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Richmond, Va. (October 13, 2011)-American Security Group (ASG) announced today that Dennis Dahlin, Training Director and Richard Thornton, Tidewater Area Manager, both have successfully completed the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Campus Security Officer (CSO) Instructor Certification program.

The “CSO” program is regulated by the DCJS Office of Campus Policing and Security. In 2004 “...the General Assembly, through House Joint Resolution (HJR122), requested the Virginia State Crime Commission to study safety at Virginia’s institutions of higher education. As a result, DCJS created the Office of Campus Policing and Security (OCPS) to address the law requiring minimum training and employment standards for campus security officers.”

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SG President John Hall, III states that “Campuses across Virginia are seeing the value in contracting with experienced and trained private security firms to augment their in-house staffs. With our already established training academy, this program adds value and another level of training to our existing security officer training curricula. ASG’s new CSO curriculum helps to fill the current gap in this critical area of professional security training.

American Security Group Announces Board Appointment *Company President and Security Veteran Serves State-Affiliated Board*

Richmond, Va. (August 15, 2011)-American Security Group announced today that President John Hall, III has been appointed to the Private Security Services Advisory Board, whose purpose is to provide advice and comment to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). In addition to his regular role, Hall has also agreed to lead the Committee on Training, which reports to the Private Security Services Advisory Board. The advisory board members are appointed by the Criminal Justice Services Board.

Through the one year appointment, Hall, along with the entire board, will work to further security intelligence by discussing trends in the private and public sectors and advise the Criminal Justice Services Board on matters related to private security businesses regulation. There are 15 members that serve on the Board.

"Based on his nearly 20 years in the industry, John's extensive knowledge will be helpful as the board provides advice related to private sector, which may be considered when the Department develops and updates existing industry regulations." said Lisa McGee, regulatory manager, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Division of Regulatory Affairs. "As a government agency, relationships with the private sector allow us to continually enhance integrated and technology-based support, services, programs, and practices that benefit our entire Commonwealth."

"Partnerships between national, state and community governments and private industries are increasingly critical," said Hall. "DCJS is applauded for their efforts to further establish such ground-breaking partnerships." In addition to providing customized contract security services for state, local and federal governments and Fortune 500 companies, American Security Group provides extensive training to those new to the industry and experienced security professionals. Such educational insights will further Hall's contributions to the state organization.



NEW: Campus Security Officer Training!

The 2006 General Assembly enacted legislation requiring all Campus Security Officers employed on Virginia's college and university campuses to successfully complete minimum entry-level employment, training, and certification requirements. Participation in this upcoming course meets the entry-level training requirement for all existing campus security personnel as well as new hires. This course consists of four modules of content developed and approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services, including but not limited to:

- Relevant state and federal laws;
- School and personal liability issues;
- Security awareness in the campus environment;
- Mediation and conflict resolution;
- Disaster and emergency response; and
- Behavioral dynamics.

PLEASE NOTE: Virginia Campus Security Officer Certification Training is intended for college and university campus security personnel, and includes private security personnel serving in a campus security function. Campus Security Officer means any person employed by or contracted to a college or university for the sole purpose of maintaining peace and order and who is primarily responsible for ensuring the safety, security, and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Certified law enforcement officers as defined in Â§ 9.1-101 are not included in this definition.

Training Exception: Contracted personnel who hold a valid private security services registration as an unarmed or armed security officer as defined under Â§9.1-138 are exempt from these training standards **provided that their duties are limited to event security.**

Part-time officers employed or contracted to any one institution, or any combination of institutions in Virginia, are exempt from this training requirement **provided the aggregate hours worked by the officer during the calendar year does not exceed one hundred and twenty (120) hours.**

Law enforcement officers in need of this training for purposes of CSO instructor credentials will receive 14.5 total credit hours (2 Legal, 12.5 Career Development) for participation in this training. ASG Training now has two (2) trained CSO Instructors whom will conduct training as needed in Richmond and VA Beach, VA. Courses will be listed on our training calendar, minimum number of students required.

Congratulations to Brad Hughes for successfully completing the “Speed Operator Basic Course” at Crater Criminal Justice Academy.

Congratulations to Dennis Dahlin and Rick Thornton for successfully completing the “Campus Security Officer” course.