

1st Quarter 2019

I am pleased to report that our Chapter continues to prosper in 2019. We continue to see new members at monthly meetings and as of this writing, we are 135 Chapter members strong. The results of a membership survey launched in February clearly indicated our members want variety in meetings, locations, and topics. We are close to having commitments for meetings through the end of the year and will begin working on meetings for 2020 in the third quarter. Our Chapter leadership is committed to serving our Members. If there is a meeting location or topic that you would like to visit – we want to know!

Our January Chapter meeting was held during the Annual Award of Excellence presentation on January 30th at Maggiano's. Longtime Chapter Member and (past) Treasurer, David Mass, received the 2018 Herman Statum Award of Excellence. This begins a new Chapter tradition of kicking off each year with the Annual Herman Statum Award of Excellence presentation in January. The Chapter meeting in February was hosted by Allied Universal and featured Chapter member and Mid-South Cargo Security Council Chair Dave Evans speaking about cargo theft and partnerships between law enforcement and the private sector. The March meeting and lunch were hosted and sponsored by Guardian Systems at their office in Smyrna and featured speakers on Artificial Intelligence for searching CCTV footage and the latest in facial recognition technology. Chapter meetings continue to average 20 – 30 Chapter members in attendance. Through a balance of sponsors and member paid meetings, the Chapter remains financially solvent.

Our upcoming meetings provide some excitement for Chapter members. The April meeting on April 24th is hosted and partially sponsored by Royal Range USA. Bob Allen, Director of Training and Retired MNPD Academy Instructor will provide information on Limiting Risk and Liability through Training. Members will enjoy lunch from Martin's BBQ, followed by two hours of open range time and access to shoot automatic weapons. May is our Annual ASIS Charity Golf Tournament on May 17th benefitting the Andrew Jackson FOP Youth Camp and David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial Scholarship Fund. To round out the second quarter, the June meeting is scheduled for June 19th at Middle Tennessee State University. Chapter Member and Assistant Professor Ben Stickle will provide information on Precious Metals Theft.

Region 4A leadership continues to host a quarterly meeting to help Chapters in the Region share best practices and information, and report activities. This is also a great forum for Regional leadership to inform the Chapters of information about ASIS from the Headquarters perspective. A Regional Summit of Regional and Chapter Officers is scheduled for June 6, 2019, in Huntsville, Alabama. Current Chapter Officers and those interested in participating as a Chapter leader, committee chair or volunteer are encouraged to attend.

I will close this newsletter as I have in the past - with a sincere thanks for those who are involved, participate, and contribute to the Middle Tennessee Chapter's mission and goals. Our Chapter exists for the benefit of our members and we cannot achieve our goals without your input, involvement, and active participation. I look forward to meeting new members and seeing others at upcoming meetings and events.

Best regards,

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