



# Fox Valley Chapter (FVC) Newsletter

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## All-Digital Meetings

Aligned with ASIS's decision to hold only all-digital events though June 2021, all FVC functions will also move to an all-digital platform

## FVC Leadership Team

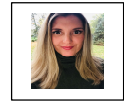
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Harold Rivkin – Vice Chair  
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## 2021 Leadership Team: Meet Your Secretary

*Kate Colberg Jones - Risk & Crisis Management Consultant, Contellis*



I started my career with the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) at the US Department of State as the analyst for Central & South Asia. I then did what most government employees eventually end up doing: jumped to the private sector. I moved to Houston, Texas to work for what was then known as ASI Group in product development. There I worked as a liaison between ASI and an Austin-based IT start-up to help conceptualize, create and launch an international traveler tracking product. After the successful product launch, I was asked to help launch the subsidiary ASI Global which would be the home of Travelers Insurance's retained crisis response team. After many years with ASI Global, an illness in the family necessitated my return to Wisconsin where I worked briefly in finance and real estate. I am now back with Travelers retained crisis response team as a Crisis & Risk Management Consultant at Constellis. I currently live in Green Bay with my husband Jesse and our two dogs and two cats.

I look forward to getting to know each of you as well!

*Each month we will be introducing a member of the 2021 Leadership Team to Chapter members.*

## Spring Educational Seminar **THANK YOU**

FVC's Workplace Violence Prevention Seminar was a resounding success! Our featured speaker Rob Schuster, the Chief Operating Officer of AFIMAC presented extremely informative and interesting sessions; Lethal Aggressors/Active Shooter Response and Essential Best Practices for Workplace Violence Prevention and Management. We are even discussing the possibility of another session on High-Risk Terminations. Thank you for helping us make our first education seminar a success and we look forward to bringing you many more in the future!

### FVC Membership Committee

Kate Thone – Chair

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Randy Rickert

Harold Rivkin – Officer Rep

### FVC Program Committee

Ryan Peterson – Chair

Randy Lukasavage

Jim Sagan

Kevin Krutza – Officer Rep

### FVC Nonprofit Vetting Committee

Brenda Vetting

Steve Diedrich

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### Women in Security Liaison (WiS)

Kate Colberg Jones

### Region 2B Discussion Group

If you have not joined the Region 2B discussion group on the ASIS website, please go and introduce yourself! It is a great way to meet fellow security professionals in Wisconsin & Minnesota. To find the discussion group log into the ASIS website → Click on Connects on the top of the page → Click on Communities → Click on My Communities

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## Save the Date

FVC has a couple of notable events you need to mark down to Save the Date because *you do not want to miss them*. More details for each event will be upcoming.

August 24, 2021 – FVC Annual Golf Outing (It's happening!)

Royal St. Patrick Golf Links

201 Royal Saint Pats Dr.

Wrightstown, WI 54180

October 11, 2021 – Fox Valley Tech Public Safety Training Center Tour

Appleton International Airport

W6400 County Rd. BB

Appleton, WI 54914

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## Monday, May 10 FVC Meeting Agenda

Join us for May's FVC meeting!

May's meeting will feature a presentation by Megan Zimmerman of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Megan is NAMI's Community Outreach Coordinator for the Fox Valley and will be speaking on Navigating a Mental Health Crisis.

In addition to Megan, we will also have our popular Security Resource of the Month.

### All-Digital FVC Meeting

**2PM to 3:30PM**

**No Cost**

### Agenda

2:00PM – Meet and Greet and Introductions

2:15PM – Keynote: Megan Zimmerman – NAMI Fox Valley

3:00PM – Security Resource in NE WI and N MI

3:10PM – Region 2B Update

3:15PM – Business Meeting

Please join us to learn, share, and build friendships with your colleagues.

**Got spam?**

**You're not alone.**

Some members have found the Fox Valley Chapter emails are being caught by the corporate email spam filters.

If this is happening to you, please email Secretary Kate Colberg Jones [secretary@asisfoxvalley.org](mailto:secretary@asisfoxvalley.org) to obtain a list of IP and email addresses for your IT department to add to their 'permit list.'

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## FVC's April Security Resource

*Kate Thone - Assistant Vice-President & Security Officer, National Exchange Bank & Trust*

Kate started in banking when she was still a senior in high school. She started as a part-time teller and worked her way up into operations management. In September 2016, that bank merged with National Exchange Bank & Trust and that is when she was given her current job as Assistant Vice-President and Security Officer with all corresponding responsibilities which would include her first foray into the world of security. The first order of business for her in this capacity was to complete detailed physical security assessments at all 35 locations. As you may know, such assessments are in-depth, varied and detailed including not only internal physical security mechanisms but also outdoor issues such as landscaping and proximity to interstates and highways. Kate's assessments also included reports on area-specific security and crime issues in each community. Once those assessments were complete, numerous issues needed to be addressed including upgrading all equipment and landscaping. Today Kate and her team are undertaking the extensive but necessary task of updating cameras and DVRs throughout all the bank's locations. In addition to all of this, Kate is also the security trainer for all bank employees which includes a monthly security presentation to the company's lead banker group who are then tasked with bringing those lessons to their individual branches. Kate also leads an annual company-wide security training. Additionally, Kate is responsible for Accounts Payable & Vendor Management to ensure all due diligence is completed when a vendor is onboarded. To say her plate is full would be an understatement!

If you were to ask Kate what keeps her up at night? She would say robberies. Robbery prevention & response is typically at the forefront of her mind as she dreads the day she gets the call there has been a robbery.

In the nearly 5 years since entering the safety and security field, Kate has had many accomplishments which includes recently sitting for and obtaining her APP Certification! That is not an easy exam! She has also taken on many leadership roles within the Fox Valley Chapter including sitting on the 2020 Leadership Election Committee, 2021 Financial Review Committee and chairing the 2021 Membership Committee. Kate has quickly become an integral part of FVC and we are absolutely thrilled to have her as a member!

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## Northern Michigan University - Criminal Justice & Loss Prevention Program

*Professor Robert A. Hanson, Department Head*

Professor Robert Hanson, Department Head of the Criminal Justice Program of Northern Michigan University (NMU) provided FVC with a fascinating overview of NMU's Criminal Justice and Loss Prevention Program as well as many opportunities for FVC members to become involved. Located in Marquette, Michigan, NMU has 7,700 students and the Criminal Justice and & Loss Prevention program is the third largest in

the University. The University even has a Forensic Research Outdoor Station (also known as a Body Farm) to study the effects of cold climate on bodies. When Professor Hanson arrived at NMU in 1976, the degree program was called the Security Administration Degree. Professor Hanson was a part of ASIS at the time and interestingly, the university had the largest ASIS Student Chapter in the nation. This partnership between NMU's students and ASIS professionals is something Professor Hanson would love to see again as he knows how valuable mentoring is for students.

NMU also has a Global Campus which is 100% online learning, perfect for the busy working professional. The online learning course content is real-world relevant with students attending from a variety of academic backgrounds. Up to 90 credits can transfer into the program and an unofficial, no-strings-attached degree evaluation is always available to see what it would take for someone to complete the degree. The online learning is designed to work around professionals' busy schedules, including an MBA which is 100% online.

Professor Hanson is eager to set up a partnership between NMU and ASIS. He foresees opportunities for ASIS professionals including guest lectures, course development, adjunct professorships, internships for the students, class trips and research opportunities. It is a partnership that could truly be beneficial for all parties involved.

Any FVC members who may be interested in supporting Professor Hanson's program, becoming involved in any or with any questions may contact him:

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