

**April 15, 2015**

**ASIS Houston Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Call to Order** – Chapter Chair Mike King called the meeting to order at noon with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Opening Invocation** – Mike King

**Information and Announcements**

1. The IT Summit will be held on May 21, 2015 at the NRG Center. The ASIS Houston chapter will participate in this events.
2. A Women in Security event is planned for June. More details will be forthcoming in the near future.
3. Plans are underway to offer CPP and PSP education in June in Houston. More details will be forthcoming in the near future.
4. ASIS 2015, the 61<sup>st</sup> Seminar and Exhibits, will be held in Anaheim, California from September 28 to October 1, 2015. More importantly, the evening of October 27, 2015 the Houston ASIS Chapter will host Texas Night in Anaheim, California.

**Committee Reports**

**Golf Committee** – Planning and preparations for the Houston ASIS Chapter golf tournament are underway. The date is October 15, 2015. All chapter members, even those who don't play golf, can help and are encouraged to volunteer at the tournament.

**Teddy Bears for Tots Committee** – On June 2, 2015 the committee will distribute teddy bears to hospitalized children. Volunteers are needed for this task and should contact Darren Wilson.

## **LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

Mike King introduced the luncheon presentation:

### **Main Presentation**

#### **Drug Related Border Violence**

Steve Towne, the Field Intelligence Manager for the DEA Houston Division, was the speaker for the April, 2015 meeting. Towne advised that drug violence is risen to alarmingly high levels in the Mexican states which border the U.S. One serious development is the increase in the number of “disappeared”. In short, people disappear and are never found. Most of these incidents are the result of homicides by drug criminals and the body is destroyed or hidden well enough to never be found. The homicide might be revenge for an unpaid illegal debt. Sometimes innocent bystanders, perhaps relatives of a drug criminal, are victims of a “disappearance”. Some of this Mexican drug violence spills into the U.S. when drug criminals and their associates operate in the U.S.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.