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## HIGH-RISE FIRE SAFETY: ARE YOU PREPARED?

Consistent with this month's theme of fire safety, *The Security Beacon* is pleased to present a link to an informative article about fire safety in high-rise buildings. "Down and Out in Record Time," was written by Glen Kitteringham, CPP, and published in the September 2007 issue of *Security Management*. It recounts what happened when a fire alarm was pulled on the 53rd floor of one of Canada's largest commercial high-rise complexes.

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Kitteringham's article provides detailed information about planning, conducting and assessing high-rise evacuation drills. If you work in a high-rise building or are responsible for fire safety in one, this is an article you can't afford to miss. [READ MORE HERE](#)

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## NEW LAW SETS STIFF PENALTIES FOR TEXTING AND DRIVING

If you live or work in Massachusetts, you have undoubtedly heard about Chapter 155, An Act Relative to Safe Driving. The new law, which went into effect on September 30th, bans texting while driving and prohibits drivers under the age of 18 from using a cell phone while behind the wheel.



The new law is expected to be a major deterrent to multitasking while operating a motor vehicle. Violators can face fines, license suspensions, and in some cases, criminal charges. [READ MORE ON PAGE 8](#)



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## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Autumn is my favorite season. I love the foliage, the cooler weather, the smells of pumpkin and cinnamon in my kitchen and the anticipation of the approaching holidays.

One of my favorite things on a cool Fall evening is to light a fire in my fireplace and relax with my family. The warm glow and dancing flames just seem to put me at peace.

As you know from my letter last month, I have a five-year-old son. He loves watching the blaze in our hearth, so we have had to teach him how to be safe around the fireplace. He understands that fire is hot and can burn. He understands that he never plays with fire. He understands that we never leave the house or go to bed until we know the fire is out. These are all practical things to keep him (and us) safe.

Fire safety is an important element of a complete risk management program. Whether it is at home or at work, we need to know how to keep our premises safe from this potentially devastating disaster. Perhaps you have, or know someone who has, been the victim of a fire. I have, both personally and professionally.

A friend of mine lost literally everything in a home fire. My former employer suffered fire events as well. The loss is not just about "stuff." Fires are emotional events. Those who have to pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives or businesses are forever changed in some way. It's often harder to recover a sense of security after a fire than it is to rebuild or replace what was physically lost.

As I write this message, National Fire Protection Month is drawing to a close. This is the time for us to be sure we are up to speed on our knowledge and programs on fire safety. Inside this newsletter you will find some valuable information and resources to help you keep those you are obliged to protect, safe. Most fires can be prevented by care, training and common sense. What's going to be your first step?

Me? I am going to call my chimney sweep. I hear it's going to be a cool weekend.

Dick Parry, Chairperson  
ASIS-Boston

## Hot Links for Fire Safety

[Maine Municipal Association Risk Management Services: Best Practices Guide for Workplace Fire and Safety](#)

[City of Seattle Fire Department: Workplace Fire Safety Teaching Guide](#)

[OSHA: Fire Safety Resources](#)

[Industrial Accident Prevention Association Fire Safety Resources \(Canada\)](#)

[IAPA \(Canada\) Fire Safety Risk Assessment](#)

[Emergency Action Plan Example – Harvard University](#)

[Written Emergency Action Plan Template - Texas](#)

[NIOSH Emergency Action Plan Template](#)

[ASIS Fire Operations Presentation](#)

[Emergency Egress Strategies for Buildings \[REF\]](#)

## Learn More

### Kirk's Fire Investigation, 6th edition

This text, written by a forensic scientist details all the need-to-know skills, and offers correlation to both NFPA 921 and 1033 guidelines. Topics are presented in logical order from simple chemistry and physics to scene analysis to complex case analysis. Special topics such as lab analysis, fire deaths, and explosions are also included. Visit the [ASIS Information Resources Center](#) for details.

## REDUCE YOUR COMPANY'S RISK WITH THESE VALUABLE FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Workplace fires are serious matters. A blaze at your place of business can cause hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage, and unthinkable injuries and loss of life.

The best way to avoid a workplace fire is with prevention and preparation. The Corporate Fire Safety Checklist that follows provides important guidelines for reducing your company's risk of fire and maintaining optimal employee safety.



- Obtain leadership support for a robust fire safety plan at each facility in your organization.
- Conduct evacuation drills at least twice per year. One of these drills should be a full building evacuation drill.
- Well-trained fire safety team members are critical, especially in high-rise buildings. Provide detailed training to fire safety team members so they have a detailed understanding of the facility's fire safety system, evacuation routes, detection and alarms system, sprinkler operations, etc.
- Be sure you have a process defined for accounting for personnel following an evacuation. This will be critical in a real event where people may be injured. Be sure this procedure covers visitors to your facility.
- Coordinate fire safety training and drills with property management staff. It is critical that you understand the role property management staff members play in the evacuation and fire safety plans.
- Test all fire alarm systems and equipment regularly to ensure proper operation.
- Be sure alarm notification and contact information is up-to-date.
- Develop a crisis management plan that includes procedures to follow after a fire. Prepare a list of appropriate recovery procedures including recovery suppliers and communication plans for customers, management, and employees.
- Ensure all appropriate safety and insurance inspections are conducted on a timely basis. Leverage your insurance provider for site-specific fire mitigation actions.
- Reach out to your local fire department and volunteer to participate in training drills.

**NOVEMBER 2010****8 - 11**

CCTV – From Analog to Digital Video: Applications and Advances in Surveillance, Alexandria, VA

**10**

Picture Perfect: Reveal the Details in your Surveillance Images, Webinar

**15 - 18**

Assets Protection Course (APC) I: Concepts and Methods, Baltimore, MD

**15 - 18**

Education Sessions sponsored by the ASIS Global Gaming and Wagering Protection Council for Global Gaming Expo (G2E), Las Vegas

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Good to Great: Building High Performance Security Programs, Webinar

**17 - 19**

Managing Your Physical Security Program, Edmonton, Alberta

**29 - 12/3**

Wharton/ASIS Program for Security Executives (Week 1 of 2), Philadelphia, PA

**DECEMBER 2010****1**

The Intersection of Cloud Computing and Digital Evidence: What Security Managers Need to Know, Webinar

**6 - 7**

Risk and Opportunity: The CSO Roundtable Latin America Summit, Rio de Janeiro

**8**

Security in Tough Economic Times - Keys to Survival, Webinar

**13 - 14**

Executive Protection, Scottsdale, AZ

**13 - 15**

Security Force Management, San Diego, CA

**13 - 17**

ISO 28000 Lead Auditor Course, Oegstgeest, Netherlands

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Behavioral Pattern Recognition: A Proactive Approach to Protective Security, Webinar

**No programs scheduled in January 2011**



Attending the President's Reception at the recent ASIS International 56th Annual Seminar and Exhibits in Dallas were ASIS-Boston chapter members (from l) Rebecca Coburn, Marty Patnaude, Matthew Murphy and Heidi Raffanello.

**FEBRUARY 2011****4 - 5**

CPP Review, New York, NY  
PSP Review, New York, NY

**7 - 8**

Corporate Investigations: How to Conduct Proper and Effective Internal Investigations, Lake Buena Vista, FL

**7 - 10**

Physical Security: Introductory Applications & Technology, Lake Buena Vista, FL

**9 - 11**

Organizational Resilience: Implementing and Auditing the ASIS American Standard, Lake Buena Vista, FL

**20 - 22**

2nd Annual ASIS International Middle East Security Conference, Bahrain

**BOSTON CHAPTER  
UPCOMING EVENTS****November 18**

Awards Dinner (Buffet) Meeting

**December**

No Meeting

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**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
NOVEMBER CPP®  
REVIEW QUESTIONS**

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**1) Any investigation containing unfavorable information should be retained in a file for a period of not less than:**

- A 1 year
- B 5 years
- C 3 years
- D 2 years

**2) Interviews should be conducted:**

- A In the company of suspect's attorney.
- B In an area where distractions are minimal.
- C In a comfortable room which is well furnished like home.
- D In an area where light is focused in suspect's face

**3) Which of the following is not true regarding communications with an undercover agent:**

- A Normal contact is initiated by the agent.
- B The contact telephone should be answered with the name of the company.
- C An alternate contact telephone number should be established.
- D The telephone should be reserved exclusively for investigations



**CPP MEMBER PROFILE:  
CHRISTINE CHATEANEUF**

**Diverse skills, education help meet the information security challenge**

When Christine Chateaneuf was starting out in the security industry in the 1980s, the profession was a lot different than it is today. For one thing, Christine was one of “the few women in my college courses as well as one of the few women at

many ASIS events and trainings.” Working in security has also become much more complex as technology has changed and the need to safely share information across networks and companies has grown.

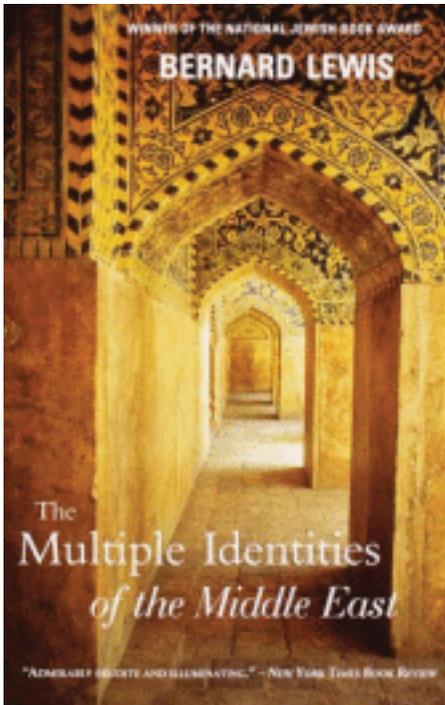
Chateaneuf has grown with the field. A veteran ASIS International member and Manager of Information Systems Security Officers at Raytheon, Christine joined the company in 2004 after working at TASC (now Northrop Grumman) for 15 years. She currently manages an 18-member team of Information System Security Officers (ISSOs), who are responsible for supporting day-to-day government compliance requirements regarding classified Information Systems.

As an Information System Security professional, Christine emphasizes the importance of staying current with information technology as it relates to operating systems and multiple government regulations. Her job requires a combination of technical skills, knowledge of government policy and interpretation, as well as management skills to lead teams. To earn her CPP designation, Christine needed to apply broad-ranging knowledge to many different areas.

“A stovepipe approach to only thinking about the computer systems and not physical or personnel security concerns could be a detriment to meeting government requirements and business needs,” she relates.

Christine’s current responsibilities are a long way from her beginnings as an undergraduate at Western Illinois University majoring in law enforcement with a minor in Security Administration. She holds a Certificate in Data Telecommunications from UMass-Lowell, and is a Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) through the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)<sup>2</sup>.

Emphasizing the value of continuing education for professional advancement, Christine pursued a CPP in order to be well rounded in her vocation. “The CPP challenges you to be knowledgeable about multiple security disciplines,” she explains. She encourages others to seek out job-related education or professional development as a way to re-focus and re-energize their careers.



### The Multiple Identities of the Middle East

by Bernard Lewis

Schocken Books, New York, NY.  
1998, 163 pages. ISBN 0-8052-1118-7. \$12.00

### *ASIS Boston Member Education*

### BOOK REVIEW: DEFINING IDENTITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

by Mark Beaudry, CPP, Boston Chapter Education Chair

This is a thoroughly researched, simply presented, and well-written work that guides the reader through the making of the modern Middle East by states. This book will, without a doubt, give the reader a unique and compelling perspective of the true communal and individual identity that the peoples of the region now confront. Some of the topics that Lewis examines are religion, race and language, country, nation, and state, by tracing the rapid evolution of the identities of the peoples from the Ottoman Empire to today's society.

The term "Middle East" is a Western term, emanating from the beginning of this century. In the Middle East as elsewhere around the world, people define their own identity primarily as a result of birth. However, Lewis describes the three kinds of identity as by blood, in ascending order: the family; the clan; the tribe; developing into the ethnic nation. Second, by place, such as a village or neighborhood, district or quarter, province or city, developing in modern times into the country. The third, often linked with the first or second, or both, by religious community, which may be subdivided into sects.

Throughout the book, Lewis provides excellent definitions and associations between additional topics such as script and religion, Muslim and Islam, Sunni and Shia, to name a few. It is a pleasant surprise to see Lewis bring into this book a pointed and honest perspective about how the resurgence of Islam and a reassertion of classical Islamic perceptions of the place of religion in determining social and political identity of Islam act as the primary legitimacy for Muslims. The author also describes the multiple modern symbols, such as flags, anthems, and emblems which are mostly Western importations and which symbolize national identity. In the section on "Aliens and Infidels," Lewis elaborates on the essential part of identity as being the line that divides self from other, insider from outsider. This is a very important term, rich in meaning, the one universally accepted criterion of political definition is all men and women are divided into citizens and aliens, and the distinction between them is defined by law, applied in practice, and accepted as legitimate. The legal barrier between citizen and alien is permeable, and can be crossed by a process known nowadays as naturalization.

One of the two unique writing styles that Lewis uses is the interchange of Arabic words and their Westernized interpretations. The second is the way in which Lewis relates terms to the classical Ottoman Empire or back to the Quran. His attention to detail when explaining any of the Caliphate time frames to identity recognition is brilliant. Finally, this is a highly useful publication that skillfully lays out the various state identity issues and the broader context of aspirations.

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**CPP REVIEW ANSWERS****Question 1**

Any investigation containing unfavorable information should be retained in a file for a period of not less than:

C. 3 years.

**Question 2**

Interviews should be conducted:

B. In an area where distractions are minimal.

**Question 3**

Which of the following is not true regarding communications with an undercover agent:

B. The contact telephone should be answered with the name of the company.

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**Acts 2010 - CHAPTER 155 AN ACT RELATIVE TO SAFE DRIVING (See House, No. 4795)**

Approved by the Governor on July 2, 2010, a new state law that bans texting while driving took effect on September 30, 2010. Massachusetts State Police said efforts would be made to enforce the law.

The law covers:

Mobile phones, pagers, PDA's, laptops, video games, digital cameras, sending e-mails, using internet on a mobile device

The only exception to the law is emergency use.

**Violation Penalties**

1st offense - \$100 fine

2nd offense - \$250 fine

3rd or subsequent offense - \$500 fine

A junior operator restriction is also attached to the new law. Drivers ages 16 and 17 will not be allowed to use their cell phones while driving at all. If they do, they will be cited with a \$100 fine, lose their license for 60 days and will be required to take a driver retraining course

**Negligent Operation and Injury from Mobile Phone Use**

Personal injury or property damage caused by negligent operation of a motor vehicle is a criminal offense. Criminal charges may be filed if an operator crashes because the operator was using a mobile electronic device. In addition to the criminal charges, the operator will face loss of license as described below:

**Junior Operators (under 18 years of age)**

1st offense - 180-day suspension

2nd or subsequent offense (within three years) - One-year suspension  
18 Years or Older

**1st offense - 60-day suspension**

2nd or subsequent offense (within three years) - One-year suspension  
To read the full text of the law, go to [www.malegislature.gov](http://www.malegislature.gov).

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