# CDSE Newsletter

## From the Director

Welcome to the first issue of the new quarterly newsletter of the Center for Development of Security Excellence (CDSE). The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about what CDSE is, what it offers, and how it helps you in your career as a security professional.

This newsletter will provide you with information about the three divisions that make up CDSE: Education, Training, and Professionalization. I am pleased to share with you some new opportunities for security professional development.

See what is inside on new courses that are available from the Education Division. These courses are designed to be equivalent to a college or graduate-level courses. The Training Division released a long-awaited new instructor-led course: Applying Physical Security Concepts. In addition, the American Council on Education Accreditation was received on several training courses and curricula.

The Professionalization Division launched the second of four certifications with the SPēD Certification Program: the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification, or SAPPC. Read on, this newsletter has the details on these topics, along with information on current and upcoming events.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and enlightening, and I welcome your comments.

To explore more details on CDSE security training, education, and certification, visit our website at http://cdse.dss.mil.

## From the Deputy Director

Welcome!

In addition to being the Deputy Director for CDSE, I also serve as the DoD Security Training Council (DSTC) Chair. The DSTC is an advisory body on DoD security training that reports to the Defense Intelligence Training and Education Board (DITEB).

As the Chair, I provide a forum for security training issues and policies, recommend training standards and criteria, allocate responsibilities, address other related topics, and forward DSTC recommendations to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence via the DITEB. I work with the DoD Components and Agencies to review and assess security training curricula.

In both of these roles, I support CDSE's mission, which is to provide the Department of Defense with a security center of excellence for the professionalization of the security community and be the premier provider of security education and training for the Department of Defense and industry.

We furnish unparalleled development, delivery, and exchange of security knowledge to ensure a high-performing workforce capable of addressing our Nation's security challenges.

This inaugural newsletter details some of the security professional development opportunities available at CDSE. I invite you to take advantage of all we have to offer.

**What's New in Training**



# New Instructor-Led Course: Applying Physical Security Concepts

The "Applying Physical Security Concepts" instructor-led course is the newest addition to the physical security curriculum. This course involves the application of the risk management process culminating in writing justifications for physical security equipment and/or measures, preparing input for a statement of work for the acquisition process, and developing a physical security plan for a DoD facility or installation.

## CDSE Courses Awarded ACE Accreditation

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated and recommended college credit recommendations for two courses and two curricula offered by the CDSE Training Division.

The descriptions of the courses and curricula listed below may be accessed in STEPP, and each contains additional information about ACE CREDIT recommendations. Select the American Council on Education logo on the CDSE website or visit the ACE CREDIT website at www.acenet.edu/acecredit.

**Facility Security Officer Orientation for Non-Possessing Facilities Curriculum** (IS020.CU)

**Facility Security Officer Program Management for Possessing Facilities Curriculum** (IS030.CU)

**Introduction to Special Access Programs** (SA101.01)

**Special Access Programs Mid-Level Security Management** (SA201.01)

## CDSE Offers Monthly Webinars Featuring Various Security Topics

CDSE is bringing 30-minute webinar training to you — minimizing time away from your job — allowing you to be more productive!

The first webinar is scheduled Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Two sessions will be presented: 11:30 a.m. EST (East Coast lunchtime) and 2:30 p.m. EST (West Coast lunchtime).

The first topic is "Adverse Information Reporting."

Registration through STEPP is NOT required, but training space is limited. Flash 10.1 or higher is required.

For more information visit: http://www.dss.mil/cdse/catalog/webinars/index.html.

## What's New in Education

### New Courses Available from CDSE Education Division

CDSE is developing a curriculum of courses designed to prepare DoD security professionals for leadership positions and responsibilities within the Department. Course topics were identified by an extensive needs analysis which included input from senior security officials from the military Services and DoD Agencies. In addition to the seven courses introduced by the Education Division in 2012, nine courses are being developed for delivery in 2013, and all of the courses will be offered in future years. Each of these courses is presented using an online collaborative learning environment, which allows students and a subject matter expert to interact over the period of a seventeen-week semester. One of the courses includes activity in a classroom at certain intervals during the semester. The courses are designed to have the rigor and length of courses presented at the graduate level and will be evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) later in 2012. Based upon that evaluation, ACE will provide a credit recommendation for each course. Course descriptions, eligibility requirements and prerequisites can be found at http://www.dss.mil/education/courses.html.

### CDSE to Apply to Become Authorized Provider of Continuing Education Units

The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) developed the "Continuing Education Unit" (CEU) in 1970 to provide a standard unit of measurement to quantify education and training activities and accommodate for the diversity of providers, activities, and purposes in adult education. The CEU created by IACET is used by thousands of organizations. Only continuing education and training providers that go through the Authorized Provider (AP) accreditation process and get approved are allowed to issue IACET CEUs. CDSE is currently going through this accreditation process. The process involves a self-study, an application, and a site visit that benchmarks an organization against the American National Standards Institute/International Association for Continuing Education and Training Standard.

### American Council on Education (ACE) Transcript Service

CDSE currently has four courses with credit recommendations, and those courses may be viewed in the ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training. Some students who complete CDSE courses are also enrolled in postsecondary programs of study and would like to have the credit recommendations they earned considered for transfer to the institution in which they are enrolled.

For the benefit of our students, CDSE participates in the American Council on Education's (ACE) Transcript Service. The ACE Transcript Service offers a lifelong record for students who have successfully completed our courses that have been reviewed by the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT). This service enables adult learners to present a nationally recognized transcript to the college or university of their choice for the potential award of academic credit. For more information, visit www.acenet.edu/credit/transcripts.

### Students Complete "Challenges in Analyzing and Managing Risk" Course

CDSE presented the new course "Challenges in Analyzing and Managing Risk" during the semester spanning January 9 to May 4, 2012. Students participating in this course each completed a risk management project focused on identifying cost-effective countermeasures to protect assets at their agency. A second iteration of this course is being presented from May 21 through September 14, and additional iterations are scheduled in 2013. The course description and details about prerequisites and enrollment can be found at http://www.dss.mil/cdse/catalog/classroom/ED602.html.

## What's New in Professionalization

**SPēD**
Security Professional Education Development

# Security Asset Protection Professional Certification Launched

On February 27, 2012, Defense Security Service launched the second of four certifications within the SPēD Certification Program, the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification (SAPPC).

The SAPPC serves as an indicator of the ability to apply foundational security concepts, principles, and practices critical to successfully perform functions, implement programs, and pursue missions necessary to manage risks to and protect DoD assets.

To take the SAPPC Assessment, a candidate must achieve the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification and be in good standing. As of June 25, 2012, 224 security professionals have already passed the SAPPC.

CDSE expects to launch two additional certifications in the SPēD Certification Program. The Security Program Integration Professional Certification (SPIPC) will launch in FY13, and the Security Enterprise Professional Certification (SEPC) in FY14.

For more information about SPēD, visit our website at: http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped.html.

To register for an assessment, find your Service or Agency point of contact(s) at: http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/sped_contact.html. We encourage you to check this site for upcoming test events, resources, and news about SPēD.

## SPēD Stats as of June 25, 2012:

1,330 security professionals have achieved the Security Fundamentals Professional Certification.

224 security professionals have achieved the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification.

395 security professionals have achieved the Adjudicator Professional Certification.

## New Diagnostics for Candidates

CDSE has introduced a diagnostic tool on the CDSE website (http://www.dss.mil/seta/sped/diagnostic-tools.html) for SAPPC candidates. This document provides examples of scenarios presented on the test. A list of topic questions is given after each scenario to provide an orientation of what to expect during the actual examination. Additionally, a list of relevant Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 610 competencies, which align to the scenarios and existing learning content, is available for review.

**Have a question about what you read?**
**Want to be heard in the next issue of the CDSE Newsletter?**

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