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PISGS Year-End Review

A look back at 2017 will show that the security guard and private investigation industry, as well as PISGS, has been busy. It is no surprise that the continual increase in active-shooter incidents and other acts of mass violence nationwide leave Ohio's citizens feeling vulnerable. More and more business owners and event planners are turning to security guard and investigation services to help their patrons feel safe in a 'not-so-safe' world. PISGS has increased its public outreach in 2017 to ensure any entities across the state that hire or are considering hiring security and investigation services know the laws and rules that govern the industry in order to make informed decisions and only hire companies that are properly licensed by the state. Some of these entities include libraries, hotels/motels, apartment complexes, worship centers, schools and festivals, just to name a few.



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In order to better serve the industry itself, PISGS has also increased communication to our licensed companies, ensuring that they are aware of their responsibilities and giving them more tools to help them meet these responsibilities. One very important tool is the access to more training opportunities, including PISGS' first-ever online training module which was launched in October. PISGS also started offering the monthly informational seminar for newly licensed companies as a webinar in 2017, for those who are out of state or unable to travel to Columbus. In addition, the mandatory Qualifying Agent exam, which used to be offered only in Columbus, can now be proctored at locations across Ohio and in other states, saving companies time and travel expenses.



The entire PISGS team participated in an end-of-the-year meeting in which a planning exercise was conducted. A strategic plan for 2018 will be developed based on the results of this exercise. We look forward to another productive year and thank all of our licensees, as well as their employees, for their support and their hard work to make Ohio safer.

Happy Holidays!

GUEST BLOG

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I never meant to spend thirty-two years of my life in the security industry. I was a police officer and it was my single-minded goal in life to make that my career. I graduated from Capital University while working nights as a police officer and, upon graduation, I was offered a job in the security industry at exactly twice my pay. I took the job and here I am much older and hopefully much more aware of the needs of our industry. Over the years, I have seen the need for security grow in a world where values have been diminished and the value of human life seems, at times, negligible. One could become quite disheartened if too much time were spent dwelling on the condition of the world today.

However, I take heart and no small measure of pride both in my industry and in those who perform security functions today. We outnumber the police 10 to 1 and every year I see the professionalism of the industry improving. That improvement has been slow and it has not been universal however, those who take this work seriously are making strides to improve. That work must continue. Conditions in our world require that security practitioners learn new practices, develop new technologies and train the future leaders of our craft. Now, more than ever, our industry is crying out for the work being done by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Private Investigator and Security Services Commission.

To that end, the Commission and its related Training and Accreditation committees have accomplished much in 2017. Director Born, Executive Director Gardner, the employees at PISGS and the Commission members all recognize the need for our industry to improve. The hard work of this team resulted in new online training resources in 2017. Additional training modules are under development and will serve to further enhance the level of protection offered by our industry to the public. Another area, near and dear to me, is the work being done by the Accreditation Committee around potentially offering a “CALEA like” program to recognize security organizations that meet higher standards in the industry. When complete, Ohio will be the first in the nation and possibly the world to offer such a program.

Thirty-two years have gone by in a flash. I don't know what the future holds in terms of the safety and security of Ohioans. I can imagine the worst based on current events around the world but I much rather prefer to dwell on the very positive steps the committed members of our profession are taking to improve our abilities. The security industry finds itself with a great opportunity to evolve and it must do so as we make a Safer Ohio!

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JANUARY 2, 2018 –MARCH 1, 2018.....COMPANY LICENSE RENEWAL PERIOD

ALL LICENSES EXPIRE **MARCH 1, 2018**, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4749.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. COMPANIES MUST RENEW THEIR LICENSE AND QUALIFYING AGENT(S) PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2018. IF YOUR LICENSE EXPIRES, YOU CANNOT PROVIDE SERVICES, ADVERTISE, OR SOLICIT BUSINESS; AND ALL REGISTERED EMPLOYEES ARE TERMINATED.

ONLINE RENEWAL WILL BE AVAILABLE **JANUARY 2, 2018**.

JANUARY 11, 2018PISGS INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

JANUARY 18, 2018.....PISGS INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR



Did you know?



The Ohio Department of Public Safety created the Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) program to strengthen partnerships between citizens, government, higher education and private businesses in the state in an effort to better serve Ohioans before, during and after a disaster.

To date, approximately 50 PISGS licensed companies have become members of OP3. If your company has not yet joined this no cost collaborative effort, please consider doing so.

Click here for more information and/or to become a member:
<http://www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/op3.stm>

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