgia Power Company
- Danny Youngerman – Sales Manager, Securitas Security Services, USA

As many of you know, Anne, Richard and Danny, along with myself, are all Past Chairs of the Greater Atlanta Chapter of ASIS International. We are all very committed to ensuring the 2008 Seminar and Exhibitions in Atlanta is wildly successful so that this event can return to Atlanta on a regular basis. In addition to the five of us, the five members of the Executive Board for 2008 have all committed to do whatever is needed to assist with making this event the most successful in ASIS history.

Other committee updates include:

- Many of the tasks that we will need to accomplish will take place just prior to and during the seminar. For example, on the Saturday before the conference, we will need to provide enough people to “Stuff the Packets”, about 6,000 of them. The packets are the black bags that the paid attendees receive and there are about 10 to 12 different items that need to be put into each of them. In Las Vegas, this year the local chapter assigned 60 volunteers to accomplish in about 6 hours.
- On the Sunday before the conference, there will be a Foundation Golf Outing and we will need volunteers to work at that. We have already been in touch with the individual at ASIS HQ who handles this and I think he has almost concluded the selection of the course to be used.

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- During the conference we will need people to work at the information booths and some of the hospitality rooms. We will probably have someone assigned to each of these areas within the next few months who will work on putting a team together for each.
- Additionally, we currently have about 25 people who have already contacted me to volunteer to assist with the event. Anyone else who is interested, please drop me a note at [tdgiles@attglobal.net](mailto:tdgiles@attglobal.net)

We are continuing to refine our operating plan, which will help us determine the number of volunteers we will need and the days and times these resources will be needed. As this information is determined, we will let you know. In the meantime, we will continue assigning tasks to those people who have already said they want to help and if we need more volunteers, we will notify you all as far in advance as we can.

Remember to SAVE THESE DATES – September 15 to 18, 2008 for the Seminar & Exhibits.

Thanks very much for all of the support!                      Tim

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