



OVERVIEW

Mr. Ahrens is a well-known Influential security/resilience and imaginative premise liability security advisor with 22+ years of security management and foreseeability experience. He has facilitated threat, risk, vulnerability, loss, and shrinkage audit/analysis with achievements spanning worldwide.

Mr. Ahrens has also offered security thought leadership in the development of security standards/guides, training programs and security systems design.

A former founding member of the ASIS (American Society for Industrial Security) commission on guidelines, he has contributed to a number of security guides and standards and continues his work now with the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH). In this role, he developed a security guideline to assist developers and owners in the selection of security controls for their respective iconic properties.

He has over 40 testimonials that echo his accomplishments in leadership, team building, security solutions programming/design, analysis, policy/procedure development, cost enhancement and containment. Culminating a decade of achievement in the security space, Mr. Ahrens, in 2014, received two awards for security innovation for his contributions on the Doha, Qatar Petroleum Headquarters project – a 22 million sq. ft campus in Doha, Qatar.



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ACTIVITIES

- Founding member, ASIS Commission on Standards and Guidelines
- Former, ASIS Professional Certification Board (PCB)
- Member, Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
- Board of Directors, International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC),
- Security Industry Association
- UL Std. Technical Panel 205A & B
- UL 1034, Burglary-Resistant Electric Locking Mechanisms
- SIA Perimeter Security Subcommittee
- Chair, Security Committee, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats

Constituent:

- Overseas Advisory Council (OSAC)
- Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN)
- InfraGard
- Tripwire



CORE SKILL AREAS

- Premises liability
 - Foreseeability
 - Standard of care
 - Negligent hiring, retention training
 - Adequacy of security
- Security Program Development & Launch
- Risk / Vulnerability / Threat / Hazard Assessment/ Audit & Mitigation Planning
- Awareness Program Creation & Implementation
- Security staff training implementation and management
- Policies/Standards Design & Implementation
- Systems Design & Evaluation
- Crisis Management
- Emergency planning and response
- Security systems design, preventative maintenance and programming
- Workplace Violence Incident Program Development & Response
- Business Continuity Planning
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Crime/Risk evaluation
- Anti-Terrorist Programming/ Planning and Design



CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Mr. Ahrens has previously provided strategic architectural, technological and operational security guidance to corporations, multi-family/apartments, parking garages, campuses, retail, commercial, banking, places of worship, industrial manufacturing, event/venue and governmental facilities.



EMPLOYMENT

Affiliated Engineers, Inc.

Chicago, IL – 2016-Present

Current: Directs the delivery of security consulting thought leadership, resilience planning, assessment and security systems design to AEI's customers.

Jensen Hughes

AON Global Risk Consulting (AGRC) – Glenview, IL – 2003-2016

Global Practice Leader / Manager, Security Consulting & Design

Direct the entire security consulting & Design practice within Aon, including staffing, development, marketing, peer review and the administration of security services for a multitude of client types and challenges



SECURITY SOLUTIONS

- Provided strategic guidance and development for large security programs involving corporate campus facilities, data centers, mixed use, and corporate projects within the U.S., APAC and EMEA markets.
- Conducted over 60+ security/threat/Hazard assessments for numerous clients and verticals across multiple industries, countries that reduced exposures by pre-identifying vulnerabilities and threats.
- Assessed armed/unarmed staffing.
- Established crisis management and project management programs.
- Developed, administered and created a wide variety of operational policies, procedures and response programs.
- Supported multiple clients with threat assessment investigations and workplace violence management strategies.
- Prepared, developed, led and facilitated a multi-agency (Fire/Police/Emergency Management) active shooter table top discussion for the purposes of enhancing response during an actual event.
- Developed, conducted crisis table tops.
- Conducted organizational analyses, reviewed K&R, ERM, and Loss Prevention programs, pinpointed lapses, gaps and recommended enhancements.
- Improved security standardization and enforcement by developing benchmarks, corporate standards, departmental reviews, organizational policies/procedures, and business plans/justifications for corporate clients.
- Commissioned complete security strategic security building program for Lotte Super tower (High-Rise), South Korea (projected to be the 2nd tallest building worldwide) and the largest corporate office in the Middle East Qatar Petroleum Financial district, which was awarded the most innovative security project in 2014
- Evaluated dozens of security management programs and security staffing implementations.
- Create security standards, site security, plans that address all security program facets.



EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science:

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois (1997)

Master of Arts in Business and Security Management, Honors Graduate:

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY – St. Louis, MO (2006)



CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Protection Professional (CPP)
- Building Security Certified Professional (BSCP)
- Security Institute (fellow)
- Former Crisis Prevention Instructor (CPI)
- Certified Security Consultant (CSC)
- Certified Healthcare Protection Administrator (CHPA)



BOOKS

- Tall Building Security, Resilience & Protective Design - CTBUH, Chicago, 2019



GUIDANCE

- Involuntary Employment Separation Termination Strategies Ahrens Security, LLC, 2021
- Involuntary Employment Separation Termination Strategies Ahrens Security, LLC, 2022



STANDARDS INVOLVEMENT

- Underwriters Laboratories
- Security Industry Association
 1. Security perimeter Subcommittee
- International Association of Healthcare Safety and Security
- ASIS International
 1. General Risk Assessment:2003
 2. Business Continuity Guideline: A Practical Approach for Emergency Preparedness, Crisis Management, and Disaster Recovery:2004
 3. Private Security Officer Selection and Training Guideline:2004
 4. Facilities Physical Security Guideline:2009
 5. Workplace Violence Prevention and Intervention: 2011



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2022 SIA Sandy Jones Volunteer of the Year Award, 2022
- 2019 US Outstanding Security Consultant Finalist
- 2014 Secured Cities overall most innovative project
- 2014 Secured Cities most innovative corporate project
- 2012 Client excellence - Kingdom Tower; Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)



PUBLICATIONS – PRESENTATIONS:

Authored and presented 50+ articles and informative sources, inclusive of a comprehensive resilience guideline. For a complete list of publications, presentations, references and recommendations please click on the following link:

http://bit.ly/Security_Leader



PUBLICATIONS – PRESENTATIONS (CON'T):

1. "The Chess Game", Security Journals America, 2023
2. "A precursor to what became the Involuntary Separation Guide", Security Info watch 2023
3. "Parking Safety: Lighting Best Practices", Security Magazine, 2022
4. "How to Hire Security Officers", facilities net, 2022
5. "Destination Dispatch features you Need", Buildings Magazine, 2021
6. "The Destination Dispatch and "Integration" Debacle", Buildings Magazine, 2021
7. "The status of drone technology in security", Security Info Watch, 2021
8. "Five Hidden Security Risks Resulting from Pandemic Response" Facilities Management, February 2021
9. "Good-Better-Best: Comprehensive Best Practices for Implementing Public Transportation Security Systems" (Vol. 1), Security Industry Association, 2021
10. "Are More Stringent Lighting Codes Adversely Affecting Building Security?" Facilities Net, 2021
11. "Call Boxes in a Mobile Age", Security Industry Association, 2020
12. "The Facilities Manager's Guide to Disruption, Facilities Net, 2020
13. "21st Century Spy", Insurance Research Letter, 2019
14. "The Brave New World of Cyber Security: Evaluating Vulnerabilities, Building Operating Management, 2018
15. "A failure to Plan", Security Management Magazine, 2018
16. "Terrorism Revisited". Insurance Research Letter, 2018
17. "Adapt or Die", Security Technology Executive, 2017
18. "Security Vulnerabilities Exposed in Facilities", Building Operating Management, 2015
19. "Security Innovation Award Grand Platinum Project: Qatar's Massive Corporate Campus is an integration Showcase", Security Technology Executive, 2014
20. "Workplace Violence An Executives' Role in Creating a Safe Organization, Safety Outlook, 2014
21. "A Dangerous Phenomenon – A Look at Workplace Violence, RM/Insights, 2014
22. "Securing Iconic Structures", Council on tall Buildings and Urban Habitats, Issue 2, 2012
23. "Earthquake Reflections: A Firsthand Facility Story", Buildings, 2011
24. "The Role of Standards in Workplace Violence Prevention and Response, Security Magazine, 2011
25. "Security Blanket: Does Your Facility Have a Plan?, Building Operating Management, 2011
26. "10 Tips to Safeguarding your Master Key," Buildings Magazine, July 2011
27. "Determined Aggressors," ALN Magazine, October 2010
28. "Caution: IP Ahead," Facilities Management, February 2010
29. "Ounce of Prevention," ALN Magazine, February 2010
30. "Images, Operating Systems and Headaches: Realities of Security Systems Running on PCs," Security Info Watch, December 2009
31. "Protecting the Security Budget," Building Operating Management Magazine, May 2009
32. "Security- How to Avoid Beta Technology," Building Operating Management, December 2008
33. "Is IP the Wall Street of Video?" Security Magazine, December 2008
34. "Security: When is the Right Time for New Technology?" Building Operating Management Magazine, September 2008
35. "IP Debacle," Security Magazine, April 2008
36. "Security Benchmarking," Security Technology and Design, December 2007
37. "CCTV and Beyond," Government Security Magazine, December 2007
38. "Security Standards," Government Security Magazine, October 2007
39. "Locked, But Not Secured," Government Security Magazine, September 2007
40. "In the Glow of Protection," Government Security Magazine, May 2007
41. "High-Rise Security from the Ground Up," Building Operating Management, October 2006
42. "The Designer's Role in Building Security," Healthcare Design -Architectural Showcase Issue, September 2006
43. "The Plan's in the Business Details," Security Magazine, May 2006
44. "Workplace Violence - Prevention through Environmental Controls," Aon Risk Bulletin, April 2006
45. "Storage Turns a Corner," Security Technology and Design, February 2006
46. "Levers Against Liability," Security Management Magazine, February 2006
47. "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design," Security Technology and Design, December 2005
48. "Security Threat & Vulnerability Risk Assessment: Optimizing the Value & Effectiveness," White Paper, September 2005
49. "The Designing Role in the Application of Proactive Security," Society of American Registered Architects, August/September 2005
50. "CPTED Designing for Security," Risk Bulletin, 2003
51. "Digital Band Wagon," Security Technology and Design, January, 2001



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