

## Chairman Peter King: Homeland Security

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“I really commend **ASIS**, in addition to so much of what you’re already doing, for your cooperation; the work that you’re putting into homeland security, the level of cooperation among yourselves; with law enforcement, with the local governments, the state governments and governments throughout the Country. To me, you are an example that’s to be set everywhere and should be emulated as much as possible.”

These words of encouragement were the opening remarks made by Congressman Peter King, Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, at the New York City Chapter’s monthly luncheon on Friday, October 20, 2006. Chairman King examined the challenges to transportation and port issues; analyzed the lessons learned from the London bombings; and he offered an experienced perspective about the media’s influence on the public’s view of terrorism. His support of the Patriot Act and NSA surveillance drew repeated, enthusiastic applause and support from the assemblage. King underscored the significance of partnering and information-sharing, and noted the success of such liaison relationships in New York: “Since I’ve been Chairman, I observe what is going on around the Country. I can tell you there is nothing anywhere in the country which matches what is being done in New York.”

“The fact is, what **ASIS** does is to be a signal to everyone in all communities and all professions to drive the importance of coming forward, working together and cooperating. So, I really want to thank you and **ASIS** for what you are doing to augment what the government is trying to do, and working with the government at so many levels to get the job done and to protect us.”

Congressman King’s presentation was delivered with a deep sense of commitment to his service on the Committee. He was warm, personable and expressed how much September 11<sup>th</sup> had affected his life.

The event took place at the New York Athletic Club, where 350 guests attended. Among the many notable guests were NCPD Commissioner James Lawrence, SCPD Commissioner Richard Dormer, FDNY Deputy Commissioner Frank Cruthers, ASIS President Jeff Spivey, ASIS President-Elect Steve Chupa, former ASIS President Shirley Pierini and Regional VP Joe Masciocco.