



Our program speaker will be Crystal Rhoades, Asst. Executive Director, Neighborhood Center, who will speak about their recent program of offering free security cameras to neighborhood groups and businesses victimized by crime. She will share with us the needs identified and offer us suggestions on how to proceed. She has a substantial waiting list of crime victims needing assistance.

**Announcements:** There will be an announcement / promotion about our chapter in the Omaha World-Herald Monday Business Announcements section in early January. Look for it and encourage non-members to join.

### **December's Meeting Minutes:**

The December meeting of Chapter 059 was held at the Omaha Press Club. Chair Jim Bogner opened the meeting at 11:45 am, leading members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 attendees, who introduced themselves. New member Matt Vellek, of Dakota Security Systems, Inc. was welcomed into the chapter.

Former Chair Jim Winship formally installed the 2009 Chapter 059 officers;

- Chair – Jim Bogner
- Vice Chair – John Cox
- Secretary – Rod Rogers
- Treasurer – Brian Michalski (unable to attend)

Current Secretary Carl Conolley was thanked for his past two years of service to the chapter.

Chair Bogner recognized the 2009 Committee Chairs, as follows:

- Membership Chair – Phil Fenton
- Program Chair – John Cox
- Legislative Rep – Jim Bogner
- Law Enforcement Liaison – Tim Dunning
- Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon Chair – David Gates
- Foundation Chair – Jim VanLent
- Placement Chair – Greg Allen
- Private Security Services – John Jones
- Webmaster – Gary Miller
- Community Services – Jay Reischl and John Jones

Chair Bogner reminded members about the Add-A-Member Program, and presented a new membership certificate to Sandra Almquist, welcoming her into ASIS.

Chair Bogner then presented Certificates of Appreciation to:

- John Cox (Program Chair)
- Phil Fenton (Membership Chair)

Bogner advised that the chapter would place an announcement in the Omaha World-Herald newspaper informing readers about the ASIS chapter along with the 2009 officers to provide greater visibility for the chapter and ASIS, and to recruit potential new

members. (It was noted that as of June, 2008, the Omaha World-Herald charges \$75-100 for such an announcement, which used to be free.)

Bogner announced that the chapter was exploring a community service project in which chapter member companies would donate older security equipment to worthy charitable or not-for-profit organizations. This is an area we have explored and discussed over the past year. More to follow in January.

The chapter will post an online survey in January to solicit ideas for meetings and programs.

Our scholarship award winner, Corey Schoville, was chosen by the ASIS Regional VP for the Regional scholarship of \$500, which will be presented to Corey.

Vice-Chair/Program Chair John Cox announced that the chapter would continue to sponsor the ASIS quarterly Webinars in 2009 as educational opportunities for members. Previously members were asked to pay a nominal amount to help cover costs – usually about \$8.00 each. For 2009, the chapter would cover the costs, and the Webinars would be free to paid members. The next chapter sponsored Webinar will be January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 on “Guns at Work: When Security Policies Collide with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.”

Treasurer Brian Michalski was unavailable, so Cox presented the Treasurer’s year-end report and updated the chapter on finances, announcing that the goal of having sufficient funds to make the scholarship fund self-sufficient was reached.

Bogner announced that the chapter would undertake an update of the chapter’s website in 2009. Along with the chapter areas, each member was asked to update their profile, and contact Gary Miller to get access to the ‘members only’ area of the website.

The business meeting was suspended for lunch.

The drawing to give away a free lunch at any future meeting in 2009 was held with Joe Davitt selected.

Program: Jim Winship, a Crimestoppers Board Member, presented a program on a Crimestoppers initiative to educate grade and high school students about Crimestoppers. He played a 5 minute video produced by the group, which was very well done, and is being distributed to area schools..

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.