

## ASIS Cleveland Chapter and Tri-C Forge Security Partnership

The ASIS Cleveland Chapter has a long history with Cuyahoga Community College's Private Security programs:

- Associate Degree in Criminal Justice
- Security Administration
- Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) certification program
- Private Security Training Academy.

Many ASIS members have begun their successful careers with Cuyahoga Community College. Over the years several members have returned to Tri-C to "give back" as adjunct professors and part time instructors. As our chapter moves forward we are looking to grow with the young professionals enrolled in Tri-C programs and to improve our services to our professional members. The Chapter Officers met with Director James Copeland and his staff to develop this working partnership to strengthen the future of our Security Profession.

This Security Partnership is a win-win for our members, Tri-C, and their students. **What are the benefits?**

**Standard Monthly Meeting Location:** Director Copeland has committed to providing the chapter with a venue to hold our monthly chapter meetings. Starting in September our Cleveland chapter meetings will be held at the KeyBank Public Safety Training Center, 11000 W. Pleasant Valley Rd. in Parma (exceptions to this location will be for member-hosted meetings).

**Explore Private Security Programs, Shooting Range:** The September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting is a *must attend* to learn more about the private security programs Tri-C offers and tour their state of the art shooting range.

**Requalification Discount Shooting Range:** Director Copeland has extended a discount rate to their shooting range for member organizations that have armed officers in need of requalification training.

**Fill Open Security Positions:** Members will also benefit from a pool of trained and vetted students who can fill open positions within their organizations. Please post any current and or future job postings with our website and officers.

**Custom Programs/ASIS Experts:** In addition to the current training programs in place, Director Copeland and his staff can work with you to create a custom training program for your department, to include ALICE training. Our chapter can be instrumental to develop further the Tri-C program by introducing our experts in the field as potential guest lecturers for their courses or offering student internships. This transfer of current security information will also benefit students who will get first hand knowledge of operations in the various security sectors.

**Student Chapter:** The ASIS Cleveland officers will work together with Director Copeland to form the Student Chapter of ASIS Cleveland. Our goal is to become liaisons for the students and mentor them into future employment opportunities and, ultimately, a successful private security career. We're confident that you will see the benefit of this partnership and become instrumental in its success. Contact me for answers to your questions, or to explore how you can become involved.

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