



November Newsletter | Greater Charlotte Chapter

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME

We are excited to welcome you to the ASIS International Charlotte Chapter Newsletter! This monthly publication is designed to keep you informed, engaged, and connected within the local security community.

November Monthly Chapter Meeting | None

November Networking Mixer

Date: November 18 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Location: The Olde Mecklenburg Restaurant & Biergarten at Ballantyne | 15025 Bowl St. Charlotte, NC

Details: Join us for a casual evening of networking with local security professionals. Whether you're new to the industry, or a seasoned professional, this is a great opportunity to build meaningful connections. ***Non-members welcome to join.***

International Protective Security Board | Close Protection Conference

Date: December 2-5, 2025

Location: Sheraton & Le Meridien Charlotte, NC

Details: The Close Protection Conference is hosted annually by IPSB. We are committed to delivering a unique educational and networking experience for seasoned service providers, new and aspiring EP professionals, and representatives of all security industry sectors.

1-Day EP Detail Management Training | LaSorsa & Associates

Date: December 2, 2025

Location: Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Charlotte Uptown

Details: Taught by Christian West and Joseph LaSorsa, CPP, this course is designed to cover key topics in team leadership, coordination, and detail management.

Registration: Click [here](#) to register

Closing the Year Right: Event by ASIS NextGen

Date: November 6, 2025 | 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Location: Online | Click [here](#) to register

Details: Event hosted by Tim Wenzel, CPP. "The end of the year is an important time to guarantee success NEXT YEAR! No matter how you or your team is feeling now, closing the year right helps everyone

carve out relaxation and recovery time over the holidays so you can be ready to jump start the year January 5th.”

Coming Soon for 2026!

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

Hosted by: Seth Elledge, NextGen Coordinator

Cost: \$35 per person

Location: To be Determined

The WOMEN IN SECURITY Documentary: Where Stories Create Change | Charlotte Documentary Screening

Date: To be Determined

Details: *The WOMEN IN SECURITY Documentary* shares the untold stories of women shaping the future of cybersecurity, intelligence, and protective services.

“The greatest danger in times of turbulence is not the turbulence; it is to act with yesterday’s logic.”

– Peter Drucker

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

An **ASIS International certification** offers limitless opportunities to advance in your career. Whether you’re new to the field or a security management veteran, you can find a credential that aligns with your objectives and raises your profile among our global community of security professionals. Our four certifications are widely recognized symbols of excellence that establish your mastery. This expertise gives you an unmatched advantage in your threat-prevention strategies—and in the marketplace.

Study Groups Forming for CPP

Interested in earning your ASIS CPP certification? Let us help! Study groups will be forming soon for the Spring 2026 exam cycle. Please reach out to Kieth Rapp at rappka@corning.com for more information.

FEATURED JOB POSTINGS

PSA Airlines, Inc. | DOT Security and Compliance Specialist

Optomi | Principle Security Specialist – Insider Threat

Lowe’s Companies Inc. | Lead Information Security Analyst – Disaster Recovery

Truist | Director, Threat Remediation and Prevention

Acts Retirement-Life Communities | Director of Security and Transportation

Bank of America | Global Financial Crimes Investigator – Consumer

ACCESS GRANTED: YOUR GATEWAY TO SECURITY INSIGHTS

VOCAL LANTERNS: A COLLECTION OF VOICES TO UNITE, INSPIRE, AND CREATE BRIGHTER PATHWAYS FOR WOMEN IN SECURITY

Lanterns guide us when the path blurs and remind us we are never alone. *Vocal Lanterns* gathers voices across the security field to share candid stories, practical advice, and hard-won lessons, illuminating the path forward for women in the security industry. You'll hear from women protecting CEOs, blocking cyber threats, guarding corporate assets, and launching bold security start-ups, along with allies who have taken the torch to light the way for new voices. Proceeds from this book support Girl Security, a nonprofit organization that prepares the next generation of women in security through mentorship, training, and career opportunities. *Edited and contributions provided by local chapter members and beyond – click on the title to get your copy today!*

The Kindness Games

Created in September 2020 by Tim Wenzel and Lee Oughton #TheKindnessGames was started as a way to counter the disruption, hate, and discontent that has engulfed our world during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the ensuing spike of racial tensions and civil unrest. We aim to heal our relationships and communities through targeted #kindness. Get your copy of the book [here](#) today and join your Chapter Chairs to spreading a little more kindness!

When Security Becomes a Valued Part of the Business

Across industries and organizational models, the most effective security leaders share a common success factor: their programs are valued by the business.

How Do You Know If Your Corporate Security Programs Are on Track?

Too often, corporate security programs are launched with good intentions but then left to run without regular review or quality checks. When these programs derail it is the result of missing foundational elements that keep them aligned with strategic goals. This is where program quality and performance elements come in. If you have not built these elements into your programs, or have not revisited them recently, you may be running off course without knowing it.

Top Security Risk to Organizations Today – 2025

Every organization faces unique challenges. The industry and the culture of the organization impact the perspectives of the risk management personnel working within that particular environment. This means that there is no right or wrong answer to the question "What is the top security risk to your organization today?"

PLATINUM SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT | VIGILANT INTEGRATED SECURITY

In an era of evolving threats and rising expectations, businesses and institutions need security that's proactive, adaptive, and smart. That's precisely what Vigilant Integrated Security (VIS) brings to the table.

Who They Are & What Drives Them

At the heart of VIS lies a compelling mission:

“In a world filled with threats, we are dedicated to vigilant observation and a seamless, integrated approach that ensures maximum security.”

They don't believe in one size fits all protection. Instead, they tailor their solutions to the unique demands of each client, whether it's a high-end residential development, a Class A commercial tower, or an automotive campus.

Core Solutions: From Fixed to Mobile to Intelligence

Fixed Solutions: These are the “always on,” anchor security systems – cameras, sensors, access control – built for durability, reliability, and integration with existing infrastructure. Their approach ensures continuity across daily operations.

Mobile Solutions: Designed for dynamic environments like construction sites, events, or high-risk projects, their mobile deployment systems are fast, flexible, and complaint. These services help clients minimize exposure during transitional and challenging phases.

Security Operations Center (SOC) Solutions: The crown jewel of their offering, VIS designs, builds, and operates world-class SOC's. From concept through completion, they deliver full-stack solutions to monitor, analyze, and respond to threats in real time.

The Edge: AI & Smart Analytics

VIS doesn't just deploy hardware, they harness the power of Artificial Intelligence whether cloud-hosted or on-premises. Their AI driven platform optimizes video streams, surfaces actionable insights, and seamlessly integrates into your broader security stack. The ultimate goal? More intelligence, fewer blind spots, faster responses.

Reach Out & Stay Protected

If your facility demands more than just cameras and guards - if you want intelligence, responsive, future-forwarded security - Vigilant Integrated Security is standing by.

Contact: Andrew Vanderburg, CEO/CTO

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Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET

CHAPTER NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP

As we enter the final stretch of 2025, the ASIS Greater Charlotte Chapter continues to thrive — thanks to the commitment and engagement of our 212 active members who make our community strong, relevant, and forward-looking.

First and foremost, a friendly reminder: while ASIS International now renews memberships one year from your join or renewal date, 157 of our members are set to expire on December 31, 2025. If you're among them, don't let your membership lapse — renew now to ensure uninterrupted access to all the benefits ASIS has to offer. And if your membership has already expired, the good news is that you can renew at any time; your membership will be active for one full year from your renewal or join date.

Why stay connected? Because ASIS International continues to set the standard for professional excellence in the security industry. Members gain access to globally recognized certifications (CPP, PSP, PCI, and APP), ongoing professional development, exclusive industry research, and continually updated publications—including both digital and print editions of Standards, Guidelines, security industry books, and the cornerstone *Protection of Assets (POA) Manual*.

Here in Charlotte, our local chapter adds another layer of value:

- In-person and virtual networking opportunities that connect you with professionals from law enforcement, corporate security, investigations, and more.
- Chapter events featuring expert guest speakers and regional security leaders.
- A welcoming community that supports both new and seasoned professionals as they navigate career transitions, certifications, and leadership development.

ASIS International has expanded member access to select on-demand webinars and training bundles at no additional cost—an excellent way to stay current on emerging security technologies and leadership topics. In addition, ASIS offers a variety of resources to help advance your career, including a mentorship program, certificate courses, job opportunities, and more.

Our chapter's growth this year is a testament to your involvement — from attending events and mentoring new members to spreading the word about the value of ASIS. If you know a colleague who could benefit from joining, please direct them to www.asisonline.org.

Questions about membership or renewal? Reach out anytime — I'm always glad to help.
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Together, we're not just strengthening our industry, we're reinforcing the safety and security of the communities we serve.

Stay safe, stay connected.

STAY CONNECTED

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ASIS NextGen | Seth Elledge

ASIS Women in Security | Paige Wanless

ASIS Membership | Terry Base

ASIS Law Enforcement Liaison | Rick Morrison

ASIS Finance Chair | Andrew Vanderburg

Got Ideas? We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have exciting updates, job openings, or security wins to share? Let's spotlight your story, success, or suggestions in next month's edition! Whether it's a professional achievement, company announcement, or member spotlight – we're all ears!

Thank you for being a part of the ASIS Charlotte community. Together, we're building a safer, smarter future.

– The ASIS Charlotte Leadership Team
