



## SECURITY ALERT – DECEMBER 2009

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On December 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 the Amendments to the Security and Related Activities Act will become law with the implementation of the long awaited and well overdue Regulations.

We have been advised by Police Licensing Enforcement Division that somewhere between 250 and 300 currently licensed security personnel will have their licenses revoked, having been determined that they are a "Prohibited Person" because they have committed a "disqualifying offence".

The majority of those affected are from the man power section of the industry, namely crowd controllers and patrols, with approximately 35 to 40 from the electronics area. Unfortunately I find it difficult to believe that these people are just going to accept this disqualification and quietly go out and find another career. I would suggest that a large proportion will run the gauntlet and hope that they are never asked to produce a license.

It has been my experience over the last 30 odd years in the security industry that most clients or company representatives will almost never ask to see your security license either because they did not know you needed to be licensed in the first place or they just don't care. It's only after they suffer shonky service or a sudden change of attitude, usually after paying the final account, that they realise all the checks they should have done before signing or accepting a contract.

If our industry is serious about wanting to deter unlicensed operators and eliminate the undesirable elements that cast unfavourable attention over the whole industry we will need to be proactive in getting the information relating to license requirements out to the various retail sectors. This includes domestic, private business, local and state government departments. These identities need to be made aware that all security activities described under the act need to be performed by suitably qualified and licensed persons.

Even though it is the responsibility of the regulators to enforce the licensing conditions it is also a task that the industry as a whole should embrace. We currently expend a considerable amount of time and expertise to provide advice on compilation of legislation governing our industry and we should contribute to the process of seeing that the legislation is successfully implemented.

There will no doubt be several forums where this strategy will be discussed including the SAIWA, so if you want to have some input contact the secretariat or yours truly with perhaps a written submission or come along to the next breakfast meeting in January and have your say.

After December 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 breaches of the Security Act may well have ramifications that some practitioners did not bargain for or even understand existed and as a consequence they may find themselves barred from the industry or at least restricted in the selection of services that they are able to legally provide.

If you're not sure of your obligations find out, get a copy of the Act and the Regulations, if you don't understand them find someone who knows or even better still become involved in your security industry association as we can provide or source answers to most of the related questions.

The SAIWA continues to be actively represented at several industry forums, Security Industry Advisory Council, Alarm Response Working Group, Industry Training Council and the State CCTV Working Group and the time and effort put in by your SAIWA representatives is not insignificant. Considering this is all voluntary participation some comment and feedback from the general membership would always be welcomed and appreciated. If we are to provide effective industry representation that could very well impact on the services that you or your company deliver, then it stands to reason that you keep us accountable, if we don't hear from you we can only assume that you are completely satisfied with our performance or that you don't care, either way once parliamentary acts and police regulations are decreed upon you it's too late to say that you weren't consulted.

The Security Industry Advisory Council has had its second meeting under the new chairmanship of Mr Kerran Campbell. This council now has representation of a senior level from Racing, Gaming and Liquor and the Australian Hotels Association. It is anticipated that some of the current security issues relating to licensed premises can be affectively resolved in a shorter time frame with their participation.

Recent meetings with Police Minister Rob Johnson and Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan saw the re-affirmation of genuine commitment to continue providing support for this council. The topics included in the terms of reference of the council cover a fairly broad scope of the

security industry activities and include the following;

- To enhance the liaison between law enforcement and the wider security industry for the benefit of the community.
- Provide relevant, accurate and timely advice to the minister of issues that impact on the security industry.
- Monitor the regulatory control of the security industry and make observations and/or recommendations to the minister on the Act and the Regulations.

The SIAC will also stay abreast of the national trends that are being proposed under the "COAG Harmonisation of the Security Industry" to ensure that Western Australia is adequately represented.

Finally I would encourage you to visit the SAIWA web site and tell us if it meets your current needs and provide any suggestions as to what can we do to improve it.

One suggestion that has already been put forward is for the creation of a security chat forum for members so as to facilitate general discussion of topics relevant to our industry.

Please make an effort to attend the next breakfast meeting in January, the exact date will be advertised shortly.

In conclusion, I would like to wish members and their families and staff a very safe and secure Christmas and a prosperous 2010.

**Michael Dyer**  
**President SAIWA**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Neal Griffith – Fensec Pty Ltd**

*If there are any objections they need to be filed with the Secretary within 14 days.*

## **GOLF RESULTS**

The SAIWA Annual Golf Tournament held at the Collier Park Golf Course on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October was an outstanding success.

All those who attended had a very enjoyable day and the winners well deserving of their efforts:

Winner – Centre for Association Management  
Second – Bosch  
Third – Stan Bond  
NAGA – Dielectrics

## **SAIWA BREAKFAST** **28<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

The SAIWA will be holding an industry breakfast on Friday, 28th January commencing at 7.30 am, venue to be advised.

The breakfast session will bring members up-to-date with the changes to legislation, the new industrial relations laws, licensing requirements and other issues affecting the industry.

A notice will be sent to members in early January.

## **SAIWA EXECUTIVE 2010**

Michael Dyer (President)  
Mark Pitt (Vice President)  
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