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New Slate of Officers Elected at the CAA Winter Convention 2022

The California Alarm Association held elections for the 2023-2024 officer positions at the General Session, December 2, during the Winter Convention in San Francisco, CA.

- President: Sean Cooke, AllGuard Alarm Systems
- Vice President North: Matt Hoffman, Hoffman Security
- Vice President South: Matt Kruger, Ranch & Coast Security
- Secretary: Tim Westphal, Bay Alarm Company
- Treasurer: Dave Michel, Valley Alarm
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Chuck Petrusha receives the Weinstock Award from CAA President Mike Salk, at the 2022 CAA Winter Convention.

CAA Winter Convention 2022 A Success!

The California Alarm Association held their Winter Convention over four days, November 30-December 3, at the stunning Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, CA. The event offered the 300+ attendees the opportunity to network, view the latest trends and technologies available in the California marketplace from over 60 exhibiting companies, and honor the 2022 George A. Weinstock Award Winner, Chuck Petrusha from Advanced Security Systems of Eureka, CA for his lifetime of service and volunteer work to the Electronic Security Industry.

Wednesday was the opening day of the event and was filled with various Association meetings which was capped by an opening reception in the Crown Room offering majestic panoramic views of the city. Over 150 industry professionals turned out for this networking event over an open bar.

Thursday was opened by the inaugural Harvey J. Eisenstadt Sales Symposium, a peer-to-peer sales training seminar cohosted by industry veterans Kelly Bond of Davis Mergers & Acquisitions and Audrey Pierson of Audrey Pierson Consulting. Kirk MacDowell of MacGuard Security Advisors organized and conducted opening statements with additional commentary from family.

Following the opening Symposium, a day full of educational workshops were conducted by representatives of several manufacturers and industry service providers. The day concluded

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CAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be elected as you incoming President of the California Alarm Association.

First, I would like to thank Mike Salk for his leadership and guidance over the past two years. His dedication to our organization has helped us grow and thrive, and I am grateful for his contributions.

I am excited to take on this new role and lead our association into the future. Our industry is constantly evolving, and it is important that we stay ahead of the curve. We must continue to advocate for our membership and the alarm industry as a whole.

I am committed to working with our Board of Directors and membership to identify and address the challenges that we may face, and to find solutions that will help us to grow and prosper. I believe that by working together, we can achieve great things for our association and industry.



By Sean Cooke

The CAA Winter Convention went off with great success. Attendance was back to prepandemic levels with more than 300 attendees and more than 100 exhibiting companies. We had more than 20 workshop sessions that covered a myriad of alarm industry topics and current challenges dealers are facing in the industry today.

We held the inaugural Harvey Eisenstadt Sales Symposium where Kelly Bond and Audrey Pierson both gave great presentations and insights that sharpened our selling and closing skills. Thank you to Kirk MacDowell (lead chair) for organizing the inaugural Symposium. I know Harvey would be extremely honored and proud of the legacy you are caring on.

We also got to honor Chuck Petrusha as this year's CAA George A. Weinstock Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Thank you, Chuck, for all the hard work and dedication you have provided to the industry over the course of your career.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our sponsors at the CAA Winter Convention. We had a total of 40 Sponsoring Companies with revenues exceeding \$152,000. Your support is critical to the success of the Association. Thank you again for your contributions.

Moving into 2023, I am looking forward to our Day on Capitol Hill, ISC West, CAA Palm Springs Convention, in-person meetings throughout our 11 chapters, and active involvement from membership.

Thank you again for the support and your confidence in me. I look forward to serving as your President and working with each and every one of you to advance the interest of the California Alarm Association.

Here's to a happy and prosperous 2023!



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We also thank our "Valued Contributors." Please check out our next blog for more on the value they bring to SIAC and the security industry at large.

We've had many successes over the years, but none could come without your support on alarm management issues and financially. The good work we do is reflective of the security industry's leadership on these issues. Again, our thanks to all of you, and stay tuned for 2023.





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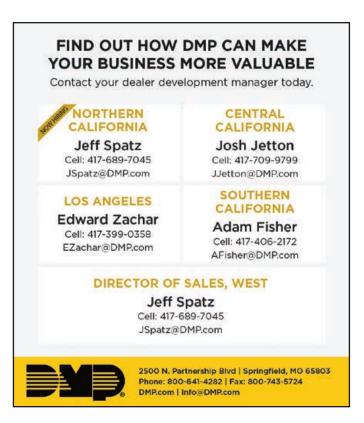
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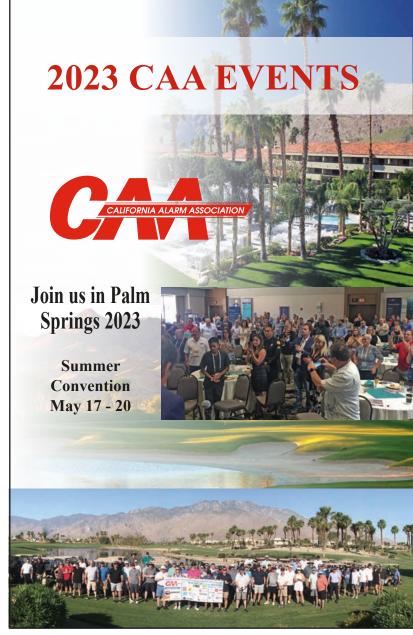
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(L to R) Ralph Sevinor of Wayne Alarm, John Del Padre of Granite Telecommunications, and Nathan Raustad of Wayne Alarm at the Thursday night Exhibits



(L to R) Moderator Les Gold of MSK and Panelists Patrick Egan of Egan Security Group, Deanna Blair of Alula, Ralph Sevinor of Wayne Alarm, Yat-Cheong Au of AEC Alarms after Saturday's Industry Incorrect Breakfast.



(L to R) Rich Whitlock, Dave Michel, Sean Cooke, Tim Westphal after General Session at Winter Convention



(L to R) NMCs Todd Shuff, Tatiana Abramek, Woodie Andrawos, Mark Matlock and Mark Conger at the Thursday night exhibits

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with Exhibits over open bar which provided opportunity for showcasing products, services, and new relationships.

Friday was a packed day kicking off with Exhibits leading into the General Session, which honored the event sponsors, covered various topics of CAA related affairs and conducted the final election for the 2023-2024 CAA officers. Following the General Session, the Keynote Address was given by Tim Whall, former CEO of ADT Security Services and current board member of Alarm.Com. In the afternoon, another industry stalwart, George De Marco, moderated a dynamic panel of progressive industry professionals to discuss opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for the system integrator, traditional alarm dealer, DIYs and monitoring centers alike.

Friday concluded with the George A. Weinstock Award Dinner and Presentation to Chuck Petrusha. Over one hundred fifty individuals consisting of family, friends, and industry constituents convened to honor a lifetime of service to the CAA and Electronic Security Industry.

The Industry Incorrect Breakfast on Saturday concluded the event with a panel discussion lead by Les Gold, CAA legal counsel, discussing the evolving dynamic of conducting business in California and the challenges of retaining top industry talent.

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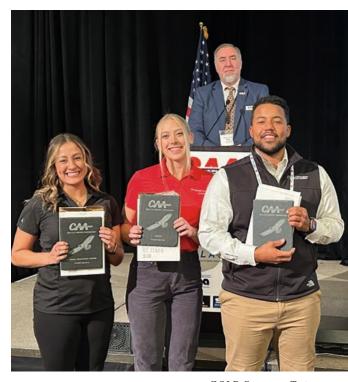




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GOLD Sponsors Tatiana Abramek of NMC, Resideo, and Julian Flamer of Alarm. Com were recognized during Friday's General Session



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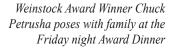
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CAA President Mike Salk addresses audience at the Friday General Session of the Winter Convention



Weinstock Award Winner Chuck Petrusha, family and friends at the Award Dinner





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GIES, is pleased to offer expanded free trainings to dealers, locksmiths and integrators on both its easier-to-install, faster-to-deploy, cellular- or cloud-based access control system solutions. Its new AirAccess systems, powered by StarLink Cellular; and, E-Access software-free systems, are a great alternative to complex enterprise systems and far simple to scale for SMBs. These intro classes, cover both

systems, and are designed to help security dealers get in on the profitable, in-demand, mass Access Control business, using technologies that save time and complexity, by avoiding conventional networking &/or IT-Dept interactions and delays. Also new from Napco is E-Access, a Software-Free embedded access system that frees dealers from costs, time, and trouble spent loading access control software onsite and doing perpetual updates to it and associated drivers or hardware down the roadBoth systems, sold at Napco distributors, are super-scalable from a few doors and users to hundreds, and they offer easy smart mobile Apps with free built-in credentials and command-control and lock-down security for authorized users.

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tive guidelines for securing school facilities, created by a multidisciplinary team spanning security, education, infrastructure, and corporate sectors. PASS presents the comprehensive tools and insights needed for public safety and security professionals; school administrators and school boards, to work in concert to implement a tiered school security protection approach, from inside to the outer perimeter. "NAPCO 's joining the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools was a natural for us – Knowledge is power, and it's especially critical when it comes to school security, from my perspective both as NAPCO's SVP of Sales, as well as the father of school-age children," said Stephen Spinelli. As part of our PASS K-12 partnership, we will now be developing new school security training courses, and incorporating the PASS K-12 Program, taught by certified NAPCO trainers, for security providers and campus security professionals.

DITEK, the leading provider of surge protection solutions, is proud to announce the launch of their digital training platform, DITEK University, in partnership with SecurityCEU.com and the CMOOR Group. DITEK



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nari, Director of Sales at DITEK. "We have provided in-person instruction to tens of thousands of technicians, salespeople and project managers

across many venues including auditoriums and one-on-one training sessions. We are so excited to now bring this experience and education to a broader audience when and where they need it." Future courses will be developed by DITEK in conjunction with SecurityCEU.com and the CMOOR Group. Attendees are encouraged to revisit DITEK University for more training opportunities, as well as approvals for continuing education accreditation for available eLearning courses.

BECKLAR, AVANTGUARD and FREEUS have earned for a fourth consecutive year the Salt Lake Tribune Top Workplaces Award in the Midsized Company category for the state of Utah. Regarding the award, Clint Halverson, CPO for Becklar — parent company to AvantGuard and Freeus — said, "We are excited once again to be recognized as one of the top places to work in Utah. Our outperformance as a business is largely attributable to our amazing team and our powerful culture that puts caring for each other, our dealers and their subscribers at the center of all that we do. Our senior management team has decades of experience and is well-versed in innovating to drive growth and supporting that growth with a culture that allows each team member to bring their best self to work each day. Our people are at the core of our amazing culture. We hire and train only the best to ensure our culture thrives."

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HAKIMO, announced that its AI solution has completed operational test and evaluation by National Safe Skies Alliance, Inc. (Safe Skies) at San Diego International Airport. Safe Skies, an independent third-party



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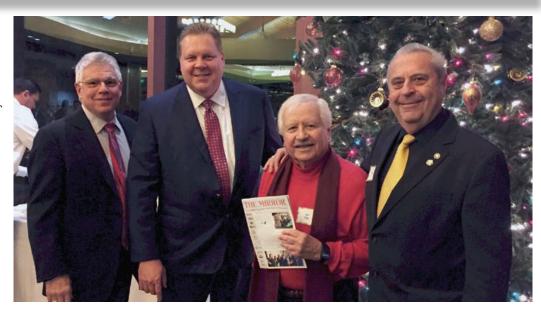




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NTC announces a new training program: New Employee Basic Training.

With unprecedented, industry-wide struggles to find qualified employees, NTC offers a way to hire competent workers and train them to be qualified employees. Offered once a month beginning in January, students that are new to the industry – or individuals that want to diversify their skills – will receive over 40 hours of foundational training in Fire Alarm Systems, Intrusion Systems, Video Security Systems, and Access Control Systems. The program uses a combination of live, instructor-led, virtual training as well as additional online training that is assigned and monitored by the same instructor. The program also includes access to Core Competency Certification (C3) exams in each of the four systems so that students will be C3 Level 1 Certified upon completion of the program.

Students that completed the program in late 2022 have expressed feeling prepared to take on the day to day responsibilities of their jobs and managers are impressed with their knowledge. Students can be registered for the next upcoming NTC New Employee Basic Training at any point. Companies also have the opportunity to save by purchasing pre-registration bundles and sending students as they are hired.

Borgmann Named As One of Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders

Holly Borgmann, ADT's Vice President of Government Affairs and CAA Government Affairs Committee member, has been named to Florida Trend magazine's Florida 500 list for 2023. The honor recognizes Florida's most influ-

"I'm really flattered," said Borgmann, who joined ADT in 2013. She started her career as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives. At ADT, she is responsible for federal, state and local legislative and regulatory advocacy. "It's a tremendous complement to be included on this list."

ential business leaders.

ADT has been headquartered in Florida since 2012. Florida is the fourth largest state economy in the United States and counts the third largest workforce. If Florida were an independent country, it would have the fifteenth largest economy in the world.

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By Elizabeth Courtney, OCAA President

This year the Orange County Alarm Association is focusing its' efforts on recognizing our law enforcement partnerships. We are endeavoring to build stronger, real-life relationships with our law enforcement partners. We have much to learn about law enforcement issues and we have much to teach in return.

We are encouraging our Chapter members to initiate and cement relationships by meeting with their local law enforcement agencies. Consider simply dropping by the station unannounced with donuts, coffee, pizza or sandwiches. Shift changes present a unique opportunity.

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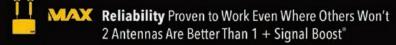
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Sincere gratitude to Mark Simpson

I would like to recognize our Past President, Mark Simpson. After servicing 4½ years as the Silicon Valley Alarm Association President, I was somehow able to convince him to become our SAAA president for two terms. Mark served from January 2018, all the way through Covid, before he moved to Bakersfield in November of 2021. While during both of his presidencies, he was also the Public Safety Committee Chair for the CAA. While Mark is still alive and well, we will miss him from our area and owe him a debt of gratitude for the work he did.

Parker Maurie presented to Tauni Wallace

It is always a privilege when we get the opportunity to honor one of our own. December 8th, we got to do so for Tauni Wallace by presenting her with the Parker Maurie Memorial Award.

The award is to be given to those individuals who go "above and beyond" their duties on behalf of the Sacramento Area Alarm Association. The Parker Maurie Memorial Award is not an annual award, but one that is given when the board of directors collectively feels that special recognition is warranted. The inscription on the Parker Maurie Memorial Award reads as follows;

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So well deserved! Tauni has served the SAAA as Secretary in 1994, 1998/99 and Treasurer in 2010 to today. Making her 16 years the longest serving Officer of our Association. Tauni is truly the glue that holds our Regional Chapter together and keeps us compliant and motivated. She is a big part of why our events are a success and why we are one of the strongest regional chapters in the state.

Elections / Officers

At our Holiday Party, we held an election for officers to serve the coming 2023 year. Here is the slate that was voted in:

- Rich Whitlock, Wesco/Anixter ~ President
- Sarah Wilson, Signal Service ~ Vice President
- Tauni Wallace, Notifier ~ Treasurer
- Raven Brockway, Eclipse Insurance and Marketing ~ Secretary
- Kent Brust, Pacific State Security and Fire ~ Sgt of Arms
- Dawn Smith, Total Monitoring Services ~ Officer at Large

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- 10/12/2023 SAAA Fire Forum
- 12/14/2023 SAAA Holiday Party

Please check out our website at www.saaa-online.org for updates. There are sponsorship and speaking opportunities at these events. Please keep us in mind when establishing your budgets and calendars.

SAAA Holiday Party







Tim Sproul of TMS and Kent Brust, former CAA Associate Director, at SAAA Holiday Party



Tauni Wallace of Notifier received the Parker Maurie Award from SAAA President, Rich Whitlock



Dawn Smith of TMS and Tauni Wallace of Notifier at SAAA Holiday Party



Left to Right: Tim Sproul of TMS, Tauni Wallace of Notifier, Stan Hellman of PSR at SAAA Holiday Party



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DEALER PERSPECTIVE #37



By Tony Smith

Why Would California Suddenly Discourage Rooftop Solar Investment?

Politics in California is being manipulated to propel the current Governor, Gavin Newsome, to Washington D.C. where he would like to become the next President. There

is nothing wrong with that; it is the American way. What is wrong is that he is preparing to gut the incentives for the installation of rooftop solar as part of an upcoming deal with the State's major public utilities, beginning in April of 2023. Meanwhile in Washington, the current President, also a Democrat, raised to 30%, the federal incentive for installation of Solar.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is a state regulatory commission that is controlled by the Governor, and regulates Pacific Gas, and Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas and Electric. Point of information: These new rules do not affect municipal utilities , such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. These new rules will significantly lower the KWH pricing that these utilities pay to rooftop solar customers who sell their surplus energy to the public utilities. The CPUC vote was 5-0 in the affirmative and 4 of the 5 members were appointed by Governor Newsome. The public utilities have bitterly complained that rooftop solar homeowners who sell excess power to the utilities, are being subsidized by lower income homeowners who cannot afford rooftop solar.

It is difficult to realize how disingenuous the Public Utilities are until you understand how they make money. First, their cost for the power they create, or purchase is reimbursed by the customer; they do not make a profit on it. Their profit comes from the Grid. They build it, and they maintain it, and they make a profit from this investment. In effect rooftop solar eliminates much of a need for a grid if there is a battery backup. If we use the grid for those non-sunlight hours, then they want to charge us for use of the grid. Currently the rules are that when a rooftop solar installation (with a battery) wants to cut their connection to the grid, they are prohibited by the CPUC. From a practical standpoint, if we wanted to eliminate the grid today, we couldn't do it because we don't have enough rooftop solar to replace it, and it will be quite some time before we do.

California has a stated goal of becoming a 100% renewable state by 2045. This may or may not be a realizable goal. The key to creating a serious drop in utility costs is to sharply reduce our commitment to build and maintain the grid. Many states, particularly Texas and California, have single state grid systems which are regulated by state commissions. The cyber, weather and fire risks to grids in both states are major. Fire in California and freezing storms in Texas exemplify that. Rooftop solar and mini grids are the key to keeping these threats under control. If we are attacked by a cyber event in California, the last thing we want is to make it

easy for the perpetrators. If everything is connected through a common grid, as it is now, we will pay the price.

If we lower the barriers for the installation of rooftop solar (with batteries) by providing incentives to everyone, especially lower income areas, that would also be an accelerant for the adoption of electric vehicles and other electric appliances. Technology is developing rapidly, especially in batteries and solar cells, resulting in lower prices today and even lower pricing tomorrow. This could dramatically shorten the time frame to retire most of the grid.

The wave of the future may be the mini grid, in some form, which will tie together neighborhoods, commercial centers, and small communities as self-standing suppliers of their own power, including battery storage, from rooftop solar and adjacent solar power sources. Whenever we face a major problem, we would be able to isolate it to one or two mini grids to control the problem. What happened in California with the wildfires would be unlikely to occur again. The loss of power to an entire state like Texas would be in the past. The more miles of interdependent interconnected grid that we have, the more susceptible we are to catastrophic losses.

Once we understand the importance of rooftop solar and the opportunity it presents to the security industry, we will be able to accelerate the adoption of rooftop solar and help create a national solution to this crisis. Is now the time to build YOUR equity acquisition rate and create long term customer relationships?

Tony Smith is a Past President of the California Alarm Association, and former member of the Board of ESA. He is the Founder-President and CEO of Security Funding Associates, a leading industry financial services firm, focused on non-recourse financing for small – medium sized alarm companies. He may be reached at TSmith@SecurityFundingSolutions. com or (855) 723-2299

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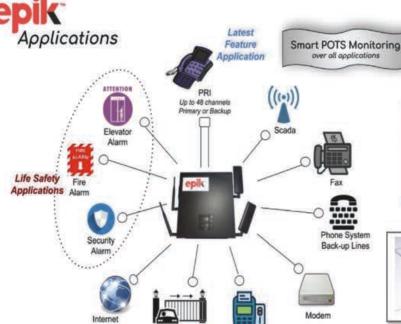
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Managers (QMs) to participate as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in Exam Development Workshops for the purposes of writing, reviewing and revising items for a new version of the Alarm Company Qualified Manager Exam. Workshops are two days long and may be held remotely or in-person, and SMEs will receive \$200 per day for their participation. For inperson workshops, the Bureau will book lodging as well as airfare to and from the workshops. Meals and mileage will be reimbursed in accordance with State travel guidelines. ACO QMs who are interested must enter into a three-year contract with the State of California and must be holders of an ACO QM Certificate in current and clear status and be active in a current ACO licensee's business. If you are interested in participating, fill out the Qualified Manager Subject Matter Expert Registration Form found here: https:// www.bsis.ca.gov/webapps/workshops. php. Thank you for your interest!

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