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Dedication

This introduction to security text is dedicated to the late Dr. Kenneth C. Christian, CPP. Ken Christian was a former law enforcement official who changed the focus of his career to the protection of lives and property in the private security field. He became a scholar and an expert in security theories, concepts, and practices.

Dr. Christian was highly influential in the development of my career. When I was an undergraduate student, Ken introduced to me the concepts and practices of the security industry and the protection of lives and property. Because of his teaching, I made the decision to pursue a career in the security industry. Upon graduation and as I entered the security field, Ken continued to guide me as a mentor and a friend. He motivated me to become a true security professional and to understand that lifelong learning is a vital means of remaining a professional. It was also Dr. Christian who first recommended that I consider teaching security classes to college and university students. He thought that I “connected” with the students in the classroom. He was able to see attributes in me that I was unable to notice.

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Foreword

The world around us continues to evolve and change. Political mind-sets swing like a pendulum, from the right to the left, swaying public opinion and shifting policies. The private sector continues to use new methods and techniques to improve products, services, and profitability. New devices and communication mediums can change our society and how we view the world.

Through these various and at times overwhelming changes and advancements, a personal and professional need remains—the need to protect ourselves and our property. In our global society there are many individuals who desire to cause harm to our lives and property. Their motivations may vary, the techniques may differ, but in the end they wish to take advantage of others. They wish to harm the innocent and the indefensible. They want to take advantage of the unknowing or unaware. They want to harm others for their own personal gain.

Over three decades ago I made the personal decision to combat crime and protect lives and property. My education, military service, professional experiences, and contributions to academia have been and are intended to serve and protect. To protect the innocent, the unaware, the less fortunate, and those who cannot protect themselves or their belongings—this is my purpose in life, my mission, my passion, my calling.

As our world continues to evolve, either for better or for worse, we as a global society must always be aware of the perils around us and around those we love and respect. The battle against crime and those who intend to harm others is ongoing. Because of this ongoing battle, we must now recruit, train, and educate our next generation of protectors. This book is a contribution toward that effort. If we do not take time to learn from the past, understand the present, and plan for the future, the criminals and malcontents could gain an advantage with their illegal and immoral acts. We cannot allow this to happen. We must be strong. We must never give up. We must be always vigilant. *Semper fidelis.*

Joseph J. Jaksa, Ph.D., C.P.P.

Purpose of the Book

The intent of this textbook is to provide an academic-based instructional text for beginning college and university security students. This text (a primer) is written for first- or second-year students who have yet to enroll in an academic security course. The book discusses relevant theories and practices and offers topics for research and discussion questions, combining both academic theories and current security industry challenges.

The content of the book provides general security concepts, information, and examples, relevant for a 100-, 200-, or lower 300-level college course. It will be suitable for both community colleges and universities. The book is divided into 14 chapters to coincide with a typical academic semester. Each chapter will provide the basic academic building blocks needed to develop a solid foundation of knowledge and preparation for the study of advanced security concepts. With the complexity and depth of today's private security industry, great care has to be taken to offer the necessary knowledge and information intended to motivate a student to enroll into additional security courses and pursue a possible career in the private security industry.

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