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## ASIS International Overview

**Alexandria, Va.** – [ASIS International](#) is a professional society for security management professionals, headquartered in Alexandria, Va. With more than 37,000 members worldwide, ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing programs and materials that address broad security interests.

Founded in 1955, ASIS advocates the role and value of the security management profession to business, media, government entities and the general public. By providing members and the security community with access to a full range of programs and services, and by publishing the industry's No. 1 magazine—[Security Management](#)—ASIS leads the way for advanced and improved security performance.

### ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits

The ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits is the most comprehensive educational and networking event in the security industry, spanning vertical industries, government and the private sector. The 56th Annual Seminar and Exhibits will be held in **Dallas, Texas, Oct. 12-15** (Tuesday through Friday). ASIS 2010 will provide access to exhibits featuring the latest security technology and innovations and provide a forum for more than 750 companies to demonstrate cutting-edge security products and services that are shaping the security industry today to more than 20,000 security professionals from around the world.

### Professional Development

ASIS offers a broad array of educational programs to keep security professionals abreast of industry changes. [Programs](#) include international conferences, webinars, eLearning and much more. Designed specifically for security professionals, these programs consider every career stage and provide excellent networking opportunities through a wide range of courses with top-rate faculty.

### ASIS Certifications

ASIS administers three internationally accredited [certification programs](#). The Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation is widely acknowledged as the highest recognition of security professionals. The credential is given to individuals who have demonstrated expertise in security management principles, concepts, technology and best practices. Those who have earned the CPP are ASIS board certified in security management. The CPP exam is administered worldwide.

The Professional Certified Investigator (PCI) designation is a specialty certification awarded to security practitioners who have demonstrated knowledge and experience in case management, evidence collection and preparation of reports and testimony to substantiate findings. Those who have earned the PCI are ASIS board certified in investigations.

The Physical Security Professional (PSP) designation is a specialty certification awarded to security practitioners who have demonstrated knowledge and experience in threat assessment and risk analysis, integrated physical security systems, and the appropriate identification, implementation and ongoing evaluation of security measures. Those who have earned the PSP are ASIS board certified in physical security.

## **Standards and Guidelines**

The Commission on Standards and Guidelines is the promulgating body within ASIS to develop security management [standards and guidelines](#). The commission and its committees work with national and international standards-setting organizations to advance security practices worldwide through the development of standards and guidelines within a voluntary, nonproprietary and consensus-based process utilizing the knowledge, experience and expertise of ASIS membership and the security industry at large.

ASIS is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited Standards Developing Organization (SDO) and participates in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards activities.

ASIS released its first American National Standard, the “Chief Security Officer Organizational American National Standard,” in 2008. In March 2009, ASIS released its second American National Standard, “Organizational Resilience: Security, Preparedness and Continuity Management Systems—Requirements with Guidance for Use.” The Facilities Physical Security Measures Guideline and the revision of the Preemployment Background Screening Guideline were published in 2009. ASIS currently has five standards in various phases of development and one guideline undergoing revision.

## **ASIS Councils**

The ASIS Councils have been established to serve the membership through identification of information regarding security issues in their specific concentration. [ASIS Councils](#) provide support to, and enhancement of, ASIS educational programs and materials designed to meet the needs of professionals with specific security concerns and issues inherent to a specific industry.

The ASIS Councils provide an open forum for security professionals to share best practices and discuss emerging industry trends. A sampling of ASIS Councils:

- Banking and Financial Services
- Crime and Loss Prevention
- Global Terrorism, Political Instability and International Crime
- Military Liaison
- Law Enforcement Liaison
- Physical Security

## **CSO Roundtable**

The [CSO Roundtable](#), a by-invitation-only group of ASIS International, was launched in 2004 to give top security executives a stronger voice in business and public policy. The CSO Roundtable became a full-service membership group offering an exclusive array of benefits in 2008.

## **ASIS Foundation**

The ASIS Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, advances the security profession worldwide by funding leading-edge research, education and training. The Foundation’s Connecting Research in Security to Practice (CRISP) Reports address some of the most compelling issues facing the industry today, including guns in the workplace, theft of proprietary information, and organized retail crime. Foundation awards and scholarships ensure those pursuing a security management career are able to realize their academic and professional goals. Support for the Foundation is achieved through financial contributions from individuals, chapters and companies with an interest in the security industry. Download scholarship applications and Foundation reports at [www.asisfoundation.org](http://www.asisfoundation.org).