

National Capital Chapter Recognizes Certification Holders

Washington, DC's National Capital Chapter recently held its annual Certification Recognition Luncheon at Tyson's Westpark Hotel, McLean, Virginia to acknowledge its 287 members who hold one or more ASIS professional certifications and celebrate 36 chapter members who won CPP, PSP or PCI certification during 2009. They also recognized their newest lifetime CPP holder, Stephen G. Gottrich, Jr., CPP.

Keynote speaker for the event was Colonel (USA Ret) Keith Blowe, CPP, PCB Board member and presently installation project manager for TSA, who discussed some ongoing PCB initiatives and programs including the board's exploration of an Integrated Physical Security Systems certificate program, completion of job analysis's for the CPP and PCI programs and the upcoming PSP job analysis process. Following his prepared remarks, Keith fielded questions from the audience ranging from what motivated him to seek Professional Certification while a career army officer and how certification had helped him through his recent career transition to questions related to cyber security education opportunities through ASIS.



Col Keith Blowe, US Army Ret, discusses PCB initiatives and programs during a recent visit with the National Capital Chapter

Following the presentation, Col Blowe helped Chapter Treasurer and Certification Program Coordinator Jim Saulnier, CPP, present lapel pins to five of the 36 members who comprise the chapter's certification class of 2009. The chapter also took the opportunity to recognize Stephen G. Gottrich, Jr., who had just learned of the approval of his lifetime CPP status. Steve recently retired as Facility Security Officer for MVM Security of Northern Virginia, a position that followed a long and distinguished U.S. Air Force Career. Steve was the Chapter's longtime Secretary and is recognized as its unofficial historian. While enjoying his retirement, Steve still finds times to join chapter colleagues at monthly luncheons.



Keith Blowe, CPP, PCB Board Member (Center) with National Capital Chapter's newest certification recipients. (L-r) Dominic Mason, PSP, Loye Manning, CPP, Jason Goodloe, CPP, Stephen G. Gottrich Jr., Lifetime CPP Awardee, and James McLain, CPP