



## **Security is a Proactive & Situational Discipline**

Because security programs are situational and proactive, security strategies are all unique, driven by ambient needs. The inference herein, is that all security programs, no matter what the affected industry, must be driven by the identified and needs, pertaining to the ambient threat environment. The inferences stated herein, are that each security program is unique, as defined by the local threat milieu. Consequently, every security program must be unique. The goal of all security programs is too reasonably mitigate risk environment for employees, customers, and visitors.

The mission of most security programs should be to sensibly reduce risks to both persons and property. The scope, and design, of each security program must be industry specific. In general, the mission is the equitable provision of the protection of customers, invitees, and clients, as well as property.

Security programs must also be industry specific, relevant to the **reasonable standard of care** model. For example, the security requirements of hospitals are differentiated from the security requirements of hotels. These examples will in part, also be defined by the ambient threat environment. Therefore, security programs are usually industry specific to varying degrees. For example, the security standards for a pharmaceutical company are differentiated from the security needs of an automobile assembly plant. In general, the security requirements of manufacturing operations are distinguished from the security needs of a chemical plant. We raise these examples to support the notion the situational nature of each security program.

Security programs also are responsive to the variance attached to the ambient threat environment. When assessing the security needs of any enterprise, consideration must be always given the ambient threat environment. The ambient threat environment, in most cases, is also dynamic, and is not static. The threat environment is can also be quantified.

Security is a multidimensional discipline. Security programs might reflect the application of such disciplines such as the application of **CPTED** (crime prevention through environmental design) principles, **electronic security solutions**, **video surveillance systems**, as well as the usage of **uniformed security personnel**, or all of the above, to name just a few.

In order to apply each of the aforementioned applications, as well as other methodologies, **a comprehensive security assessment review is a must. You cannot know where you are going if you do not know where you have been.**

The conditions we are raising, herein, are predicated on our over 35 years of security management experience, as well as our extensive experience as forensic security expert witnesses, responsive to security driven lawsuits. These services have been offered to both plaintiffs and defendants. We therefore fully understand the benefits derived from well-conceived security programs, as well as the consequences of inadequate security programs. The goal of all security programs is to protect both people and assets adequately and reasonably. If you believe these goals are worthy of consideration periodic objective security reviews are necessary.



In closing, the present pandemic has impacted the blueprint of most contemporary security programs going forward, for years to come.

**Bill Nesbitt** and **Drew Necker** have over eighty years of combined security management experience, including in-house security management, security lecture presentations, both the guard and electronic security industry, as well as **extensive experience as experts for security driven litigation**. We fully understand the consequences of inadequate security operations. We have been retained for hundreds of cases over the past 30 years, covering over 30 states and territories. Our preference is to strive to mitigate security lawsuits before-the-fact.

***The question to ponder is: Is it preferable to conduct a security assessment before a security breakdown, or is preferable to have a security assessment after the fact?***

If the goal is to mitigate security shortfalls, a wholistic security review is the best first step. **SMSI** welcomes the opportunity to provide your organization with a site-specific proposal along with our current CV's, after a brief phone conference. We are based in **Thousand Oaks California**. **Drew Necker** is based in **Wisconsin**.

**If has been three years or more since you last security assessment, now is the time for consideration. We would be happy to provide a site-specific Proposal.**

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