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### CASIA's 31st Annual Golf Classic Was A Great Day for All

CASIA's 31st ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC was played on Thursday, July 15 under sunny skies at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middletown, CT. We welcomed 76 golfers who enjoyed 18 holes of play and, thanks to our generous sponsors, breakfast, lunch, and a roaming beverage cart while on the course. A post-play banquet was played under the Lyman's tent, where tournament prizes were awarded. CASIA's CLASSIC is known for its BIG raffle and winners were delighted with their top-shelf prizes. "A day on the golf course, is better than a day in the office" – no one argued with that!

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Joyce Rosito at the CASIA golf classic with USA Central's sponsored hospitality cart.

#### **NJELSA Training Summit**

August 12 - 13, 2021

The New Jersey Electronic Life Safety Association (NJELSA) is pleased to invite you to our Training Summit at Harrah's Atlantic City.



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#### CASIA (M) EVENTS

**Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association** 

### CASIA MEMBERSHIP EXPO (AUCTION PORTION CANCELLED)

Date and Events Changed to September 16

See page 3 for details.

#### **CASIA's LOBSTERBAKE & BARBECUE**

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Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association
September 30 Membership Expo &
Auction full event postponed to 2022

#### NEW EVENT INSTEAD: We have "Nine & Dine" scheduled for September 16, 2021

One thing that 2020-2021 has taught us is the need to be flexible! CASIA's EXPO! & AUCTION is our most important meeting of the year from an attendance, networking and fundraising perspective. Normally held in March, we delayed it to September because of the pandemic. However, in doing so, we forfeited most of the summer-oriented auction items that generate excitement and funds for the event. Good reasons to mix things up – again.

### Rather than not meet, we will hold a "Nine & Dine" event at Lyman Orchards on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

No golf sponsorships or flags, just 9 holes of fun play on the Apple Nine course, beginning around 3:00 p.m. for those members who play, followed by a 6:00 p.m. business dinner meeting with guest speaker (TBD). We encourage all members to attend. It's been too long! Details will follow, but we wanted to make sure you updated your calendars soonest.

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More info can be found here:

https://njelsa.org/njelsa-training-summit-2021/

#### **CAA Offers New Training Program**

The California Alarm Association (CAA) announced a new training program available to technicians nationwide. This includes online course work leading to a Field Service Technician 1 designation and more than 100 hours of continuing education. The 24-hour course is delivered in 11 modules with instruction ranging from business communications to intrusion detection. For information and demos, visit www.nationaltrainingprogram. com. Also see page 10 in this issue of THE SENTINEL for more details.





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OCTOBER 28 ..... CASIA Octoberfest ...... Derby, CT

DECEMBER 15... CASIA Holiday Party...... TBD

To RSVP to these meetings, call Pat Remes at 203-762-2444 or email premes@casiact.org.

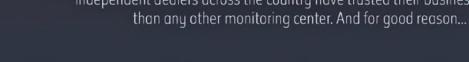
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#### Biden Issues Executive Order Encouraging FTC to Ban or Limit Non-Compete Agreements

By Jeremy Mittman, MSK

President Biden signed the Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy which, among other objectives intended to increase competition in a wide range of economic activity, encourages the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to ban or limit non-compete agreements. Specifically, President Biden directs the Commission to "exercise the FTC's statutory rulemaking authority under the Federal Trade Commission Act to curtail the unfair use of non-compete clauses and other clauses or agreements that may unfairly limit worker mobility."

Although last week's Executive Order does not have an immediate impact on employers, we have seen increased scrutiny of the use of restrictive covenants in the workforce, including non-compete agreements, at the state and now federal levels (although of course, noncompetes are generally unlawful in California absent narrow exceptions). The recent increase in state legislation aiming to ban or limit non-competes, combined with the President's Executive Order, indicates that we could see comprehensive rulemaking from the FTC in the coming months or years.

Given the Executive Order, employers should continue to review their non-compete agreements for compliance with current laws, and begin evaluating their overall business protection strategies should non-compete agreements become limited or banned at the federal level.

Jeremy Mittman is a Partner at MSK, CAA Legal Counsel and be reached at (310-312-3283.

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But, Georgia is not the only state heading down this path. Similar bills have been passed in other states, also positive for our industry. They include California, Florida, New Jersey, Texas, Tennessee and Iowa.

We like to emphasize the importance of the model ordinance when we work with states on this type of legislation. The Model Ordinance targets or focuses fines and remedies towards "chronic abusers" — that small percentage of permit holders that cause the majority of unneeded responses from law enforcement. We favor suspending response or applying Verified Response to those who fail to address their equipment repairs, replacement or training issues.

Reductions impact those who cause the greatest amount of problems when it comes to false dispatches. We also like to emphasize that 85 percent of alarm systems generate no calls to police in a given year. Our focus remains working cooperatively with local agencies to implement the model ordinance.

Doing so significantly reduces demand on police resources. The model ordinance also penalizes individuals or businesses that cause false alarms, primarily through user error.

To stay on top of state activities, please reference SIAC's State Activity Report on a regular basis. If you have not signed up for access, visit www.siacinc.com.





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**SDI** announced the launch of a photo contest and smoke giveaway. The promotion offers participants an opportunity to submit photos of any SDi product in use for a chance to win a free case of smoke. Submitted photos will be considered for use in SDi's upcoming product catalog and participants whose photos are selected for the catalog will receive a free case of smoke (aerosol or cartridge) of their choice. This promotion is running now through September 1 and photos can be submitted by visiting www.sdifire.com/contest.

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delivers a solution that's simple to program, installs in minutes, is easy to use and most important, it's very reasonably priced. "If you're using Brivo, Prodatakey, OpenPath, Feenics



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tralia, Salvatore will be responsible for establishing relationships with channel partners within the region that will include Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. Salvatore holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Marketing from the Swinburne University in Austra- The Cloud Video Platform lia. Salvatore said: "I am excited to



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JOHNSON CONTROLS announced that it has released a mesh Wi-Fi networking system to address the needs of the professional security industry. IQ WiFi is the latest product manufactured by Qolsys, recently acquired by Johnson Controls, designed specifically

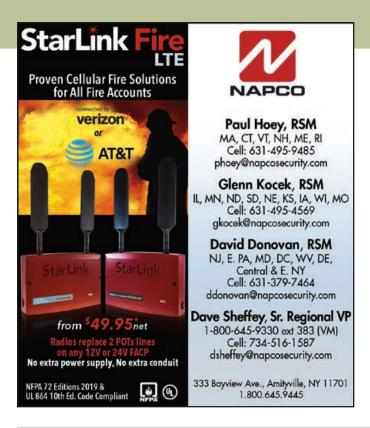
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to seamlessly connect and manage streaming cameras, video doorbells, garage openers and consumer Wi-Fi devices using the IQ Panel. "The security industry has become increasingly dependent on the end-user's network to support the growing demand of internet connected devices." Says Dave Pulling, Johnson Controls General Manager. "IQ WiFi elegantly connects and manages these devices to deliver better coverage and fast, reliable service" The mesh network supports up to 8 IQ WiFi agents, and easily installs using the IQ panel's 7" touchscreen. Dual band SSID allows partitioning of security devices from consumer Wi-Fi devices for improved security and maintenance. Manage guest networks, change passwords, view and manage connected devices from the IQ Panel's intuitive interface. The IQ WiFi is now available through authorized Johnson Controls North American distributors.

ADI GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION announced it has released a new mobile app to provide dealers with a fast and easy way to shop at ADI from their mobile device. Dealers can use the app to search for products, check pricing and availability, place orders and manage their ADI

account on-the-go. The new ADI App presents a modern design and offers advanced features to make it easy to access the industry's largest selection of security, AV and other low voltage products. With facial and fingerprint recognition, users can log into the ADI App in seconds and

can expect faster loading times, improved navigation with clear messaging and product organization and an updated navigation bar with visible links to products and services. The app makes it easy for customers to manage their ADI account, and can take advantage of timesaving features to check order status, easily reorder past shipments and make product lists by project or customer. The new app is currently available for U.S. customers and can be searched as



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ADI US Mobile in the App Store and Google Play Store. For more information, please visit adiglobal distribution. us/adi-app.

ALTRONIX eFlow™enhanced power supply/chargers with dual voltage options provide power to a variety of access control system components. Each output is voltage selectable and will provide necessary power for access control panels, door locks, and ancillary devices. Models are available with LINQ™ network power management allowing users to control, monitor and report power over individual outputs. This provides greater system functionality, remote service and support—while creating more RMR opportunities. For mor information visit www.altronix.com.

SD MARKETING appointed Dayna Corbet as the new Operations Manager to fortify and support the company's expanding services amid the development of the exclusive 50-50-30 Program. "I am extremely excited to be working with the SD Marketing team," said Corbett "I appreciate the opportunity to work with such well-respected organizations within the industry, and to have a positive impact on those relationships. I believe through hard work, dedication, and working as a team, we will

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continue to see tremendous progress, and continued success for our clients." Corbett has a background in law enforcement and made a tremendous impact for the NYS DOT in creating and implementing their emergency training manual. Corbett is charged with the development and implementation of processes that will aid in the execution of duties for the marketing group. "We've recently launched a marketing initiative program that is unique to the industry," commented David Morgan, Co-Founder, SD Marketing. "Dayna has already proven to be a supportive team player who is dedicated to



the success of our clients. We are grateful to have her on the team." For more information about SD Marketing or the 50-50-30 Program, visit sd.marketing or call 888-572-4450.

The NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER has launched the 'NICET Fire Alarm DIY Bundle' comes into play. There are tried-and-true ways to study for a NICET exam that will help assure your success. According to Charles Aulner, NTC President, "Consistency in your effort to achieve NICET certification is the key. You must study a little every day. It's important that you learn HOW to use the codes rather than focusing on memorizing them." NICET Fire Alarm DIY Bundle is designed to help professionals achieve the needed study time to accomplish NICET certification. This self-study package includes online training aides for any level of NICET Fire Alarm study. Included are practice

exams designed to speed the student's code identification and to gauge exam readiness. Rounding out the package are NTC's three Fire Alarm books: the Red Book - Fire Alarm Certification Guide, Orange Book - Fire Alarm Code Handbook, and Brown Book - Fire Alarm Systems Handbook. Full details can be found at www.nationaltrainingcenter.com/product/diy

DMP announced the expansion of its East Coast sales leadership team with the promotion of Hunter Pardue to Director of Sales — East. Hunter joined DMP in 2014 as the Dealer Development Manager (DDM) for the company's Southeast Region. He has quickly proven his outstanding leadership abilities, making this

transition a natural one. "Hunter has continued to provide strong support and valuable insights that have helped build greater success and profitability for our Southeast Region's authorized dealers," says Mark NeSmith, Vice President of Sales. Prior to joining DMP, Hunter was a Sales Account Manager for DH Pace Systems Integration and was responsible for design and sale of security integration-based access control, CCTV and intrusion system products and services. He gained additional industry experience in his previous role as a Sales Account



Manager at Linder Security Systems. Hunter has bachelor's in Business from Colorado Technical University, where he graduated magna cum laude. He holds a Low Voltage License from the State of Georgia. Hunter can be contacted at 800-641-4282, Ext. 450 or HPardue@DMP.com. For more information, contact Mark Hillenburg, Vice President of Marketing, at MHillenburg@DMP.com or visit DMP.com.



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