

June 17, 2015

## **ASIS HOUSTON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Called to Order:** - Chapter Chair Mike King called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. King then led the invocation.

### **Chapter Business:**

1. Houston Chapter member Aaron Ault led a moment of silence to remember Houston Police Officer Richard Keith Martin. Officer Martin was killed when a speeding car hit him while he was laying down spike strips during a police chase.
2. On June 9, 2015 members of the chapter visited numerous hospitals in the Houston area and delivered teddy bears for pediatric patients at those medical institutions. One of the local television news stations in Houston gave extensive coverage to the event.
3. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in conjunction with the University of Houston Downtown, the chapter presented a career symposium on the legal and career aspects of security and how they affect the security professional.
4. On June 18, 2015 the Women in Security and Young Professionals Committees of the chapter will hosted a networking event. The location was the Nori Sushi Bistro at City Center, near the intersection of I-10 and Beltway 8 West.
5. There will be certification classes for PSP and CPP starting in July. Please check the chapter website (under the "Education" tab) for more details.
6. The chapter convened an executive committee meeting on May 28, 2015.

### **LUNCHEON SPEAKER – Travis Hollis, Regional Representative (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi), National Counter Terrorism Center**

#### **TOPIC: Current Trends Concerning Homegrown Violent Extremists.**

In his talk Hollis identified several trends which affect the activities of homegrown violent extremists. Some of the most important trends are the development of social media, access to simple but effective weapons, and increased motivation by contact with foreign extremist groups. The spread of information via social media and education by foreign extremist groups especially will increase the skills and knowledge of homegrown violent extremists. As their skills and knowledge increase Hollis expects their attacks to increase as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.