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NETWORKING IN THE SECURITY INDUSTRY

ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS OF NETWORKING IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM OTHERS IN YOUR FIELD.

In the security industry, networking and expanding professional connections can be an essential aspect of career development and growth. While it may seem daunting to put yourself out there and connect with others in your field, the benefits of networking are:

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Additionally, networking may open doors to new career opportunities. By expanding your professional connections, you may learn about job openings that are not publicly advertised. You may also gain valuable insights into a potential employer's culture and work environment by speaking with current or former employees. Indeed, by connecting with mentors and industry leaders, you may gain invaluable advice and guidance as you navigate your career path.

Another benefit of networking is the potential for collaboration on projects and initiatives. By connecting with others in your field, you may find opportunities to work together on research projects, industry initiatives, or even start your own business. Collaboration can lead to new ideas and innovative approaches to problem-solving, ultimately benefiting the industry.

Networking can also help you establish a personal brand and reputation within the industry. By engaging with others and sharing your knowledge and expertise, you can establish yourself as a thought leader and gain credibility among your peers. This can lead to speaking opportunities at industry events, increased visibility on social media, and even media interviews. The annual GSX security convention (www.gsx.org) is a perfect example where experts share their knowledge.

Finally, networking can provide a sense of community and support. The security industry can be a challenging and often stressful field to work in, but connecting with others who understand the unique demands of the job can be invaluable. Networking events and professional organizations provide a platform to connect with others in your field and build relationships that can support you throughout your career.

To get started with networking, there are several steps you can take. First, consider joining a professional organization in your field. These organizations often provide networking events, educational opportunities, and other resources that can help you expand your connections and stay up to date on industry trends.

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You can also consider attending industry conferences or events to meet others in your field. If you are reading this, you can start by joining the ASIS Jamaica chapter (www.asisjchapter.org).

Networking can also take place online through social media platforms like LinkedIn and Twitter. By following other security professionals, engaging in industry discussions, and sharing your own insights and expertise, you can expand your online presence and connect with others in your field.

When networking, it is important to remember that it is a two-way street. While you may be looking for new connections and opportunities, it is also important to

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offer value to others in your network. Be willing to share your knowledge and expertise and offer assistance when you can. Building relationships based on mutual respect and support can lead to long-lasting and meaningful connections and ultimately advance your career.



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Global Security Exchange (GSX) and ASIS International

Carlos Pipher, CPP, PCI, PSP
Newsletter Editor

“The Jamaica Chapter has won numerous awards from ASIS International at GSX, which reflects the hard work that the Business Management Committee and Chapter members have put in.”

“What? GSX!! What is that?”. That was the response I got from a security manager. I suspect that there are many security professionals who have never heard of the Global Security Exchange (GSX). GSX is a security symposium and exposition held annually by ASIS International in the United States during the month of September. This year’s GSX was held in Dallas Texas. GSX starts with the Awards of Excellence Ceremony where individuals, companies (security related) and Chapters across the globe who have performed exemplary in specified categories such as Women-In-Security, Security Officer Heroism, Security Company that supports ASIS Certifications, Individual that supports ASIS certifications, Chapter of The Year, Communications and NexGen Individual Award. Recommendations are submitted from the Chapters to the awards committee in the US, after which the committee decides on a winner in each category with an honourable mention given to runners-up in some categories.

The Jamaica Chapter has won numerous awards from ASIS International at GSX, this reflects the hard work

that the Business Management Committee and Chapter members have put in. The Chapter has consistently won the I.B. Hale Chapter of the Year Award and has done it again in 2023 under the leadership of our Chairperson Nichelle Duncan, CPP, PCI, PSP. Of the 250 Chapters worldwide, the Jamaica Chapter is the leading Chapter in the Caribbean and well recognized worldwide.

Personnel at all levels in the discipline of security should attend a GSX. They would be amazed at the volume of knowledge that they would be exposed to over the three-day period. There are lectures in all domains in security, expositions by designers, manufacturers, software developers, as well as demonstrations on cutting edge technology. ASIS members have advantages such as



From left: Capt. John Richards, CPP, PCI, PSP, Brig Ricardo Blidgen, Chairperson Nichelle Duncan, CPP, PCI, PSP, Lt. Col. Oswald Smiley, CPP, PSP, and Charles Chin Fah En, CPP at GSX.

member discount on airfare, hotel accommodation and entry fee. At my first GSX, I was surprised at the vast menu of security products displayed! One thing that is certain, there is a take-away for everyone that attends a GSX.

Another question asked by some in the security profession is “What is ASIS International?”. It is the leading global security organization with over thirty-four thousand members from across the globe, making it the leader in the security industry.

ASIS International delivers standards and guidelines and study manuals in soft and hard copy. The organization creates professional development through networking and its board certifications to; candidates who have successfully passed their exam; Certified Protection professional (CPP), Professional Certified Investigator (PCI), Physical Security Professional (PSP) and the Associate Protection Professional (APP).

The PSP Certification Study Course is the Jamaica Chapter flagship study course, conducted annually from

February to October. I recommend the PSP certification study course for security practitioners who are mostly hands-on in the application of physical security measures, the PCI for personnel who are into investigations and the CPP for those in management of security. It is also advisable that you undertake your own SWOT analysis and study for the exam that suits you. ASIS Certification, GSX attendance and networking will undoubtedly position the security professional to tap into new opportunities, gain new insights to kick start or cement ones career in the security industry.



Lt. Col Oswald Smiley, CPP, PSP (c) networking with Jeremiah Rahming (r) and Omar Henfield, CPP (l) from ASIS Bahamas.



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ASIS Jamaica Chairperson, Nichelle Duncan, CPP, PCI, PSP (c) and Lt. Col. Oswald Smiley, CPP, PSP (r) pose for a photo alongside the event MC (l) as they collect the Chapter of the Year Award at the GSX, Dallas, Texas, USA, September 2023.



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The Energy Sector and Physical Security

Lt. Col. Oswald J. Smiley, CPP, PSP
Membership Chairperson

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Research has indicated that there is enormous pressure on the utilities sector to remain resilient and secure themselves from the many different possible acts of sabotage. One such utility is the power or the energy utilities, which include power plants and power grids. Sub-stations, transmission and distribution infrastructure play an important role by keeping millions of businesses, public facilities and homes operating 24 hours per day. Should any of these important infrastructural networks be attacked, it could result in serious loss and damage and could cost that power utility company immense sums in compensation. According to the Jamaica Gleaner dated Saturday October 8, 2022, a well-known Security Consultant said that “utility companies and security providers must collaborate and increase the use of more technology-based equipment instead of relying on solely manpower”.

Businesses have many competing priorities which put pressure on their budget. However, energy companies should provide cost-effective innovative solutions to properly secure their energy infrastructure. For example, an energy company could employ remote monitoring to

secure and protect its physical infrastructure. Remote monitoring systems will allow the utility company to get an overall view of its entire network and to send timely response teams to distressed areas, thereby leading to shorter down time.

Protecting the power grid with cutting edge physical security measures is critical to ensure power distribution. If a saboteur can gain access to the control center of the power distribution system, the saboteur may be able to shut the system down with the intention for their co-conspirators to commit unlawful acts during the down time. Accordingly, it is critically important that such areas are secured with robust security measures. To this end, using technology, such as sensors, utility companies can be proactive and mitigate against all possible forms of attack on their systems.



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Why ASIS Certification?

Selbourne Webb, CPP, PCI, PSP
Vice Chair/Certification Chairperson

“Certification will elevate your image in the profession as it serves to validate your expertise in your field of choice thus establishing professional credibility from the world leader in global security, ASIS International.”

As a security professional you may have pondered whether it is necessary to pursue an ASIS certification or any other similar professional security related certification. This article seeks to assist you in gaining clarity on this issue by highlighting some of the many advantages to having an ASIS certification. Pursuing certification program is like any other continuing education program will require great investment in time and finances, this should not deter an individual from doing so as the personal development and credibility which will be added to your professional expertise and resume will far outweigh the associated costs.

Getting an ASIS certification will serve to broaden and strengthen your previous experiences and training. There are many persons from law enforcement and military background who have transitioned to private security, gaining an ASIS certification can be a great tool in bridging the knowledge gap between operations and standards of public and private security which will allow for a smooth transition. This will ensure confidence and acceptance from other industry experts and team members during interactions.

Certification will elevate your image in the profession as it serves to validate your expertise in your field of choice thus establishing professional credibility from the world leader in global security, ASIS International. The validation is not only from an academic institution but from peers who are experts in the field of study. Certification will give you a competitive edge that will set you apart from other professionals in your field who are not in possession of such credential. It will also elevate your stature in the organization thus significantly increasing your earning potential and greater opportunity for upward mobility. It is common to see security related jobs being advertised with a stipulation requiring ASIS certification or stating that it would be a distinct advantage if you are ASIS certified.

To maintain these professional certifications continuous learning is required to gain Continuous Professional Education (CPE's) points and maintaining a professional code of conduct. This is very important because the security industry is a dynamic and one requires security professionals to be held to a high standard of accountability and to be current with the most recent industry standards and best practices.

The following information regarding the ASIS board certifications was extracted from the ASIS International website. ASIS International currently offers four board certifications namely:

The Certified Protection Professional (CPP)

which is the “gold standard” for security management professionals. This certification validates your knowledge in all areas of security management.

The Professional Certified Investigator (PCI)

This certification provides demonstrable proof of an individual’s knowledge and experience in case management, evidence collection and preparation of reports and testimony to substantiate findings.

The Physical Security Professional (PSP)

This certification demonstrates your knowledge in physical security assessments, application, design and integration of physical security systems and implementation of security measures.

The Associate Protection Professional (APP)

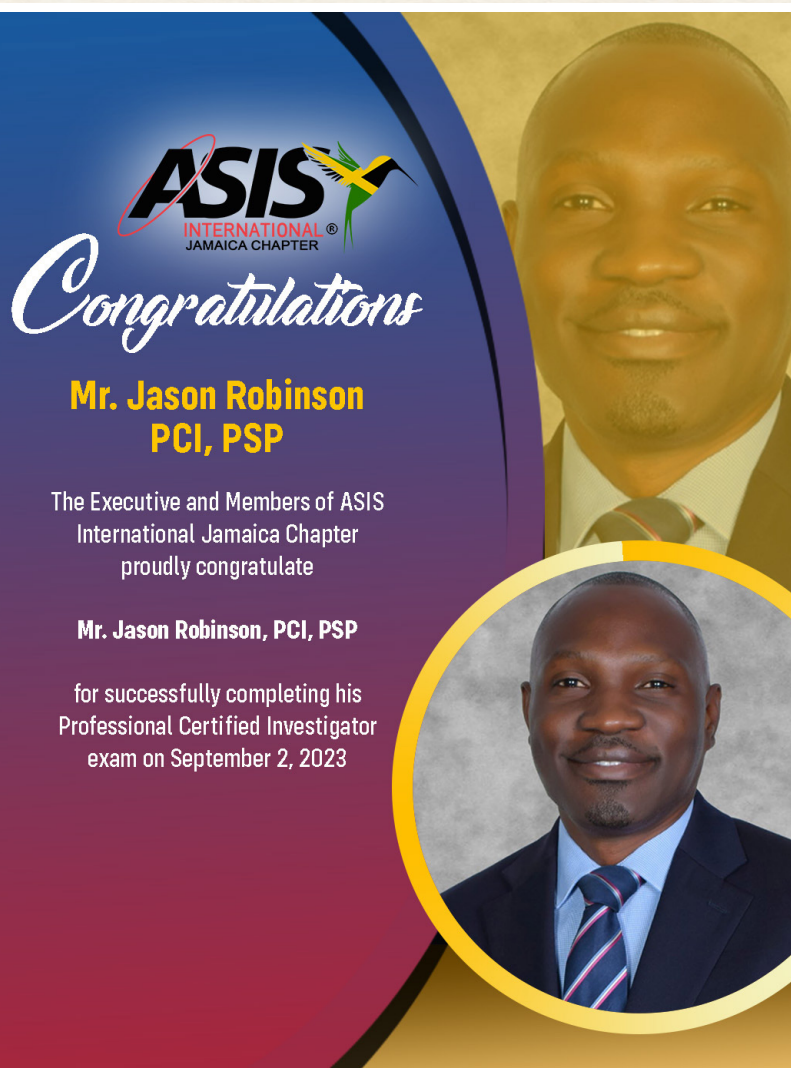
This designation provides the first rung on the security manager’s career ladder.

Further information on eligibility requirements and detailed steps for certification can be accessed on the ASIS International website under the heading certification from which the afore-mentioned information was taken.

I am imploring all our ASIS International Jamaica Chapter members and potential members who have not yet started the certification journey to do so and join the forty-four (44) certified members.

Members who have already started certification journey, I am encouraging you to continue, and if so desired, reach out for the coveted triple crown (CPP, PCI, PSP) designation and join the other eleven (11) ASIS International-Jamaica Chapter members who are a part of the elite 2 % of the 34,000 + ASIS members across the globe who have achieved this accomplishment.

The Jamaica Chapter conducts an annual PSP course usually from January to June. Good luck on your certification journey.

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Congratulations

Mr. Jason Robinson
PCI, PSP

The Executive and Members of ASIS International Jamaica Chapter proudly congratulate

Mr. Jason Robinson, PCI, PSP

for successfully completing his Professional Certified Investigator exam on September 2, 2023



Bringing Down the House: Cyber Actors Breach Vegas Casinos

Caesars Entertainment disclosed a cyber incident to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that may have compromised customer information but did not affect its physical properties.



Caesars identified the suspicious activity on 7 September—approximately one week ago—which was the result of a social engineering attack on one of its outsourced IT vendors.

“After detecting the suspicious activity, we quickly activated our incident response protocols and implemented a series of containment and remediation measures to reinforce the security of our information technology network,” the company said in its SEC form 8-k filing.

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Leveraging Technology for More Proactive Security

Due to economic pressures and pivots in business strategies following the COVID-19 pandemic, many organizations have laid off workers. Sometimes, these difficult moments are handled in a professional manner. But other times, former employees can become disgruntled—lashing out at their former colleagues and causing harm.

Most organizations have created policies and procedures to handle workplace violence threats as they are detected. But what if there was a way to be more proactive? To leverage technology to prevent harm from happening in the first place?

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ASIS International Celebrates Military and Law Enforcement Day at GSX 2023

ASIS celebrated Military and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (MLEAD) on the final day of GSX 2023. As a thank you for their service, all law enforcement, military, and first responders received a free one-day pass to attend GSX.

Dallas, TX (14 September, 2023)—ASIS International, the world's largest association for security management professionals, celebrated Military and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Global Security Exchange (GSX) 2023 on Wednesday. As a thank you for their service, all law enforcement, military, and first responders received a free one-day pass to attend GSX.

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