

ASIS Chapter Meeting Notes

4/28/20

Attendance Count: 22

-Introductions by Jeffrey Parks, President

- If anyone is interested in getting their ASIS Certifications, we have books, let Jeff know at jparks@scfederal.org
- There is a study group going on let Jeff know if your interest, many tests are rescheduling due to COVID-19
- There was a social last month at Angilini's, we are shooting to have another one next month.
- In May we usually do a vendor showcase we have decided to do a virtual ASIS trade show.

Each selected vendor will focus on a specific topic. Look for that invitation to come.

- We are still planning on a vendor showcase in November. This is a fundraiser for us; we offer scholarships with this fundraiser. Look for more news on that to come.

If anyone has any ideas for vendors for the vendor showcase, please let us know.

- End of June Meeting; Rhino Cooper Global Head of Security at Fluor talk on "Executive Protection" via Zoom.

-Presentation: Dr. Jennifer Hesterman, Colonel US Air Force

Soft Targets / Target Rich Environment

Soft targets are the easiest to attack.

- Foreign Terrorist Organizations
- Religious
- Single Issues (animals, trees, environment)

Learn from previous attacks; previous history; family, work, school history, pre attack behaviors

- Motivations, ideology, triggers.
- How was this planned, who was the target, what weapons were used, what was the trigger?
- Who was the target? Why did the attacker choose that location?

Churches are unique

- Symbolic targets
- Clearly marked
- Open door policy
- Invite in those who are suffering

- Share facility
- Open events
- Routine Service

“Security Fatigue”

- Emotional traps: It will never happen to them, will not happen to them
- People hear about incidents occurring all the time.

Churches have feeling a sense of “protection from above” which increases their vulnerability.

Use a Vulnerability Assessment Tool; 20-point scale, your processes, speak open and talk with each other about concerns.

- Discuss: aware of risk, history of risk, open as a group
- Talk to law enforcement questions, stay updated about local threats, read case studies.
- It does not matter what size of church you are, or size. If someone is trying to target it does not matter.

Security Environment testing; live exercise, press to vulnerability so you know what you need to focus on.

Mass notifications; Crisis response team

Cyber Threat; CC, personal information, school records.

Mail, Bomb Threats have increased, physical bombings have decreased

There is training for this;

- Stop the Bleeding www.stopthebleed.org
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRAS) www.alert.org
- FEMA Training www.training.fema.org
- Tabletop exercise

-Mark Schreiber, Volunteer leader for ASIS

What is HQ doing?

COVID 19 resources online on ASIS, good information for all members

GSX: SE is planned for Atlanta. However, they do not have a reason to change dates, but understand that it is difficult, so they are willing to pivot and change if needed.