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Well, September brought the annual ASIS International Seminar and Exhibits to California and allowed our membership the opportunity to participate in a grand event. Our entire executive board along with about 30 to 40 of our members made the journey to San Diego. The event was a great opportunity to network and advance the field of the Security professional. I was happy to see that so much of our membership took the opportunity to participate in both the exhibits and the classes.

The Chapter used our annual free registration as a prize to give to our chapter membership that had attended our meetings this year. In a drawing that was held based on chapter event participation, this year's winner was Richard Ches from SMGI. In continuation of an annual chapter tradition, the San Francisco Bay Area chapter also purchased two full tables at the ASIS Foundation Dinner on Wednesday night. With this purchase, we also made a cash donation to the ASIS Foundation in the amount of \$1500.00. The dinner and entertainment allowed our membership that attended to have a fun filled evening before heading back to the bay area the following day.

With the ASIS International event occurring so late in September, the executive board made a decision to postpone the Annual Security Officer Recognition day until November in order to guarantee chapter participation. This year's event will be a new experience for the chapter because we will be joined by IAHS International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety. This event should set a new standard of joint ventures between our organizations for years to come.

October's virtual forum will be held at the San Jose office of Strategic Security Services on October 11, 2006. The topic will be Enhancing Organizational Effectiveness presented by Scott Watson C.P.P.. This will be followed by a chapter meeting on October 19, 2006. This meeting is being hosted by Roy Robinson of Cadence Design Systems in San Jose. Our Speaker will be Jim Cawood, CPP, PCI, PSP. Jim is a former Chapter chairman and current Association President of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals. He will provide a short presentation on "bleeding edge" violence risk assessment concepts as they pertain to violence in the workplace. Come prepared to have myths busted and new insights and tools to use when you leave.

The month of October is shaping up to be a great month of topics and information for our membership. I hope to see all of you at these upcoming events. Your attendance and participation will help us finish off the year strong.

Respectfully,  
*Curtis Given, CPP*