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US-VISIT Program Starts Across Country

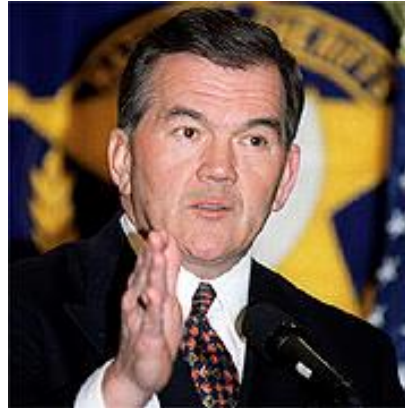
Entry/exit procedures intend to make borders safer

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced last month the start of its newest attempt to improve security at our nations borders. Known as “US-VISIT” (an acronym for US Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology), the program recently completed successful testing.

Implementation began January 5 at 115 international airports and 14 seaports across the country. While most travelers noticed no difference in the way they were processed, passengers arriving from certain countries were met with a new form of entry control. The DHS says that the new procedures will add “only seconds” to the entry process.

According to the DHS, the goals of the program are to:

- Enhance the security of our citizens
- Expedite legitimate travel and trade
- Ensure the integrity of the immigration system
- Safeguard the personal privacy of our visitors



Tom Ridge, Department of Homeland Security

“US-VISIT is an important new element in the global war against terrorism and will serve as a catalyst in the growing international use of biometrics to expedite processing of travelers. We want to show the world that we can keep our borders open and our nation secure.”

The process involves taking a biometric fingerprint and taking a digital picture of travelers from designated countries. One of the controversial aspects of the program is that it specifically exempts certain countries and some have argued that this weakens the effectiveness. Other criticisms include the potential for loss of privacy, although the DHS states that the information is “securely stored” and only made available to “authorized officials and selected law enforcement agencies on a need-to-know basis in their efforts to help protect the nation against those who intend to harm American citizens or visitors to our country.”

To find out more about the US-VISIT program, go the DHS website at: www.dhs.gov.

Upcoming Kansas City Chapter Events

Feb 5: Lunch Meeting 11:30am – 1:30pm; Royals Stadium Club; Speaker: Special Agent Lou Ann Stovall, Kansas City Office of the FBI. Nomination for Security Professional of the Year.

Mar 4: Lunch Meeting 11:30am – 1:30pm; Royals Stadium Club; Speaker: Brian Pierce and Kevin Duncan, Overland Park PD – Subject Identity Theft

From the Chair...



John Mallery, KC ASIS Chairman

When I agreed to be Chapter Chairman, I did so knowing that the KC ASIS Chapter was a truly remarkable organization. Now that the chapter has won the I.B. Hale Chapter of the Year Award for 2003, everyone else knows it, too. Congratulations! This award was earned through the efforts of the Board, the Committee Chairs and the knowledge and enthusiasm of the membership. Special recognition goes to Past Chairman, Jon Gann whose dedication and leadership made the award possible. In addition to the I.B. Hale award, the chapter received an Honorable Mention for Web Site of the Year. It is pretty exciting that when the chapter decided to update the website, the chapter's efforts were "award quality."

During January, I met with the Board and the Committee Chairs for 2004. Everyone present offered suggestions and recommendations to build on the successes of 2003. Some of the recommendations include expanding the chapter's community involvement, integrating with other security related organizations, and establishing the chapter as the "go to group" for the media when security issues arise. Efforts are also underway to print a hard copy of the membership roster, expand the resources offered by the web site and elicit scholarship nominees from a wider range of educational institutions.

Once again, congratulations to the chapter on a remarkable achievement, and let's make 2004 another "banner year."

Please be sure to submit nominations for the annual Security Professional Award, which is usually awarded in March. Nomination forms are available here:

<http://www.kcasis.org/awards/security.pdf>

NOTICE

"Fire Protection and Security – Common Goals... but how do we get there?" will be the subject of the program at the February 9th lunch meeting of the MOKAN Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. Two of our KC ASIS members will lead the discussion. RSVP Andy Miller (913) 829-8650 amiller@pcsinkc.com by close of business Thursday, February 5th.

Financial Report (January 2004)

Checking Account

Beginning Balance:	\$5,628.28
Income:	\$3,146.00
Expenses:	\$1,960.03
Ending Balance:	\$6,814.25

Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$6,206.06
Income 50/50:	\$ 21.00
Ending Balance:	\$6,221.06

-Cathy Bone, Treasurer

January Meeting Minutes

-by Alana J. Pierce, Secretary

Chapter Chairman John Mallery called the meeting to order at approximately 11:33 a.m. on 1/8/04. There were 63 members and 9 guests in attendance. The meeting was held at the Kansas City Royals Stadium Club. The pledge of Allegiance and invocation was led by Roger Palmer and followed by the introduction of all members and guests. The following items were discussed:

1. John announced that Todd Best will be handling the newsletter this year and requested that everyone contact him if they have information for future editions.
2. John gave the December financial report provided by Dennis Smith, 2003 Treasurer.
3. John congratulated Kathy Arnold of Kansas City Water Department, who recently obtained her Certified Protection Officer (CPO) distinction from the International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO).
4. John announced that the executive board has voted on and is recommending that the cost of our monthly luncheons be raised to \$20. He opened the floor for questions or comments and received none. This change will be in effect for the February meeting.
5. John announced that Emily Stuart has agreed to continue handling Executive Referrals. The job postings will be managed through an email list serve account.
6. Jon Gann invited all persons serving in a leadership position for the chapter to the Region V Leadership meeting to be held in Springfield, MO on January 28th at the Bass Pro Headquarters.
7. Jon named three local training opportunities in the near future: Insurance Fraud Conference (date TBD), CFE Identity Theft ½ Day (3/10/04), and HTCIA Conference (3/16 & 3/17/04)
8. Stuart Clark announced that the golf tournament would be held August 9th or 10th at Deer Creek Golf Course.
9. Speakers Committee Chair Chris Storms introduced D. A. Christian, the City of Kansas City Emergency Manager who spoke on “Homeland Security for the ‘B’ Team”
10. The fifty/fifty drawing was held.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Internet Resources

Whatis.com – this site provides the ability to find the definition of “thousands of the most current IT related words. A great resource for those just starting to get their “feet wet” in technology.

<http://whatis.techtarget.com> They also have an IT Security site -

<http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com>

Johnson County, Kansas Emergency Management & Homeland Security -

<http://www.jocoem.org/>

Gateway to Government Food Safety

Information - <http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

And don't forget:

www.kcasis.org

www.asisonline.org

www.securitymanagement.com



Chairman John Mallery heads a meeting of Chapter officers and Committee Chairs January 22 at American Century. Ideas and goals for 2004 were discussed.

If you think you missed nothing at the January ASIS luncheon...



D.A. Christian, the Emergency Preparedness Program Manager for the City of Kansas City, Missouri, gave a lively and informative briefing on Emergency and Disaster Management last month.

Christian coordinates all emergency management activities with City departments, regional, state and federal agencies and civic groups. He manages Citywide emergency programs dealing with all aspects of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

He was Program Manager of the Public Assistance Section of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services from 1994 to 2003. He was also with the Monroe County Fla Office of Civil Defense and the Florida Division of Emergency Management. He is a graduate of Florida State University.

The Kansas City Chapter thanks D.A. for a great, short-notice presentation.



Annual dues for membership in Kansas City's ASIS Chapter:
\$10

Cost for a great meal at the KC Royals Stadium Club:

\$20

Having a Chapter Chairman with his own action figure:

PRICELESS!

...THINK AGAIN!

Where will you be next month?

The Kansas City Chapter of ASIS holds its luncheon meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Lunches are only \$20 and you can always expect a great meal, a special guest speaker, updates on Chapter happenings, and an opportunity to interact with the rest of your peers in the Kansas City security community. Meetings are normally held at 11:30 a.m. at the Kansas City Royals Stadium Club (check the website and newsletter for special times and places). To make reservations for yourself and your colleagues, go to the website (www.kcasis.org) and click on "luncheon", or contact Renee Wakefield at Renee.Wakefield@securitasinc.com 816-360-1612.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at the Royals Stadium Club

Association of Security and Police - ASAP

-Ed Spalding, CPP

It was recently stated that a sustainable partnership between the public and private sectors is imperative if we are to protect the essential elements of our economy and way of life. The US increasingly relies on American companies to safeguard the nation's economy, security, and well being.

The Association of Security And Police (ASAP) was formed in the mid-1990's in order to discuss crime trends and share intelligence information among security professionals and law enforcement. Since that time, the KC MO Police Department has made the commitment to have their Property Crime Division's sergeants (or their representatives) at each of the monthly meetings, which includes the Fraud and Forgery Units. Also a representative from the Robbery Unit normally attends the meetings. Overland Park Police and Lee's Summit Police also have had representatives at the meetings. Several times in past meetings valuable information was shared which helped prevent or solve crimes in the greater KC metro area.

However the value of this information shared is directly proportionate to those who are willing to give up an hour or so of their time to attend the meetings. The latest statistics note that private security outnumbers law enforcement by 3 to 1.

However this ratio of private security to police has not been seen that often in recent ASAP meetings. There are no membership dues or application to become a member of this group. An individual only needs to be a practicing security professional or a member of law enforcement in the area that is willing to take the time and effort to attend the meetings and to share information. This group also is a great opportunity for security professionals to network with area law enforcement and fellow professionals. ASAP currently has a 'listserv' that is hosted by UMKC in order for members to share crime information in a more timely fashion when it becomes necessary.

Although we have committed individuals who regularly attend these meetings, we need to have more representatives from the private sector to make the group more successful. The meetings are always on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 10AM. For the last several years KCPL / Great Plains Energy has been willing to have the ASAP group meet at their KCPL Service Center, 4400 E. Front Street, KCMO. The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 18th.

If you have questions about the group or want to attend, please contact me at ed_spalding@americancentury.com or Larry Weishar at lweishar@mhisc.org.

Congratulations!

Kathy Arnold, Security Supervisor, Kansas City Water Services, completed her certification as a Certified Protection Officer (CPO) through the International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO).

Richard D. Roberts, Security Systems Engineer Manager, Sprint, earned his Physical Security Professional (PSP) certification through ASIS.

Michael Steinle, Director, Agricultural and Scientific Affairs, Clarence M. Kelley and Associates, Inc. is the new Council Chairman for the ASIS Agriculture Ad Hoc Council.



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