

Physical Security Council Links

[Alarm Industry Research and Education Foundation](#) (AIREF) is a tax-exempt foundation representing the electronic, life safety, security and systems industry and their associations, under the auspices of the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA). AIREF serves as the research arm of the electronic life safety, security and systems industry engaged in initiatives critical to public safety, consumers and the alarm industry. Through research and education AIREF will provide the resources and statistics that public safety officials can use to better understand and utilize our industry in their effort to protect and serve the community.

[American Fire Sprinkler Association](#) (AFSA) is a non-profit, international association representing open shop fire sprinkler contractors, dedicated to the educational advancement of its members and promotion of the use of automatic fire sprinkler systems. Provides the open shop fire sprinkler contractor with training, consulting, communication, and representation.

[American Hardware Manufacturers Association](#) (AHMA) is the premier trade association serving the hardware, home improvement, lawn and garden, paint and decorating and related industries. AHMA's members include hardware producers, manufacturers' agents and industry trade publications. Membership is open to any company headquartered in the United States and engaged in the manufacture of goods for the hardware/home improvement, lawn and garden, and paint and decorating trade. Any international firm or corporation engaged in the manufacture or marketing of products for the hardware channel is eligible to become a non-voting associate member. Manufacturers' agents and industry trade publications can also join as non-voting associate members.

[American Lighting Association](#) (ALA) is a trade association representing the lighting industry. Its membership includes lighting and fan manufacturers, retail showrooms, sales representatives and lighting designers dedicated to providing the public with the proper application of quality residential lighting.

[Associated Locksmiths of America](#) (ALOA) is an international professional organization of highly qualified security professionals engaged in consulting, sales, installation and maintenance of locks, keys, safes, premises security, access controls, alarms, and other security related endeavors.

[The Biometric Consortium](#) serves as a focal point for research, development, testing, evaluation, and application of biometric-based personal identification/verification technology.

[Building Owners and Managers Association](#) (BOMA) has a mission to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. Website has section on Security and Emergency Preparedness.

[Canadian Security Association](#) (CANASA) is a national non-profit organization, established in 1977 and dedicated to promoting the interests of its members and the safety and security of all Canadians. They are the national voice of the security industry and have a growing membership of more than one thousand companies across Canada, representing all major segments of the industry. CANASA has a comprehensive network of services, including high quality security education, advocacy, marketing, communications, leading industry trade shows and the latest industry information and news.

[Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat](#) was established to facilitate professional exchanges among those involved in all aspects of the planning, design, construction and operation of tall buildings and the urban habitat. Its primary goal is to promote better urban environments by maximizing the international interaction of professionals, and by making the latest knowledge available to its members and to the public at large in useful form.

[Door and Hardware Institute](#) (DHI) is a professional organization that serves the North American marketplace as the advocate and primary resource for information, professional development and certification resource for the architectural openings industry with a focus on the channels of distribution. The purpose of DHI is to provide its members with the skills and competencies to compete successfully in the advancement of the safety and security of the built environment.

[Illuminating Engineering Society of North America](#) (IESNA) is the recognized technical authority on illumination. For over ninety years its objective has been to communicate information on all aspects of good lighting practice to its members, to the lighting community, and to consumers through a variety of programs, publications, and services. The strength of the IESNA is its diversified membership: engineers, architects, designers, educators, students, contractors, distributors, utility personnel, manufacturers, and scientists, all contributing to the mission of the Society: to advance knowledge and disseminate information for the improvement of the lighted environment to the benefit of society.

[International Association of Arson Investigators](#) (IAAI) is a worldwide organization of fire investigators, fire service/law enforcement professionals and other related disciplines dedicated to the promotion of professional standards in fire investigation, fire safety, public education and awareness of fire-related issues, and the suppression of arson.

[International Association of Fire Chiefs](#) (IAFC) is a network of more than 12,000 chief fire and emergency officers. Their members are the world's leading experts in fire fighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search & rescue, and public safety legislation. Their mission is to provide leadership to career and volunteer chiefs, chief fire officers and managers of emergency service organizations throughout the international community through vision, information, education, services and representation to enhance their professionalism and capabilities.

[International Association of Investigative Locksmiths](#) (IAIL) is a group of locksmiths, security professionals, police officers, insurance investigators and others with an interest in the benefits of investigative locksmithing to the community as a whole. IAIL is involved in developing this profession, learning as much as possible about this field and helping to share that knowledge with others of a like mind. They believe in cooperation between the investigative agencies and the technical personnel, i.e. locksmiths and security professionals; and through that cooperation, providing a service to the law-abiding community. Their goals are: to educate the public in this field of investigative locksmithing through seminars and meetings, with the intent of improving the safety and security of the public in general; and, to educate locksmiths, police officers, insurance investigators and security professionals in the capabilities and techniques used in this field of investigative locksmithing.

[International Biometric Industry Association](#) (IBIA) is a trade association founded in September 1998 in Washington, D.C. to advance the collective international interests of the biometric industry. IBIA is impartially dedicated to serve all biometric technologies in all applications. IBIA speaks with authority for the biometric industry to the public opinion leaders, and

government officials in the U.S. and abroad. Biometrics are technologies that automatically confirm the identity of people by comparing patterns of physical or behavioral characteristics in real time against enrolled computer records of those patterns. Leading biometric technologies accomplish this task by scanning patterns of the face, fingerprint, hand, iris, palm, signature, skin, or voice.

[International CPTED Association](#) (ICA) is committed to creating safer environments and improving the quality of life through the use of CPTED principles and strategies. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) focuses on the social territoriality of an area. Its basic premise is that the proper design and effective use of the physical environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, thereby improving the quality of life.

[International Foundation for Protection Officers \(IFPO\)](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the training and certification needs of protection officers and security supervisors/managers from both the commercial and proprietary sectors.

[International Guards Unions of America](#) is a union that is unique, especially in its Executive Board, which is composed entirely of working guards. This is very important to the membership, as it permits them to use practically all the dues money from the members for their Local's benefit. The Officers are very conservative, and being working Guards are aware of their problems and are dedicated to helping other Guards, without reaping monetary gains for themselves. Prior to passage of the Labor Management Regulation Act (now commonly known as the Taft-Hartley law) most all organized Guards belonged to some segment of the AFL or the CIO Unions. The present organization, which was affiliated with the Building Services Employees International Union, CIO, formed its own Independent International Union early in 1948. This union works for benefits for security guards and officers, such as proper wages - protections against unfair discharge - paid vacations - seniority - sick leave and the many other benefits that organization can give.

[International Security Management Association](#) is an international security association of senior security executives from major business organizations located worldwide. ISMA's mission is to provide and support an international forum of selected security executives whose combined expertise will be utilized in a synergistic manner in developing, organizing, assimilating, and sharing knowledge within security disciplines for the ultimate purpose of enhancing professional and business standards.

[National Association of Security Companies](#) (NASCO) is dedicated to promoting and sustaining professional integrity and competence throughout every aspect of the private security business. At the forefront of efforts to set meaningful standards for the private security industry, NASCO also monitors proposed state and federal legislation and regulations that might affect the quality and/or effectiveness of private security services.

[National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association](#) (NBFAA) is the nation's oldest and largest association dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security, and systems industry. Through a federation of state associations, NBFAA reaches grass roots members, enabling them to band together on national issues, and delivering to them industry information, professional development tools, products, and services.

[National Council of Investigation and Security Services](#) (NCISS) is a cooperative effort of those companies and associations responsible for providing private security and investigation services

to the legal profession, business community, government and the public. Daily, there are an increasing number of problems confronting the orderly growth of this profession. These problems include, among others: overly restrictive legislation regarding training and standards, proliferation of legislation requiring local licensing, public misunderstanding and misinformation on the role and contribution of private investigators and security services, and an uninformed media. It is the role of NCISS to meet and solve these problems while seeking to uncover and recommend action on any hidden potential problems which may have an effect on the profession.

[National Electronic Disease Surveillance System](#) (NEDSS) is an initiative that promotes the use of data and information system standards to advance the development of efficient, integrated, and interoperable surveillance systems at federal, state and local levels. A primary goal of NEDSS is the ongoing, automatic capture and analysis of data that are already available electronically. It is a major component of the Public Health Information Network (PHIN). The vision of NEDSS is to have integrated surveillance systems that can transfer appropriate public health, laboratory, and clinical data efficiently and securely over the Internet. NEDSS will revolutionize public health by gathering and analyzing information quickly and accurately. This will help to improve the nation's ability to identify and track emerging infectious diseases and potential bioterrorism attacks as well as to investigate outbreaks and monitor disease trends.

[National Fire Prevention Week](#) is a website dedicated to National Fire Prevention Week. Contains information on the history of fire prevention, and the Great Chicago Fire, which led up to starting National Fire Prevention Week. Promotes fire safety and education, exit drills in the home, and gives fire safety tips. Also gives fire prevention lesson plans to teach fire prevention to children of all ages.

[National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) is an international nonprofit association with the mission to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

[National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center](#) (NLECTC) was created in 1994 as a component of the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ's) Office of Science and Technology. The NLECTC system serves as an "honest broker" offering support, research findings, and technological expertise to help State and local law enforcement and corrections personnel perform their duties more safely and efficiently. The NLECTC system consists of facilities across the country that are colocated with an organization or agency that specializes in one or more specific areas of research and development. Although each NLECTC facility has a different technology focus, they work together to form a seamless web of support, providing technology assistance, support, and information.

[National Lighting Bureau](#) (NLB) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to educate lighting decision-makers about the benefits of High-Benefit Lighting. The NLB is sponsored by professional societies, trade associations, manufacturers, utilities, and agencies of the federal government. High-Benefit Lighting is designed considering the requirements of the people, spaces, and tasks involved, achieving your lighting objectives while minimizing the cost of energy consumption and maintenance. The NLB has produced guidebooks to help non-technical lighting decision makers understand lighting and the related issues and choices facing them. The NLB also sponsors the annual High-Benefit Lighting Awards Program (HBLAP). The Program was created to identify and recognize lighting installations that demonstrate the value derived from High-Benefit Lighting.

[Safe Spaces: Designing for Security and Civic Values](#) is a forum presented by the American Society of Landscape Architects. The forum occurred on July 25-27, 2004. The theme was that security design should protect the public in a manner that preserves the integrity of our buildings, public spaces, and communities while demonstrating the values of an open and accessible society. Showed how the leading experts in the field were meeting this difficult challenge. Explored the latest practices, tools, techniques, and building materials for establishing effective, transparent security design. Plenary and concurrent sessions focused on threat assessment, public process, planning and design, technology, materials, methods, and historic preservation. This website contains information from that forum that is still useful today.

[Security Police and Fire Professionals of America](#) (SPFPA) is the oldest, largest and fastest growing Security, Police union in the United States. Today. The SPFPA represents over 27,000 security police professionals across the U.S. and Canada. SPFPA members provide security services for the Department of Defense/NASA, Aerospace, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Federal Courts, Nuclear Facilities, Prisons, Detention Centers, Correctional Facilities, Armored Car, Casinos. Arts and entertainment, Federal, State and County Buildings, Military Installations, Universities, Hospitals, Public Utilities, Automotive, Airports, Seaports, Homeland Security Facilities and Industry. The SPFPA staff help negotiate contracts, settle grievances, enforce contracts, organize the unorganized and assist in answering members questions. The professional and technical staff is available to help members with wage and benefit issues, safety and health issues, and legal issues.

[Service Employees International Union](#) (SEIU) is an international union representing workers in several professions – health care, public service, industrial and building services – including security. Includes a section on the status of security standards on a state-level, covering certification/licensing of officers, evacuation training and background checks, and regulatory board for the profession.

[Smart Card Alliance](#) is a not-for profit, multi-industry association working to accelerate the widespread acceptance of multiple application smart card technology. Their membership includes leading companies in the banking, financial services, computer, telecommunications, technology, healthcare, retail, and entertainment industries, as well as a number of government agencies. The convergence of these major industry players is unprecedented and represents a shared vision and commitment to providing an interoperable platform for the delivery of a new generation of products and services based on smart card technology. Their mission is to stimulate the understanding, adoption, use and widespread acceptance of single and multi-application smart card technology through specific projects such as educational programs, market research, advocacy, industry relations and by bringing together, in an open forum, leading users and technologists from both the public and private sectors.

[United Government Security Officers of America International Union](#) (UGSOA) has become one of the fastest growing unions representing specialized security officers. With more than 130 chartered local unions in the United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam, they attribute their success to a proven record of winning improvements for security professionals and a commitment to member governance and involvement. UGSOA members are among the most skilled officers in the nation working at DOE, DOD, NRC, Homeland Security and federal and state facilities. UGSOA has built its reputation on winning some of the best contracts in the industry with major contractors such as Wackenhut, Akal, and Securitas.

[U.S. Fire Administration](#) (USFA) is an entity of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support. USFA serves the Nation independently, in coordination with other Federal agencies, and in partnership with fire protection and emergency service communities. With a commitment to excellence, they provide public education, training, technology and data initiatives.

[Access Control & Security Systems](#) is a magazine that focuses on how America's commercial, industrial and institutional facilities employ security systems to make their sites safer. This publication reports on the equipment used in security systems, and especially on how that equipment is integrated into "security solutions."

[Security Distributing and Marketing Magazine](#) is a publication covering security systems and integration. Website contains articles, special reports, guides, news, a job bank, and access to marketing information.

[Security Magazine](#) is the magazine for buyers of security, life safety and integrated products, systems and contracted services in business, industry and government.

[Security Management Magazine](#) is the magazine of the ASIS (formerly the American Society of Industrial Security). Contains ideas and practices for business and industrial security managers.

[Security Products Magazine](#) concentrates on delivering the most up-to-date information for those who buy and specify products and services in the security, safety and fire protection fields. Security Products gives practical advice on how to stay one step ahead of the market through informative features, industry news and hundreds of new product releases twelve times a year.