



MID HUDSON CHAPTER # 137
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NEXT MEETING:

Date: Thursday November 8, 2007

Time: 12:30 A:M

Place: Mount Saint Mary's, Hudson Hall

TENTATIVE MEETINGS

December 20 TBA

Please note that these dates are only tentative, and may be changed depending on the availability of meeting locations and recommendations of our members. Meeting dates, times and locations may also be changed to coincide with Chapter activities and seminars.

IF YOU MISSED LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Pride, diligence and integrity were the messages that were sent out to a full house of security and law enforcement executives at the ASIS Mid-Hudson Chapter 137 Annual Breakfast Meeting that took place at the Class of 49 Lodge located within historical West Point. After the program was opened by Chair Frank Santamorena, PSP, Regional Vice President Joe Masciocco, Hudson-Mohawk (Albany)

Chapter emphasized the importance of being diligent in our service to the community. Joe stressed the importance of our mission, he reminded us that security is serious business and it is important to carry out this mission with diligence. "The safety and security of America relies on us." Joe expressed how proud he was to be a member of an organization such as ASIS that has grown from the vision of five security companies to having more than 33,000 members internationally.

Mark J. Mershon, Assistant Director in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation delivered a very inspiring presentation that gave insights into the Director as a leader who values integrity and who has tremendous respect and pride in the FBI and the many agents that he supervises. Mark talked candidly about his experiences in working with outside agencies and with the media. Director Mershon told the attendees that he was once asked what is the most important thing the FBI does? His answer was "The most important thing the FBI does is learn the truth and report it with integrity." He emphasized that there should be no spin, it is important to own up to mistakes.

Mark offered his perspective on cooperating with other law enforcement agencies and he spoke proudly of his relationships with the NYPD as well as MI-5. Director Mershon spoke of the importance of experience and used his own development through assignments in Denver, and San Francisco as an illustration of personnel and leadership development. Mark emphasized the importance for leaders to approach their tasks with vision and courage and to be willing to do what it takes to get the job done and to do so with integrity. He told his captive audience of security leaders to, "Try to be everywhere because your presence means that you care." All present were certainly glad that Director Mark Mershon was present at the Mid Hudson Chapter 137 breakfast, as his message of integrity; leadership and pride were both thoughtful and inspiring. Following a question and answer session, Director Mark Mershon was presented with a plaque by Chapter Chair, Frank Santamarena, PSP, thanking the Director for taking the time from his busy schedule to deliver such a riveting and inspirational presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ASIS Professional Development Programs

GUEST SPEAKERS:

As noted earlier, the Chapter is always looking for qualified guest speakers who can give a brief presentation to our members. If anyone would like to address the group or knows of someone who may be interested, please let us know.

Meeting Locations

The Chapter is receptive to conducting meetings at different locations each month. If anyone knows of an organization that would like to host one of our meetings notify Frank Santamarena, PSP.

SECURITY MANAGEMENT

Can Your Business Withstand a Flu Pandemic?

By Lloyd F. Reese, CPP, CISSP

What businesses can do to prepare for the business continuity and security implications of a flu pandemic before it hits.

It's All About the Data

By Ken Biery, Jr., CPP, CISSP, and Mike Hager, CISSP

Businesses need defense-in-depth strategies for protecting their sensitive data. They should start at the network perimeter and go from there to the operating system and applications and finally to the data itself.

Mexican Gangs May Have Bombed Pemex

Drug cartels are becoming more violent and more politicized, creating a critical challenge for the Mexican and U.S. governments.

DHS Releases "Chemicals of Interest" List

Companies holding these chemicals beyond a certain quantity will have to submit to DHS' Top-Screen, an online risk assessment tool.

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

I hope this letter finds you and your families in the best of spirits and health. I would like to thank all the members of the chapter for their support and contributions in making our annual West Point breakfast a success. It is becoming increasingly difficult to surpass the excellence of our annual breakfast each year but through our combined commitment and teamwork we are able to do it. I have received very positive feedback on the success of this event and I would be remiss if I did not give a special thank you to David Fernandez and Diebold for donating the coffee mugs, diaries, and the digital cameras that were raffled off. They were very popular with the attendees and were a nice addition to the overall presentation of the event. I would also like to thank the other chapters specifically the New York, New Jersey, Westchester and Mohawk Valley (Albany Chapter) for their support of this event. I would especially like to thank Joe Masciocco, not only for his attendance at this event, but for his very thoughtful and inspirational comments. I must give most of the credit in organizing this event to Bill Sharp who worked diligently to make sure that the event stayed on target. A special thanks, as always, goes to Bob Rahn and the Hudson Valley Protective Services for assisting with the parking and transportation of attendees to the site and to Scott Tobias and Dennis O'Loughlin for keeping track of the attendees. I would like to express my appreciation to West Point for allowing us to conduct our event at the Class of '49 Lodge each year and to the West Point Provost for his assistance and cooperation with this event. On behalf of the entire chapter and all attendees, I would like to express our gratitude to Mark J. Mershon for providing us with a very inspirational and poignant presentation at this event. The message of integrity and commitment to personnel development was well received by all attendees. Our next meeting will be held on November 8, 2007 at Mount Saint Mary's security conference room. This is a very important meeting as it involves the nomination and voting of chapter officers so please make an effort to attend. I look forward to seeing you all at this meeting at which time we will elect the future leaders of our chapter.

Respectfully yours,

Frank J. Santamorena

Frank Santamorena, PSP

Chapter Chair

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