

3rd Quarter 2019

The Chapter regained focus on business and accomplished quite a bit during the 3rd Quarter this year. Chapter members attended the annual community/sponsor day at the Andrew Jackson Police Youth Camp on July 24th, the August Chapter meeting held on August 21st was hosted by U.S. Smokeless Tobacco in Nashville, Chapter members attended GSX in Chicago, IL from September 8 – 13th, and the September Chapter meeting held on September 25th was hosted and sponsored by Schneider Electric in Franklin, TN.

The Chapter remains active and healthy. We typically see 20 – 30 members attend the monthly Chapter meetings, and at the time of this newsletter we have 154 members, 38 with professional certifications through ASIS. Our treasury remains strong, and in addition to Chapter funds we have \$6,000.00 set aside in the David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial Scholarship Fund to award to Chapter members in the 4th Quarter. The 3rd Quarter yielded a new meeting addition as a result of an oversight at the August Chapter meeting. Meetings will now begin at 11 am to allow for a full half-hour of networking. Chapter business will promptly begin at 11:30 am to provide more time for speakers and Q & A to follow presentations.

The quarter began with Chapter members attending the annual community/sponsor day at the Andrew Jackson Police Youth Camp on July 24th. The Andrew Jackson Police Youth Camp is the oldest active Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) charity in America, and it is an honor to be affiliated with this tremendous organization and charity. Each year, the Middle Tennessee Chapter hosts a charity golf event in May. The proceeds from our golf tournament benefit the Andrew Jackson Police



Youth Camp and David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial Scholarship Fund. Chapter members attending were able to see a group at the Youth Camp interact with members of Metropolitan Nashville Police Department and express their appreciation to ASIS Middle Tennessee Chapter in a photo with Chapter members.

The August Chapter meeting was held on August 21st at U.S. Smokeless Tobacco in Nashville near the Farmer's Market. Doug Riggin, ARVP for Region 4A – Tennessee hosted the meeting and provided information on U.S. Smokeless Tobacco's history in Nashville, and Altria – the parent company of U.S. Smokeless Tobacco. Doug provided an update on ASIS activities at a regional and organizational level as well.

GSX 2019 was held in Chicago, IL at McCormick Place from September 8th – 13th. The Chapter received an honorable mention for Community Service for our annual golf event that benefits the Andrew Jackson Police Youth Camp and David S. Hawtin, CPP Memorial

Scholarship Fund at the Annual Awards Reception held on Monday, September 9th. The more than 10 Chapter members who attended GSX this year met with other members of Group 4 for a photograph on Tuesday, September 10th outside of the Exhibit Hall. Chapter



member Jason Grove received the complimentary all-inclusive GSX pass from ASIS and had a full calendar of events and courses during the week.



The September Chapter meeting was held on September 25th at Schneider Electric in Franklin, Tennessee. Jim Snodgrass, VP Security – North America Operations hosted and Schneider Electric sponsored the lunch. In addition to a healthy dose of Chapter business, members heard about changes to the term limits for Chapter officers and discussed moving appointments for Chapter officers for a two-year term. Following the Chapter business discussion, Jim provided a presentation on coordinating Aggressive Intruder and Active

Shooter tabletop drills at an enterprise scale and at the local level.

We have an exciting 4th Quarter ahead! The October Chapter meeting is scheduled for October 23rd from 11 am – 1 pm at Ryman University in Nashville. In addition to discussing Chapter business related to Scholarship Awards and Elections, Chapter member Ron Grimes has arranged for a 30 minute back stage tour of the Grand Ole Opry and historical information on the Opry, as well as the information about the 2010 flood and measures Ryman Hospitality Properties has taken to prevent future damage from floodwaters. There will not be a meeting

in November, as we allow members to spend time with friends and family and hope that all reflect on what we have to give thanks for during the Thanksgiving holiday. Our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at the Allied Universal office in Nashville. This will be the last meeting of the year and election results for Chapter officers for 2020 – 2022 will be announced. We will continue our speaker series at this meeting and will work diligently to gain an interesting speaker and topic. Dates for Chapter meetings in 2020 will be announced by the 2020 Chapter chairperson elect in December so that everyone can block out adequate time to attend meetings and events in 2020.

I would be remiss if I didn't continue to encourage you to get active, get involved, expand your network, meet new friends, volunteer for a leadership role or committee, and see the return on your ASIS membership. A continued thanks to all of the active Chapter members, members who have taken the time to attend meetings and events, Chapter officers and volunteers. We continue to be a healthy and successful Chapter, leading the way for others in Region 4A and Group 4 to follow because of your efforts, interests, and involvement.

Stay safe and be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Blake". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Blake".

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