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WBFAA UATC Chairman Shane Clary of Bay Alarm congratulated graduating apprentice David Allen, his wife Daisy and John Sullivan of Electronic Monitoring systems at the CAA General Session. Allen received certificates of completion from the State of California and the U.S. Department of Labor for the three-year program and a special tool bag with tools and a gift certificate donated by E-Dist.



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By Harvey Eisenstadt

## ASSOCIATES CORNER Befriend the Unknown

During my many years working with salespeople I have observed that all too often the salesperson will fail to recognize the value of the unknown person they have encountered when trying to reach a decision maker. They may be talking to a receptionist, secretary, administrative assistant or other employee who has been charged with screening incoming calls. Yes, in the field of sales these individuals are usually referred to as the "gatekeeper".

Salespeople must always remember that

these "gatekeepers," who are unknown to the caller, have a responsibility to their company. All too often they are the recipient of some level of verbal abuse especially if the caller has made several attempts to get to the decision maker. You may find it difficult to accept or you may have been there yourself, but callers can be demanding or even impolite after several attempts. Clearly, this will not score any points





with the individual, unknown to you, who may have the authority to connect you with the decision maker.

Now, you must also understand that decision makers in most organizations have full plates, and it would not be unusual for them to not be available to take your call each time you attempted to reach them. In fact, I've experienced on more than one occasion that although the decision maker did not take our call on the first several attempts, when we did finally get to see them they were truly interested in hearing what we had to offer. They just happened to be unavailable each time we called.

It is critical that you recognize that the gatekeeper can be your powerful ally or, simply stated, your enemy. It is not rocket science to understand that you want the gatekeeper as your ally. You do not know this person. You have never met them and you do not know their level of importance within their organization. You must be friend this unknown individual and leverage their ability to connect you with the decision maker. Exhibiting authority and inferring how important you are and the absolute necessity to speak with a decision maker may

Yes, pitch the gatekeeper because if they identify with the benefits and value of what you want to discuss, then they can more effectively communicate that message to the decision maker.

work once in a while. However, I can assure you that it will be in the minority of opportunities you address, not the majority. Remember the golden rule. "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Or, "treat the gatekeeper as you would have the gatekeeper treat you."

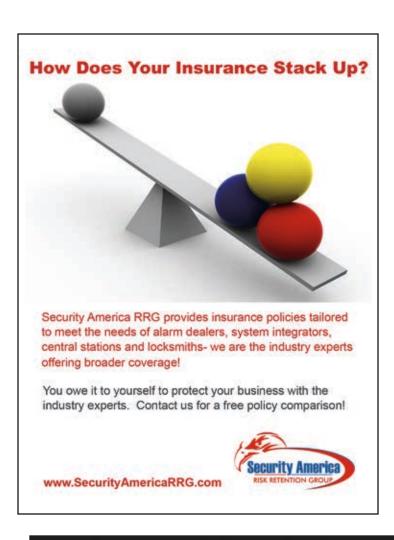
You must win this gatekeeper's trust. Remember they are unknown to you. One of the most successful methods of accomplishing this is to have this unknown person identify with the fact that you recognize their importance to their company. After introducing yourself and expressing your gratitude for their time to speak with you, ask for their advice. How do you think I can best move forward to get that all important appointment with your decision maker? Never forget that the gatekeeper is a real person unknown

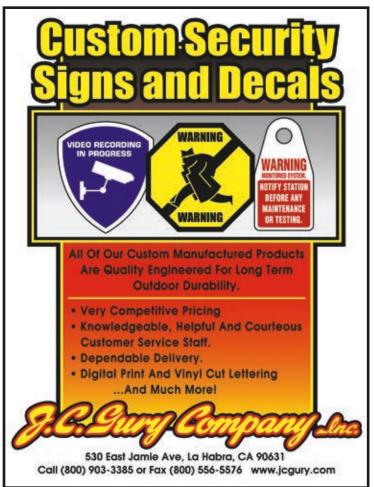
to you, and if they perceive that you recognize their value to their company then your chances of gaining their trust has been significantly advanced. You can get them to work for you, and as difficult as it may be at times, that is accomplished with compassion, patience and respect. Exhibiting anger or annoyance is guaranteed to turn this unknown person, the gatekeeper, against you.

Once you have connected with the gatekeeper, it is absolutely critical that you deliver a benefit or two that will resonate with them and which can be the connection between you and the decision maker. Here is where your 20 to 30 second elevator pitch plays an important role. Yes, pitch the gatekeeper because if they identify with the benefits and value of what you want to discuss, then they can more effectively communicate that message to the decision maker.

Lastly, there will be times where the person you are asking for may not be the right person for you to speak to. If you are successful in moving that "unknown person" over to your side, then they will connect you with the right decision maker.

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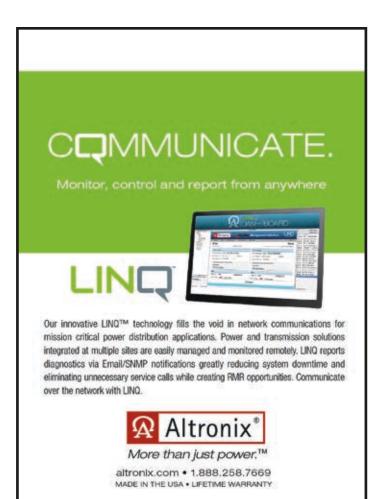
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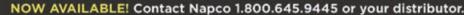
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ALTRONIX CORPORATION showcased a number of new and innovative products and solutions at Intersec 2016. Among the highlights is the company's new LINQ<sup>TM</sup> Technology, which fills the void in network communications for mission-critical power distribution applications by providing remote control of power, along with monitoring and reporting of diagnostics. "Intersec provides Altronix with the opportunity to gain exposure and broaden its presence in global markets," said Alan Forman, President, Altronix Corporation. "Our recently introduced power and transmission products interface with trending and emerging surveillance and access technologies from the leading equipment suppliers in the professional security industry." Altronix's innovative LINQ<sup>TM</sup> Communication Technology allows you to monitor, control and report power from anywhere. Multiple products at multiple sites can be easily integrated and managed remotely. For more information, visit www.altronix.com.

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TYCO SECURITY PRODUCTS introduced the latest version of its C•CURE 9000 security and event management platform, which includes Open Supervised Device Protocol (OSPD) support for reader-to-panel communications, increased system capacity licensing and enhanced visitor management functionality that allows personnel to easily create and manage scheduled visitor appointments. "The C•CURE 9000 Visitor Management Web portal improves efficiency by reducing the centralized administrative burden of visitor management that typically falls on security staff – to effectively move the pre-visit data entry process into the hands of the responsible hosts through mobile self-service," said George Martinez, Senior Product Manager, Tyco Security Products. "The portal also facilitates better host accountability by providing an official record of visits and authorizations." C•CURE 9000 supports the new Tyco Security Products iSTAR Ultra SE controller from Software House, a special edition iS-TAR Ultra controller that ensures flexibility and compatibility with all Software House systems. For more information, visit www.swhouse.

**DIGITAL MONITORING PRODUCTS (DMP)** has promoted Joe Hurst to Senior Vice President where he will have oversight over all domestic and international sales and corporate legal affairs. "Joe has made some outstanding contributions to DMP since joining the

organization to lead our push into international markets," said Rick Britton, company owner and President. "While in that role, he demonstrated skills in other aspects of our operations as well. His new title reflects his expanded role in those areas. Joe's years of experience in our industry, both in the U.S. and international markets, combined with his law degree and corporate experience, make him a valuable contributor toward our goal of increasing market share."

Joe joined DMP in 2013 as President of DMP



International, responsible for identifying and recruiting new authorized dealers and facilitating product approvals related to sales outside the United States. His industry involvement includes serving on the board of Directors for the Security Industry Association (SIA), including two terms as President. He was honored with SIA's Lippert Award, presented annually to honor a distinguished individual from a SIA-member company for long-term, selfless service to the security industry and to SIA.

TYCO SECURITY PRODUCTS showcased its connected home solutions in its debut appearance at the 2016 CES show in Las Vegas. The world's gathering place for consumer technologies provides an ideal platform to feature the company's expanding range

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**TRI-ED, AN ANIXTER COMPANY**, announced the opening of its new branch location in Memphis, TN. The branch, which will be



managed by Cory Rumburg, is located at 6935
Appling Farms Parkway,
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The branch can be reached at 901-498-5440. "TRI-ED is very pleased to be opening in the Memphis market," says Ken Cabler, VP of Sales. "We look forward to meeting and serving our new customers here, and exceeding their expectations." For more information, please visit www.tri-ed.com.

**CHECKVIDEO**'s HD Analytics Gateway was judged Best 2015 Hosted Solution at the SIA/New Product Showcase and, in January

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Standalone digital lock manufacturer **CODELOCKS**, **INC.** announced the appointment of Dotty Kaufenberg as its new Business

Development Manager for North America. Working from the company's offices in Irvine, California, Dotty will be responsible for developing its electronic security distribution channels throughout the country and driving sales in Southern California. Having worked in the security industry for 30 years, Kaufenberg brings a wealth of access control experience to the company's growing team. Commenting on the appointment, General Manager, Joey Dalessio, said: "Having worked in business development within the electronic security industry for many years, Dotty has the skills and contacts we need to help us further develop key sales channels. We are delighted to welcome Dotty to the team." For more information, visit www. codelocks.us.

NORTEK SECURITY & CONTROL LLC announced the next generation 2GIG® GC3 all-in-one home security and automation panel will roll out to dealers in February 2016. "2GIG changed the alarm industry model by making it dramatically easier to add home automation and control features to security systems," said Duane Paulson, senior vice president, Nortek Security & Control. "2GIG is at the forefront of driving the rapidly evolving security and home control market and the new 2GIG GC3 is the fruition of extensive research, beta testing, design engineering, and experience proven over millions of installations to deliver the premier all-in-one security and smart home solution in the industry, which is now poised to change the market again." The GC3 panel offers the state-of-theart connectivity that security dealers need to start building a smart home system for their customers, including: 3G and CDMA Cellular modules, integrated Z-Wave 500 Series, and more. The GC3 combines monitored security and smart home control to give 2GIG dealers an easily installable and completely scalable solution. GC3 can manage up to 100 users and control up to 100 wireless zones, two hard-wired zones, and 32 keyfobs with scene support. For more information, visit www.nortekcontrol.com/gocontrol.

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Seattle and Denver. The Stadium Tour included technical trainings across every product category, a manufacturer expo, product demos, dinner and a night at the ball game. "Our 2015 Stadium Tour was designed to provide customers with valuable training and great networking opportunities with our staff and supplier partners," says James Rothstein, Tri-Ed Senior Vice President - Global Security Marketing. "The Tour was a huge success and also allowed us to show our customers how much we appreciate them." For more information, please visit www.tri-ed.com.



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David Logan with BSIS Deputy Director of Enforcement Connie Bouvia and Chief Laura Alarcon along with Jon Sarget of Tyco Integrated Security.



Siyuan An and Susan Kohn Ross of Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp met with keynote speaker David Logan, author of Tribal Leadership.



Matt and Shanette Westphal of Bay Alarm with Jane and Trent Smith of Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith at the CAA Winter Convention.



Keynote speaker David Logan with ESA Past President Bart Didden of USA Alarm Systems.



David Logan greeted fellow author Harvey Eisenstaedt at the CAA Winter Convention.



Yehuda Deutsch of MongoTel, Ezra Bodansky of B Secure, Solomon Wasserman of Top Security were welcomed to San Francisco by Michael Marks of Perennial Software.

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Joe Mendoza of Aleph, Alex Chavez of Security Dealer Marketing and Joe Donato of Gentex at the CAA Winter Convention.



EBAA past President Tom Rood with CAA President Cathy Rempel, past President Jon Sargent and Akemi, Kira and Michael Schubert of National Monitoring Center.



More than 80 leading suppliers of products and services were on display at the CAA Winter Convention.



Michael and Rene Houser of Electronic Eye Security with Glen Guldbeck of Alarm.com at the opening exhibits.



David Hood of First Alarm with John Sullivan of ADI and Kelly and Bob Ricucci of Advanced Security Technologies.



Leonard Hanna of AES with Diane and Hal Lewis of Alarms Unlimited at the opening exhibits.



Jeffrey and Robin Samuels with First Alarm with Davin Ross of Keep Your IP and Jeff Maron of ASG.



Grant and Gene Jordan of Advanced Security Engineering, Austin Kennedy and Glen Guldbeck of Alarm.com and Tim Westphal of Bay Alarm participated in a group workshop led by the keynote speaker David Logan.



Celebrating the opening exhibits with NMC were Woodie and Jehan Andrawos, Elizabeth Courtney of Beacon Security, Mike Schubert, Todd Shuff, Mike Salk of Reed Brothers Security and Bob DiAlto.



BSIS Chief Laura Alarcon addressed the CAA General Session and the new online licensing program that has been put in place.



Yat Cheong Au of AEC Alarms with Katie Bally and Dorsie Mosher of Davis Mergers & Acquisitions.



IEAA President Matt Standiford of Agent Vi and GVAA Past President Matt Hoffman of Hoffman Electronic Systems welcomed Cindie Montoya of Kidde and Wayne Mills of Hue & Cry to the CAA opening exhibits.

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Past recipients on hand to celebrate the presentation of the CAA George A. Weinstock Award were Ron Lander, Shane Clary, Lessing Gold, George De Marco, Roger Westphal, Bruce Westphal, Ron Spiller, Jon Sargent, Rod Uffindell, Harvey Eisenstadt and George Weinstock.



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Matt Westphal's family and members of the Bay Alarm management team celebrated his receiving the CAA George A. Weinstock Award for Lifetime Achievement and Service to the Industry.



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 ${\it Matt\ We stphal's\ father\ Bruce\ addressed\ the\ CAA\ Tribute\ Dinner.}$ 



Brother Graham Westphal explained why a personal check book was important part of the installer's tool kit for Matt Westphal.



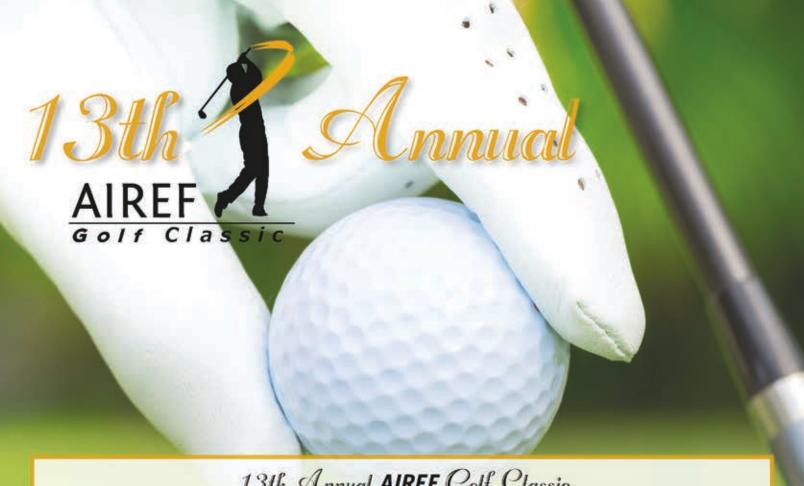
Bay Alarm Vice President Eric Taylor addressed the issue of Moonbeam at the CAA Tribute Dinner.



Daughter Hanna Westphal and longtime friend Matt Schweiger present the "Top 10 Things You Do Not Know About Matt Westphal" and showed proof of his dancing ability.



Harvey Eisenstaedt and sons Steve and Paul welcomed the ladies to the Judy Eisenstadt Memorial Gift & Gab Luncheon at the CAA Winter Convention.



## 13th Annual AIREF Golf Classic Make 13 Your Lucky Number in Golf @ ISC West in Vegas

This CLASSIC tournament has reached "the teen years", which is all the more reason to give it your utmost attention and support! Together we have done an incredible job of fundraising to benefit the industry we share. The AIREF golf tournament has raised in excess of \$1,000,000 for research and education projects significant to public safety, consumers and the electronic security industry. To keep this momentum going and growing, we need your continued pledge and participation. We strive to make each AIREF Golf Classic a exceptional event for all attendees and sponsors. We have succeeded to date to fulfill our fundraising goals and to treat every player to a fun, guilt-free day of golf. Please, help us sink the ball for a continued win.

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For more information about the golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities, call (203) 762-2444 or email Pat Remes at premes@airef.org. Register online at www.airef.org

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 Shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. local time

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To register, go to www.AIREF.org or email premes@AIREF.org
Single golfers and pairs are welcome



The Alarm Industry Research & Educational Foundation (AIREF) is a tax-exempt foundation representing the electronic, life safety, security and systems industry and their associations, under the auspices of the Electronic Security Association.



David Hood of First Alarm led a panel on leadership.



Mary Beth Shaughnessy of ISC and SIA COO Rand Price catch up with Security Systems News Publisher Tim Purpura at the CAA Board of Directors meeting in San Francisco.



Alana Forrest of Pixar Animation Studios presented information on working with clients like her studio.



Sharon Elder of NMC, Jay Bryant of The Systems Depot, Nicola Oakie and Randy Zeegers of I-View Now.



Jeff Snell of Honeywell and Leon Parks and Dan Moore prepare to welcome nearly 100 alarm companies to the CAA Winter Convention.



Scott Crown of PSR, Adam Belkowitz of Altronix and Andy Applegate of PSR were welcomed to the CAA Winter Convection by Lifetime Member Harvey Eisenstadt.



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## Sale of Alarm Company Assets 2016 "BIG" Changes

By Alyson Pattie, CPA at Barkin, Perren, Schwager & Dolan, LLP



Is your business currently registered as a C Corporation? Have you ever considered the benefits of converting to an S Corporation? If your entity is a C Corporation, you could be subject to double tax upon selling your valuable assets. To clarify, this is not pertaining to the sale of company stock. Specifically, it is for the sale of company assets, including the sale of RMR. There are strategies you can utilize to help retain more of your sales proceeds and 2016 has made this more viable.

On December 18, 2015, the President signed the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (the PATH Act). The PATH Act makes permanent several provisions of the law that have been subject to several rounds of extenders. What does the passage of the PATH Act have to do with the alarm industry, one might ask? Great question, first a little background.

Prior to 1986, C Corporations were allowed to distribute appreciated assets to their shareholders or sell appreciated assets without paying corporate tax in addition to personal tax. To close that loophole, Congress put together Section 1374 and included it in the Tax Reform Act of 1986. This imposed double taxation from the sale of assets. At that point, this made a conversion to an S Corporation an option to avoid this onerous tax. Between 1986 and 2015, this conversion carried several rules and requirements to avoid this double tax. Under this tax, an S Corporation may be subject to tax on gains from the sale of assets held at the time of conversion if it sells the assets within a specified period of time after making the election. This period of time is often referred to as the recognition period.

The original "permanent" recognition period was a 10-year period, beginning with the effective date of the S-election. The maximum amount of the company's built-in gain tax (also referred to as BIG tax) is based on the Corporation's net unrealized built-in gain, which is determined on the date of conversion. The net unrealized built-in gain is the amount by which the fair market value of the assets, as of the effective date of the conversion, exceeds the cost basis of the assets. This has significant application for alarm dealers.

Over the years, we have seen a number of temporary amendments to the built in gains (BIG) tax recognition period. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 shortened the ten-year recognition period for tax years 2009 and 2010 to seven years. This act was followed by the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, which extended the built-in gains tax relief to 2011 and shortened the recognition period to five years. The five-year recognition period was extended a few more times through the end of 2013 and ultimately through the end of 2014. All companies who made their Selection and started the clock on their recognition period were forced to make this election with a bit of uncertainty. At any point, Congress could have decided not to extend the 5-year recognition period and the companies could have been exposed to reverting back to the 10-year period.

The good news is the uncertainty is over. With the passage of the PATH Act, the five-year holding period for the purposes of computing built-in gain on the conversion to an S Corporation is now permanent. What does this mean for you? It means a greater incentive to make the overdue conversion to an S Corporation in order to maximize the sale of proceeds of corporate assets. For entities with a calendar year end, the official due date to convert for the 2016 tax year is March

15, 2016. If you are currently a C Corporation and would like to discuss the benefits of making an S election, there is no better time than the present. Seize the opportunity for this upcoming year. We highly recommend for you to consult with your tax professional.

If you are looking for a tax professional, we are only a phone call away! Charles Schwager and Alyson Pattie are available to answer any further questions, feel free to call us at 818-719-9020.



## Why Technology Is AR's New Besty

By Ken Green, ItsPayd

Over the last year here at ItsPayd, we have spent A TON of time doing market research for our new communications platform. We spoke to everyone from the C-level decision makers who think from the top down, to the hard working credit manager who would be working hands on with our product.

At first it was a nightmare. The concept we put forth was completely foreign to customers that were already very comfortable with their current process. We banged our head against the wall and sought sage advice as to what we needed to do. It became obvious that we needed to bridge the communication gap between us and our prospects. That is when we made a fundamental shift in our approach.

We learned that the language we were using was way outdated. In order to represent the future, we had to remove all traces of the old language when describing our product. That's when we made the switch from being an "Automated Payment Platform for Collections" to a "Web Based Communications Application for Past Due Situations".

Interestingly enough, this simple shift changed people's preconceived notions of what we were offering. We were now able to present our product and guide the prospect to that "wow" moment we had wanted them to feel. This had the effect of opening their minds to what we were offering and eliminated the preconceived notions the old way of doing things had ingrained.

Over the course of this process one very beautiful thing was becoming apparent. We already knew our product had the power to increase the efficiency of the "old way" but also...

What became apparent was that our product had the power to COMPLETELY change the way a company looks at its accounts receivables. How you may ask?

By automating the collections effort through digital communications(SMS/TEXT/E-MAIL) and by using bulk processes that take the same amount of effort to collect on 1 or 10,000 accounts. There is no difference whether they are \$1 or \$10,000 dollars. Our prospects saw this as a "Game Changer."

The beauty of the whole thing is that we set out to make a product that strengthens bonds while opening lines of communication. We applied a focus where respect and relationships are the priority during sensitive past due situations. The technology was just a means to that end.

We made it our mission to show how technology can bridge the communication gap at the exact point where companies lose most of their customers. Once we presented that message in a way that resonated with people, the additional benefits of the technology like: Decreased DSO'S, Improved client relations, Customer retention, Mobile Payments, SMS/TEXT notifications started walking through the door effortlessly.

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## **Industry News**

## **BreEZe System Launches Eight New Programs**

DCA programs on BreEZe now include; Release 1: Board of Barbering & Cosmetology, Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Podiatric Medicine, Board of Psychology, Board of Registered Nursing, Medical Board, Naturopathic Medicine Committee, Osteopathic Medical Board and Respiratory Care Board. Release 2: (launched January 19, 2016) Board of Occupational Therapy, Board of Optometry, Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians, Bureau of Security & Investigative Services, Dental Board, Dental Hygiene Committee, Physical Therapy Board and Veterinary Medical Board

BreEZe is the new online, enterprise-wide licensing and enforcement system that is modernizing the way DCA's boards and bureaus do business, as well as the way licensees, license applicants and consumers interact with DCA programs. The BreEZe project was approved in 2009 and work on developing and implementing the project began in 2011. In October 2013, the first 10 boards launched onto the BreEZe system. Now that Release 2 has gone live, as recommended by the State Auditor, DCA will conduct a thorough cost-benefit analysis to address the needs of the remaining boards and bureaus not on BreEZe.

If you need additional information, please contact Jason Piccione, DCA's Chief Information Officer (916) 574-8004 or Jason.Piccione@dca.ca.gov.

## Vivint is Latest Company to Connect with ASAP

Vivint, one of the largest smart home technology providers in North America with more than 850,000 customers, is the latest national alarm company to go live with ASAP®.

"We are very pleased to announce that Vivint has completed testing and officially is live with ASAP messaging," said CSAA President Pamela J. Petrow. "They join the ever-growing list of companies actively participating in this technology and further increasing our accuracy and speed at getting emergency information to the first responders."

"We are excited to be live with our first PSAP—Richmond, VA," said Amy Becht, Vivint Director of Central Stations. "We plan on steadily adding additional PSAPs in the coming weeks."

ASAP was launched in 2011 as a public-private partnership, designed to increase the efficiency and reliability of emergency electronic signals from central station alarm companies to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). ASAP utilizes ANSI standard protocols developed cooperatively by the Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO) and the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA).

With ASAP, critical life safety signals and accurate information is processed more quickly, through the Nlets system of state-to-state PSAP communication, insuring that complete and accurate information is transmitted to the PSAP every time. The ASAP program has the potential to save PSAPs and emergency services millions of dollars.

For more information, visit www.csaaintl.org/asap.





## ORANGE COUNTY ALARM ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 2149, Newport Beach, CA 92659 800-339-1420 www.alarmassociation.org

#### **2016 OCAA MEETINGS**

$\Diamond$	March 16	OCAA	General	Meeting		Anaheim
$\Diamond$	June 16	OCAA	Golf To	urnamen	t	Anaheim
$\Diamond$	September 21	<b>OCAA</b>	General	Meeting		Anaheim
$\Diamond$	November 16	<b>OCAA</b>	General	Meeting		Anaheim

#### **CITY OF IRVINE PERMITS**

The City of Irvine requires all alarm users to register their systems with a no fee permit. Alarm users may obtain an alarm permit application at the Irvine Police department website at www.irvinepd.org. The City also offers quarterly Alarm Awareness Classes to help defray the cost of false alarm fines. For more information about the City's alarm program you can contact the Alarm Coordinator at 949-724-7066. Classes are 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. and fee is \$15.

For information contact:

Cristine Gaiennie Regulatory Affairs Supervisor Irvine Police Department, 949-724-7066 cgaiennie@cityofirvine.org

For more information about OCAA activities, contact the OCAA office at 800-339-1420 or email OCAlarmAssoc@aol.com. Visit our new website at www.alarmassociation.org for meeting information and registration forms, training opportunities, members list and a whole lot more.



## East Bay Alarm Association

Mike Salk, President

#### **2016 EBAA MEETINGS**

$\Diamond$	March 8	<b>EBAA</b>	General	Meeting	Richmond
$\Diamond$	May 10	<b>EBAA</b>	General	Meeting	Richmond
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	•			Meeting	
$\Diamond$	November 8	<b>EBAA</b>	General	Meeting	Richmond

Our General Meetings are held at Chevy's, 3101 Garrity Way, Richmond. The meetings start at 11:30 a.m. For further information, contact EBAA President Mike Salk 510-652-2477. RSVP to 800-437-7658, Ext. 3 or info@caaonline.org.



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## REDWOOD ALARM ASSOCIATION

Sean Cooke, President scooke@allguardsystems.com 800-255-4273

**2016 RAA MEETINGS** 

Meetings are held at 11:30 am at Johnny Garlic's, 8988 Brooks Road South, Windsor. Please RSVP to cori@advancedsecurity.us or call 707-443-6366.

The Redwood Alarm Association met on Wednesday, January 27, 2016.

The speaker was Matt Harris, Crime Analyst from the Sonoma County Sherriff's Office. He shared statistics, reporting and research they use at the Sherriff's dept. It was a well-attended meeting and provided lively discussion.

The next RAA meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2016. If you have any questions or want to participate in the Redwood Alarm Association please contact Sean Cooke at scooke@allguardsystems.com or 800-255-4273.

If you have any questions or want to participate in the Redwood Alarm Association, please contact Sean Cooke at scooke@all-guardsystems.com or 800-255-4273.

Dan Walker, Interlogix, and Sean Cooke, All Guard Systems, networking at the November RAA meeting.





## GREATER VALLEY ALARM ASSOCIATION

Joe Castro, President

#### **2016 GVAA MEETINGS**

$\Diamond$	April 9	<b>GVAA General Meeting</b>	gManteca
$\Diamond$	July 9	<b>GVAA General Meeting</b>	Manteca
$\Diamond$	October 8	<b>GVAA</b> General Meeting	Manteca

Our meetings are held at Custom Electronic Supply, 1324 Dupont CT, Manteca 95336 and they will start at 11:30 a.m. GVAA meetings are held on the second Thursday of every third month (once a quarter) at the above location. Please contact Joe Castro at 209-384-3305 or by email at josephc@alarmwatch.com for more information.



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## San Diego Security Association

Jason Beardsley, President

#### **2016 SDSA MEETINGS**

$\Diamond$	February 23	.SDSA	<b>General Meeting</b>	San Diego
$\Diamond$	May 17	.SDSA	<b>General Meeting</b>	San Diego
$\Diamond$	August 25 (tent.)	.SDSA	Day at the Races	Del Mar
$\Diamond$	September 20	.SDSA	General Meeting	San Diego
$\Diamond$	December 14	.SDSA	Holiday Bash	San Diego

#### City of San Diego Permit Process

The San Diego Security Association and SIAC have been working cooperatively with the City of San Diego to assist with their fire alarm program, and now their burglar alarm program. The police are requesting alarm companies to submit their active burglar, panic and holdup alarm customer lists to the San Diego Police Department. The preferred method is to send your excel customer list electronically by email to Hilda Gonzalez-Reed at hgonzalezreed@pd.sandiego.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Hilda Gonzalez Reed at hgonzalezreed@pd.sandiego.gov or 619-531-2247.

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## GLASAA

Greater Los Angeles Security Alarm Association

Tom Rankin, President

#### **GLASAA MEETINGS 2016**

$\Diamond$	February 16	GLASAA	General	Meeting.	Los Angeles
$\Diamond$	April 19	GLASAA	General	Meeting.	Los Angeles
$\Diamond$	June 21	GLASAA	General	Meeting.	Los Angeles
$\Diamond$	August 16	GLASAA	Summer	Outing	Los Angeles
$\Diamond$	October 6	GLASAA	Golf Cla	ssic	Los Angeles
$\Diamond$	December 13.	GLASAA	Holiday	Party	Los Angeles

#### **GLASAA Meetings and Events**

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Contact GLASAA at 888-826-9149 or through the web at www. glasaa.org if you would like to contribute by serving on a committee.





## GOLDEN GATE ALARM ASSOCIATION

Dave Hood, President | 800-684-1111 | dhood@firstalarm.com

#### **2016 GGAA MEETINGS**

♦ February 10 .... GGAA General Meeting
 ♦ June 8 ..... GGAA General Meeting
 ♦ October 12..... GGAA General Meeting

 $For \ further \ information, \ contact \ Dave \ Hood \ at \ dhood @first alarm.$ 



Rudy Alva of Allied Security Systems and Derek Bradshaw of The Alarm Guys were welcomed to the CAA Winter Convention by Dan Walker of Interlogix.



## INLAND EMPIRE ALARM ASSOCIATION

#### Matt Standiford, President

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#### **2016 IEAA MEETINGS**

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$\Diamond$	February 25	<b>IEAA</b>	General	Meeting	Riverside
$\Diamond$	May 19	<b>IEAA</b>	General	Meeting	Riverside
$\Diamond$	September 22	<b>IEAA</b>	General	Meeting	Riverside
$\Diamond$	November 10	<b>IEAA</b>	General	Meeting	Riverside

If you would like to attend a meeting or if you have a desire to get involved, then please join us or call 800-559-9060.

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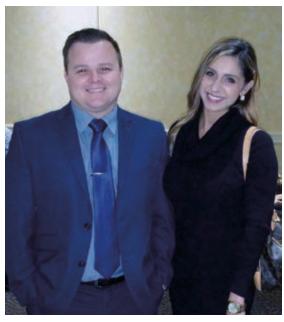
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#### **SVAA 2016 MEETING**

$\Diamond$	April 20 SVAA General Meeting	Santa Clara
$\Diamond$	July 20 SVAA General Meeting	Santa Clara
$\Diamond$	October 19 SVAA General Meeting	Santa Clara

#### **SVAA Information**

If you are not on our e-mail list, please contact Mark Simpson at 408-882-4260 or msimpson@rfi.com. It is so important to get involved with your local associations more than ever and to keep up to date on all the new information.



Ron Crotty and Kristy Johnson of Rapid Response Monitoring at the SVAA General Meeting



Gary and Mindy Buth of Takex with Mitch Reitman of Reitman Consulting Group at the SVAA General Meeting



Steve Currens of CheckVideo, Dan Walker of Interlogix and Greg Caulkins of Eclipse Insurance at the SVAA General Meeting





#### 2016 MID CAL MEETINGS

$\Diamond$	February 17	MCAA	General Meeting	Fresno
$\Diamond$	April 18	<b>MCAA</b>	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Fresno
$\Diamond$	June 1	<b>MCAA</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Fresno
$\Diamond$	September 14	<b>MCAA</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	Fresno
$\Diamond$	November 7	MCAA	<b>Golf Tournament</b>	(tentative) Fresno

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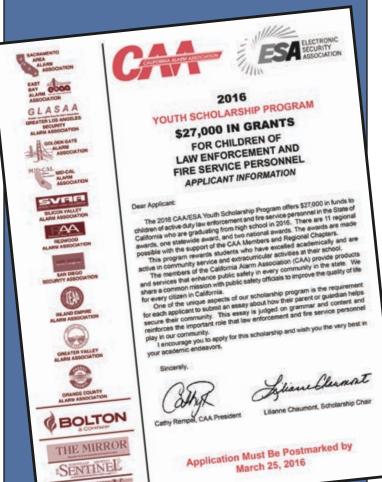






Peter Saar with Jennifer and Rodger Young of Safe Side Security attended the CAA opening exhibits in San Francisco.

CAA Local Associations: Make sure to get your copy of the Youth Scholarship Application for the *children* of active duty law enforcement and fire service personnel in the state of California. This is for children who are graduating from high school in 2016. Call the CAA office or go to www.caaonline.org for an application form.





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This is a great opportunity for Sacramento Security Companies to attend our 9th Annual Police Forum on February 18. It will be at TMS Conference Center at 2440 Glendale Lane Sacramento, CA. 95825 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are 10 Jurisdictions scheduled to be represented from Citrus Heights, Davis, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento City, Sacramento County Sheriff, Yolo County, and Placer County. Local jurisdictions shall be here with S.I.A.C. to discuss the change in types, methods, and abilities for communication of alarm data, current industry trends, alarm ordinances, permit fees, and false alarm fines. S.I.A.C. comes together with local alarm communities and State Law Enforcement by maintaining and educating "dispatch reduction" and "alarm management".

### **2016 SAAA MEETINGS**

$\Diamond$	February 18	SAAA	Police Forum	Sacramento
$\Diamond$	April 14	SAAA	CCTV Forum	Sacramento
$\Diamond$	June 16	SAAA	Mardi Gras Night	Sacramento
$\Diamond$	August 16	SAAA	Industry Trends	Sacramento
$\Diamond$	October 28	SAAA	Fire Forum with SRFMA	Sun City
$\Diamond$	December 15	SAAA	Holiday Party	Sacramento

An RSVP is required for our events. Call 800-437-7658 ext. 3 or email info@caaonline.org.



Jarl Saal of First Alarm with Dorsie Mosher of Davis Mergers & Acquisitions at the CAA Winter Convention.

### **INDUSTRY NEWS**



David Carter of NetOne with Doug Case of Control Networks were welcomed to the California Alarm Association Winter Convention by Keith Baird of Honeywell.





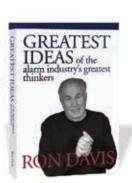


Hank Goldberg with Secure Global Solutions met up with former SIA Executive Director Ron Spiller and his wife Rainey, and past ESA President Bart Didden of USA Central Station at the California Alarm Association Winter Convention in San Francisco.

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April 6-8	ISC West Expo	Las Vegas
April 7	NSA Public Safety Lu	ncheon &
	Scholarship Presentati	onISC-West

Regular meetings take place the second Wednesday of every other month 6:00pm at Gordon Biersch Restaurant, 3987 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89169.

In December the NSA attended the California Alarm Association Winter Convention in San Francisco. The CAA program had excellent speakers, events and chances to network. Be sure to attend this great event in 2016.

Thanks to Karl Bennison, Chief of Enforcement for the NV Gaming Commission. He was our Guest Speaker for January's meeting. It was a great way to kick off the year! Thanks also to Rendal Sharpe of Samsung for being our Vendor Spotlight.

The NSA 2016 Youth Scholarship Program application is now available for download on our website! Let your contacts police and fire departments in Clark County, NV know about this great opportunity for their kids. Application deadline is March 11, 2016.

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Our next member meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 6:00pm. Your chance to join and get full year's benefits is NOW!

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Jon Perry of Sting Alarm and NSA President Greg Simmons of Eagle Sentry welcomed Nevada Gaming Commission Chief of Enforcement Karl Bennison (center) to the January meeting.

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### It's Not Rocket Science

By Ron Walters

For the last two decades the industry has preached the need to reduce false alarms. Throughout those 20 years we have known that user error represented the largest culprit, estimated at over 75% of these costly errors.

It isn't like we haven't addressed the user error issue. In fact, 85% of all of our systems have no incidents in any 12-month period. Once we identified the problem the industry began a campaign called the Dirty Dozen where each company was challenged to identify their 12 worst customers and either fix the alarm or train the customers. Once you addressed those first 12 customers you went on to the next 12 and so on. This process is still an excellent way to address problem customers and many companies still employ various variants, but this is closing the barn after the horse is out.

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We live in the" information age" where just about any data is available, but it serves no purpose if we aren't reading the information, and even less good if we aren't taking action on it. Here are some things you may not be looking at but perhaps should be.

- Ask your monitoring provider to provide your list of the 12 worst customers.
- Make contact with these customers and determine if the problem is technical or training.
- · As you clear one customer add another to your list.
- Address these issues one at a time.

As you clean up the worst of the worst you will begin to see that your worst customers don't have dozens of alarms, instead it will only be a handful.

Remember, servicing a system under warranty, or sending someone out to reeducate a new customer on proper alarm use generates no revenue, and worse yet, erodes customer confidence. We invest time training technicians in proper installing techniques but then we don't train them on how to train the end user?

In Sandy, UT, a suburb of Salt Lake City where they don't respond to alarms, their alarm ordinance is only about the abusers. Instead of registrations along with fees and fines they hold a monthly meeting where each company in attendance is handed a list of their worst customers from the previous month. You are expected to provide the corrective action taken at the next month's meeting. It is amazing what peer pressure can accomplish when your dirty laundry is aired for all to see. In addition, the Alarm Coordinator personally visits the worst violator, that's all, just visits yet Sandy has one of the lowest dispatch rates in the country.

I challenge each of you to look at your problem accounts and address them. To give you a target, your residential accounts should be at .20, or one dispatch every 5 years. The commercial accounts should not be more than 1.2, or one dispatch per year. How do your customers compare against those numbers? Accept this challenge and become part of the solution.

Look, this isn't rocket science. Let's all just be responsible.

\*If you want a copy of the FREE training program email to ronw@ siacinc.org or call Ron Walters at 954-347-4883. This includes the Power-Point presentation and supporting documents.

Ron Walters is a 30+ year veteran of the alarm industry and a Director of SIAC.

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### **WBFAA UATC Offers Online Continuing Education**

The WBFAA UATC is offering an online continuing education program for electronic security systems technicians with nearly 100 hours of course offerings. Registered technicians with member companies will have access to 18 hours of online courses annually at no fee. In addition, registered technicians will have access to courses offered in physical classrooms and can submit third-party training for certification for renewal of the state Fire/Life Safety Certification card. For more information, visit www.wbfaa.net or www.wbfaatraining.net.

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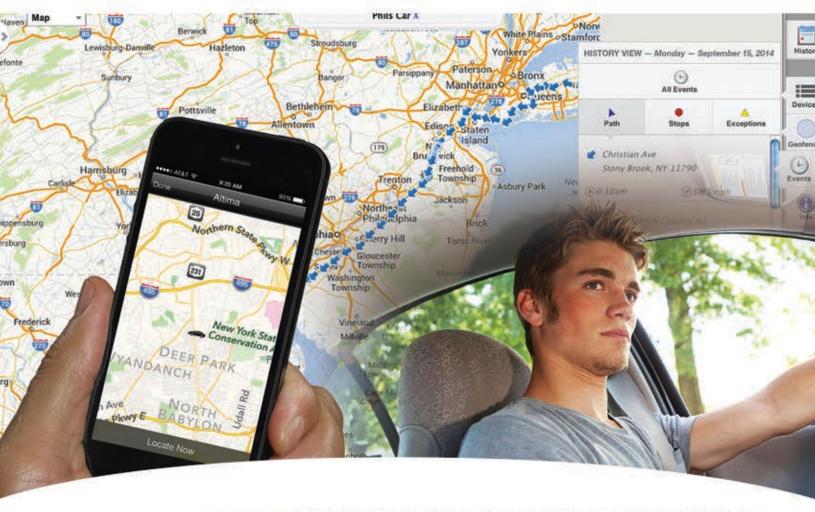
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<b>FEBRU</b> A	ARY	
3	OBFAA General Meeting	
16	GLASAA General Meeting	Los Angeles
	MCAA General Meeting	
18	SAAA Police Forum	Sacramento
23	SDSA General Meeting	San Diego
25	IEAA General Meeting	Riverside
MARCH	[	
8	EBAA General Meeting	Richmond
16	OCAA General Meeting	Anaheim
APRIL		
5	AIREF GOLF	Las Vegas, NV
	AFAA Annual Conference	
	ISC WEST	
14	GVAA General Meeting	Manteca
14	SAAA CCTV Forum	Sacramento
18	MCAA Golf Tournament	Fresno
19	GLASAA General Meeting	Los Angeles
20	SVAA General Meeting	San Jose
27-28	ASIS Security Conference	New York, NY
MAY		
4	OBFAA General Meeting	
	CAA Palm Springs Convention	
10-12	PSA TEC CONFERENCE	Westminster, CO
10	EBAA General Meeting	Richmond
17	SDSA General Meeting	San Diego
19	IEAA General Meeting	Riverside
JUNE		
1	MCAA General Meeting	Fresno
	ESX 2016	
15-17	SIA Government Summit	Washington D.C.
15	RAA General Meeting	Windsor
16	OCAA Golf Tournament	Rancho Santa Margarita
16	SAAA Mardi Gras Night	Sacramento
21	GLASAA General Meeting	Los Angeles

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JULY	
12EBAA General Meeting	
14GVAA General Meeting	Manteca
20SVAA General Meeting	San Jose
AUGUST	
3OBFAA General Meeting	
16GLASAA Summer Outing	Los Angeles
16SAAA Industry Trends	Sacramento
25SDSA Day at the Races	Del Mar
SEPTEMBER	
13EBAA General Meeting	Richmond
14MCAA General Meeting	
20SDSA General Meeting	San Diego
21OCAA General Meeting	
22IEAA General Meeting	Riverside
OCTOBER	
6GLASAA General Meeting	Los Angeles
13GVAA General Meeting	Manteca
19 SVAA General Meeting	San Jose
26RAA General Meeting	Windsor
28 SAAA Fire Forum with SRFMA	Sun City
NOVEMBER	
2OBFAA General Meeting	
7MCAA Golf Tournament	Fresno
8EBAA General Meeting	Richmond
10IEAA General Meeting	Riverside
16OCAA General Meeting	Anaheim
DECEMBER	
7-10CAA Winter Convention	San Francisco Marriott Marquis
13GLASAA Holiday Party	
14SDSA General Meeting	San Diego
15SAAA Holiday Party	Sacramento

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2016	May 4-7	Palm Springs Hilton
		San Francisco Marriott Marquis
2017	May 10-13	Palm Springs Hilton
		San Francisco Marriott Marquis

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April 5 SIA/ISC Loves Security, Rock House Las Vegas April 5-7

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April 5-8

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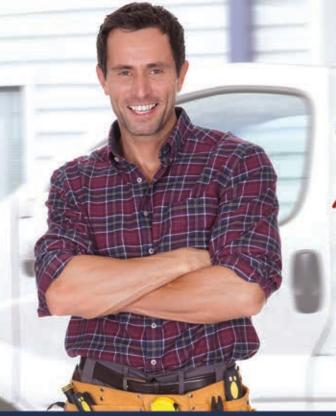
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