



# Security Programs Newsletter

## IASIR Conference a Success!

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The 2006 Annual Conference of the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR) was held on November 7–9, at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. Hosted by the Department of Justice, Security Programs, approximately 65 attendees gathered to listen to various presenters and participate in round-table discussions on topics such as training and legislation.

This was the first time the conference was held in Nova Scotia. Feedback indicated it was a tremendous success. Attendees included delegates from Abu Dhabi; government regulators from the United States and Canada; academics; and representatives from the private security industry. In response to the invitations sent to all Nova Scotia licensed companies by the IASIR office, and as noted in previous newsletters, we are pleased to acknowledge that representatives from Brink's Canada, Garda and Independent Security Services Atlantic/Independent Armored Transport Atlantic were in attendance. Also in attendance was a representative from CANASA—Canadian Security Association.



## Important Release

### Law Commission of Canada Releases Final Report "In Search of Security"

On July 20, 2006, the Law Commission of Canada released its latest report, "In Search of Security: The Future of Policing in Canada", to federal parliament. This report contains 15 specific recommendations to the roles of public police and private security. A full pdf version can be accessed at : [www.policingsecurity.ca/issues.htm](http://www.policingsecurity.ca/issues.htm)

## On The Job Training

- Q.** Does an individual who is engaged in on the job training to become a private investigator or private guard require a license?
- A.** There are **no** provisions in the current *Private Investigators and Private Guards Act* to allow for an individual to act as a private investigator, private guard or armed guard while not the holder of a valid license. All private investigators, private guards and armed guards must be licensed and in possession of an identification card before commencing employment. Businesses who deploy unlicensed private guards or private investigators are in violation of the Act and may, therefore, be subject to a fine, suspension, and/or revocation of their license.

## JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

### ONTARIO

*Private Security and Investigative Services Act 2005* (Bill 159) received royal assent on December 15, 2005, expanding coverage to include new security practitioners in Ontario (all in-house proprietary security which includes bouncers).

### QUEBEC

The Quebec Government introduced "*Private Security Act*" (Bill 88) which expands the industry to include all security practitioners (including in-house, armoured car personnel, locksmiths and alarm installers.) The Bill received royal assent on June 14, 2006.

## CRIMINAL LIABILITY LEGISLATION

### Bill C-45 An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (Criminal Liability of Corporations).

The Criminal Code amendments outlined in Bill C-45 are in part a response to the findings of the Westray mining disaster public inquiry. It creates a clear statement in the Criminal Code that wanton or reckless disregard for the safety of workers and the public at large in a workplace setting is a criminal offence.

Bill C-45 introduces amendments to the Criminal Code that amend the definition of "everyone" and "person" to include "an organization". It also establishes rules for attributing criminal liability to organizations, including corporations, for the acts of their representatives and also creates a legal duty for all persons directing work to take "reasonable steps" to ensure the safety of workers and the public. For more information, please visit: [www.justice.gc.ca/en/dept/pub/C45/](http://www.justice.gc.ca/en/dept/pub/C45/)

### Statistics for the Period April 1, 2006—November 30, 2006:

Number of private guard licenses issued: 2,484

Number of private investigator licenses issued: 165

Number of private investigator/private guard licenses issued (duals): 418

Number of private armed guard licenses issued: 244

**Total licenses issued: 3,311**



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## Renewals for 2007—2008 Licensing Year

In preparation for the upcoming renewal period (which is right around the corner), the following information is provided:

- Individuals or **COMPANIES** that are subject to outstanding fines (i.e., outstanding parking tickets) may not be approved and/or processed until they have fulfilled their obligation to the court.
- Renewals will be accepted sixty (60) days prior to the license expiry. If you would like to get an early start on your renewals, you may obtain individual renewal forms on-line.
- Applicants must put their legal name on the application (i.e., Robert, not Bob). Identification cards will be issued in the applicant's legal name, as it appears on their official government issued photo identification.
- As always, to avoid delays, please ensure all the required information on the application has been completed. Incomplete applications will be returned. A complete address (including postal code) **must** be on the application. We have had instances where we have been unable to send correspondence to individual applicants due to incomplete addresses.
- Correspondence outlining the renewal process and renewal applications will be mailed out in January 2007.

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