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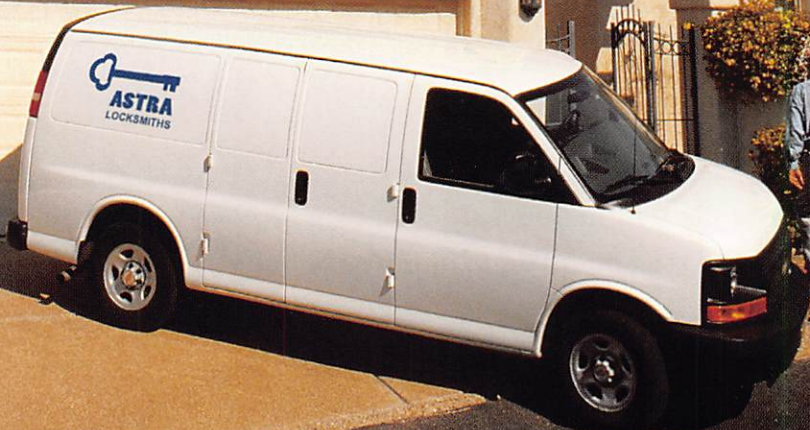
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Season's Greetings!

This is the time of the year when many people give and receive gifts. If I could give a gift to each of our members, it would be that of health, happiness and prosperity. If I were to receive a gift, my hopes are that it would be that of communication, cooperation and commitment by all of us in the security industry. What a gift to ourselves — working together for an industry that we all love.

Home for the holidays is a thought that comes to mind at this time of year. And what a home coming ALOA had! Our headquarters held an Open House during our Fall Board Meeting. The Board got a chance to take a brief break and visit the HQ. The Open House was a great success. I met with some of our members and the terrific staff that works at the main office. The new headquarters is fantastic. It is not only larger, but more updated than the old one with plenty of room to expand. The museum and library are progressing and should be a "must see" if you ever visit the Dallas area.

Our own Executive Director, Charles Gibson, was honorary chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths' Association's 56th convention. The theme of the banquet was "A Salute to the Men and Women of the Armed Services". Mr. Gibson is a retired colonel in the Army. The "Colonel", as he is affectionately known to us, received the "Lee Rognon Award" for promoting communication and cooperation among locksmith associations.

As the year winds down to its end and our association is heading into its 50th year, let's all make plans to attend the convention in Las Vegas. Think about driving home in that '56 T-Bird. Now, that's a gift!

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GPLA Presents Awards

The Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths Association recently present awards at the GPLA 56th Annual Awards Banquet.

The Philadelphia Award was presented to **Mark Miller** for devoting much time and effort to the advancement of the craft, not only in Philadelphia, but around the world.

The Gerald J. Connelly Jr. Pioneer Award was presented to **William Boyd Neff, CML** as recognition for his professional dedication to the locksmith industry in the categories of leadership and education.

The Lee Rognon Award was presented to **Charles W. Gibson Jr., CAE** for his efforts promoting professionalism and fostering cooperation between associations.

The Herman Henssler Award is reserved for Members of the Greater Philadelphia Locksmith Association who have made exceptional contributions to the growth of the Association. Named for a founder of both GPLA and ALOA, it is the consummate expression of respect by the Association for one of its own. This year, the recipient was **Dolores Mock**.

Sargent and Greenleaf To Be Featured On *Made In America*

Sargent and Greenleaf (S&G), a subsidiary of Stanley Security Solutions, Inc., will be featured on the popular television program *Made in America*. Hosted by John Ratzenberger, best known as the know-it-all mailman Cliff Clavin on the popular television series *Cheers*, *Made in America* highlights companies from all across the United States that manufacture products in America.

The Sargent and Greenleaf segment will air December 27th as part of the show's new 2006 season. Ratzenberger spent the day inside the S&G factory, meeting employees and actually working on the production lines. He then took a guided tour of S&G's newest products, including the Biometric Keypad, an innovative device that controls safe locks by fingerprint.

Made In America airs on Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Travel Channel.

In Memory

Harry L. Crile of Pat's Key and Lock in Hutchinson, KS and Ronald L. Fowler, CRL, an ALOA member since 1985 passed away this year leaving friends and relatives to sadly celebrate their memories.

New Product News

CCL Security Products, a division of The Eastern Company of Naugatuck, CT, recently introduced the Super Sesamee™ to the security marketplace at the Institutional Locksmith Association Conferences held in Chicago and Secaucus, NJ in October.

Developed at the request of institutional and industrial users of 4-dial combination padlocks, the Super Sesamee offers all of the benefits of a solid steel padlock, with the weather resistance of an all brass padlock.

Locksmiths may purchase Super Sesamees from all participating Security Hardware Distributor Association (SHDA) members.

Champion Speller



The WordLock is a combination lock that uses letters instead of numbers. Instead of the numbers 2468, for example, the lock could spell "lawn." The benefit to users is that words are much easier to remember. The lock can be used in many applications—as a padlock, a lock on a briefcase or laptop, or even a door lock.

WordLock was recently selected as the grand prize winner in Staples® first-ever Invention Quest™ contest. An expert panel of judges, along with more than 147,000 online votes cast by America, selected WordLock as the #1 product for 2004.

WordLock was one of the top 100 new inventions in the Invent Now America competition hosted by the PTO and QVC.

WordLock can be created in any variety of themes from sports to branded characters and can be created in any number of languages including Spanish, French, Italian etc. Learn more about this product at <http://www.wordlock.com/>.

DeWALT named One of Top Ten Best Brands by *Fortune Magazine*

DeWALT, a leading manufacturer of industrial power tools, was named by FORTUNE magazine as a "2005 Breakaway Brand." FORTUNE turned to Landor Associates, a brand and design consultant in San Francisco, and BrandEconomics, a division of global consulting firm Stern Stewart & Co., to conduct the study to determine which brands have been most successful at increasing their value. The findings appeared exclusively in FORTUNE magazine's October 31st issue, available now at www.fortune.com and on newsstands.

Landor and BrandEconomics studied more than 2,500 brands in the U.S. BrandAsset® Valuator database to identify those brands that exhibited the greatest increases in brand strength over the three-year period from 2001-2004. The study evaluated brand strength, which is a combination of differentiation—how well the brand stands out from others—and relevance—the degree to which consumers believe a brand meets their needs. The study also measured each brand's stature. Brand stature is broken into two components, esteem and knowledge. Esteem is how well regarded the brand is, while knowledge refers to whether the consumer understands the brand. DeWALT was chosen as one of the top brands as a result of superb brand strategy and execution.

The FORTUNE article called the DeWALT brand strategy, "Knowing Your Customer". It is this strategy that DeWALT has consistently executed since its reincarnation in 1992. The intense focus on the needs of the professional power tool user has enabled DeWALT to quickly become one of the world's leading manufacturers of industrial power tools.

DeWALT was ranked among some of the world's leading brands such as Google, iPod, Sony Cyber-shot, Gerber, Subway, BP, LeapFrog, Sierra Mist, and Eggo.

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Recognition Systems, the biometric component of Ingersoll-Rand's (IR) Security Technologies, recently announced that an integrated HID iCLASS card reader is now an option available for its FingerKey DX family of products. These biometric finger scanners work with a variety of credentials including proximity, magnetic stripe and now HID iCLASS contactless smart cards, through its FingerKey DX-2200 model.

"Offering integrated HID iCLASS card readers makes our finger scanners even friendlier to existing and future electronic access control systems," explains William Kennedy, Recognition Systems product marketing manager for access control. "The FingerKey DX-2200, along with our already proven HandKey II with integrated smart card option, provide greater security and biometric template portability for our hand geometry and finger scanning technologies."



HID iCLASS contactless smart cards store both the user's ID number and fingerprint template on the card, eliminating the need to distribute templates across a network or require the access control system to manage biometric templates. This means integration to existing access control applications is greatly simplified and there are no additional network infrastructure costs. Because the template resides only on the card, the solution also eases individual privacy concerns.

The FingerKey DX family of biometric access control readers provides low-cost biometric alternatives designed to secure smaller user populations. The FingerKey DX includes a keypad and LCD display. Expanded memory

and Ethernet options are also available. Verification takes less than two seconds. The user simply enters a PIN code or presents a card, which calls up a template to scan or pulls the template from a smartcard. Then, the user places a finger on the FingerKey reader for verification of the template.

Along with the new FingerKey DX-2200 iCLASS, Recognition Systems also offers the FingerKey DX-2000, which uses a keypad or external reader for template verification, and the FingerKey DX-2100, which has an integrated HID proximity reader. The variety of options provided by Recognition Systems creates an extremely flexible combination of solutions for most applications.

Recognition Systems was named recipient of the 2004 Application Market Penetration Leadership Award for access control and time and attendance applications in Frost & Sullivan's study, World Biometrics Market.

About Recognition Systems

With over 100,000 hand geometry units throughout the world reading millions of hands each day, IR Recognition Systems, founded in 1986, is the pioneer and only manufacturer of the leading two biometric technologies, hand geometry and finger scan. The world sales leader of biometric verification devices for access control, time and attendance and identification applications, it serves an international clientele from its headquarters in Campbell, Calif. Its website is www.handreader.com. Phone is 408-341-4100. Recognition Systems is a business/business unit of diversified industrial-firm Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited, a leading innovation and solutions provider for the major global markets of security and safety, climate control, industrial solutions and infrastructure. Further information on IR can be found on the company's web site at www.irco.com.



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Installing A Door Closer on a Security Gate

By: Gordon Racine, CML

I have noticed that the trend lately is to install locking gate systems at the exterior of many commercial buildings. The biggest problem is keeping these doors closed! Most of these installations don't address installing door closers or closing springs.

Barry Meyer, CPL a locksmith friend in Castle Rock, Colorado has developed an easy way to use standard door closers in a non-traditional way to control these gates. Most current door closers are now using fluids that are resistant to changes in consistency due to weather conditions. This allows for this type of exterior installation.

Picture #1 Shows the gate that we will be installing the closer on

Picture #2 Barry is preparing to mount a door closer drop plate on the gate post

Picture #3 & #4 show mounting and leveling the plate

Picture #5 We have now installed the closer body on the drop plate

Picture #6 The arm shoe is now being attached to the gate

Picture #7 & #8 The arm is attached to the closer and only adjustment is left to be done.

I noticed that the biggest issue with this type of installation is you need to pressure the closer to near to its max pressure to get adequate closing strength. All in all, this is a quick way to control the door and allow the access control systems to operate as designed.

Pictures #9 # 10 #11 are pictures of the completed installation and

Pictures #12 #13 #14 are of a gate closer he had installed previously. Notice the post the customer installed to protect the arm of the closer.



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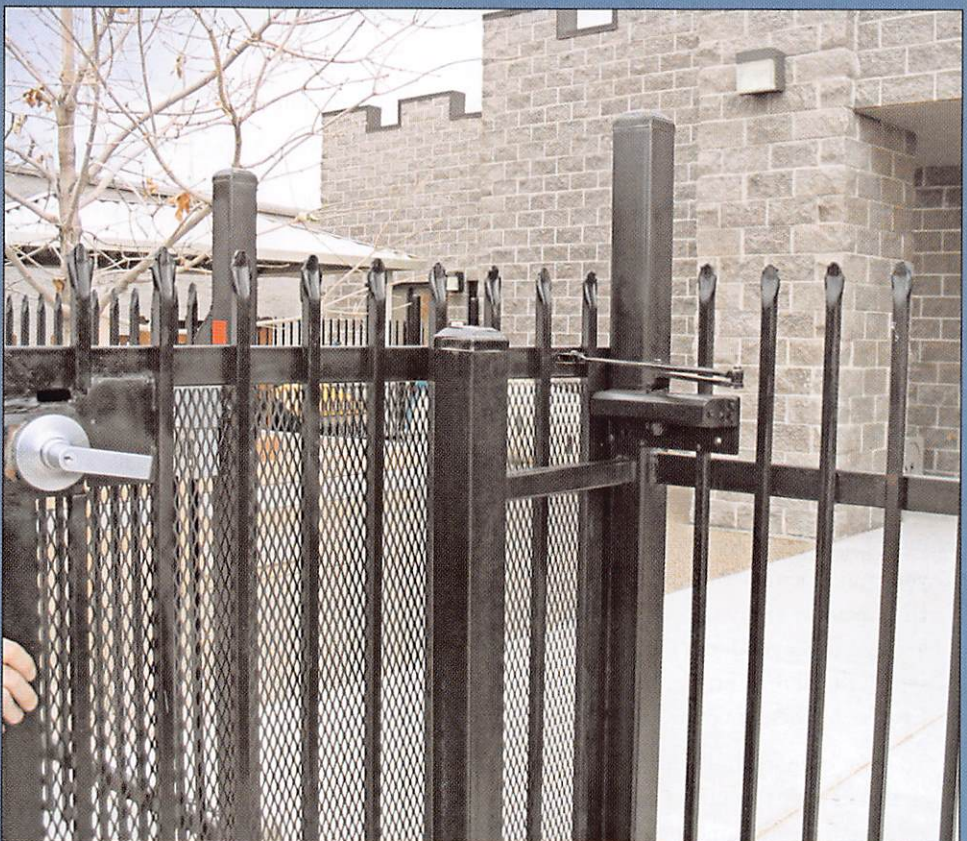
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American Lock

Door Lock Compatible Cylinders

By: Billy B. Edwards Jr., CML



American Lock has offered door lock cylinder, SFIC and LFIC compatible padlocks for many years but until now has not offered a variety of the cylinders inside the padlocks. In conjunction with the availability of the new **EDGE™** Key Control cylinders we are now offering a wide variety of cylinders and cores with broad keyway compatibility. These cylinders and cores may be ordered installed in the padlock, or you can order them by themselves.

Some of the KIK cylinder keyways are composites but all may be keyed to original manufacturer biting specifications. In fact, if you order them keyed, we will supply them with keys that match the original manufacturer specs.

In fact, if you have a biting list for an existing MK system with one of these keyways, we can accomplish the master keying for you at our factory. That is useful when your customers want a large quantity and you don't have to dedicate shop time to do the keying. It is a good idea to tell us the biting depths used in the system for all Sargent, Corbin Russwin and Yale keyways as there have been different options for each of them through the years.

To order cylinders only, the following diagram can be used to construct the part number of the exact cylinder you want. Adding that part number to a door lock cylinder compatible padlock will cause it to be installed in the padlock.

Keyway	Description
D200WP***	American Lock® Edge™ Key Control
D10	Arrow® K5, K6, L6A
D01	Corbin® 59A1-A2
D29	Corbin® 60
D07	Corbin®Russwin® L4
D32*	Dexter®Master® 67 (composite)
D14	Falcon® 1573,1577 (comp. E-R)
D02*	Harloc® SE-1 (composite)
D12*	Kwikset® (composite)
D08	Lockwood®
D02*	Lori® L200
D80*	Lori® Locksmith 80
D90**	Loricentric® 90
D11	Russwin® 981/852
D30	Russwin® D1
D36	Sargent® LA-LC (composite)
D70	Sargent® RA-RC (composite)
D02	Sargent® S
D02	Sargent® U
D04	Schlage® C
D34	Schlage® E
D28	Schlage® P (accepts C-L)
D27*	Segal® 9.265
D13*	Weiser® (composite)
D33*	Weslock®
D03	Yale® 8
D15	Yale® GA

*Exclusively available as 5-pin cylinder

**Exclusively available as 6-pin cylinder

***Exclusively available as 4 or 6-pin cylinder

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Door Hardware Cylinder

Keying Specification

Keyway

KD - Keyed Different
KA - Keyed Alike
KZ - Zero Bitted
KDMK - KD Master Keyed
KAMK - KA Masker keyed
UN - Uncombined**

Manufacturer's Brand Name			
Arrow	10	Russwin D1	30
Corbin 59A1-2	01	Sargent LA-LC*	36
Corbin 60	29	Sargent RA-RC*	70
Corbin Russwin L4	07	Sargent S*	02
Falcon 1573, 1577*	14	Sargent U*	02
Harloc SE-1*	02	Schlage C	04
Kwikset*	12	Schlage E	34
Lockwood	08	Schlage P	28
Lori L200*	02	Segal 9.265	27
Lori Locksmith 80	80	Weiser*	13
Loricentric 90	90	Weslock	33
Master/Dexter 67*	32	Yale 8	03
Russwin 981/852	11	Yale GA	15
		American Lock Edge™ 200WP	
		Key Control System	
		(Available with 4 or 6 pins only)	

Number of pins

4 - four**

5 - five




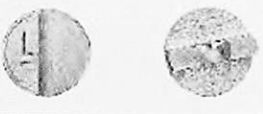

6 - six

* Indicates a composite keyway

** Exclusively available for Edge™ Key Control System only

There is a special component that allows the door lock cylinder to operate the padlock locking mechanism called a driver. We also offer a number of drivers that allow use of different door lock cylinders in our padlocks.

In the table below you can see the various drivers available and an indication of what brand cylinder they should adapt to our padlocks.

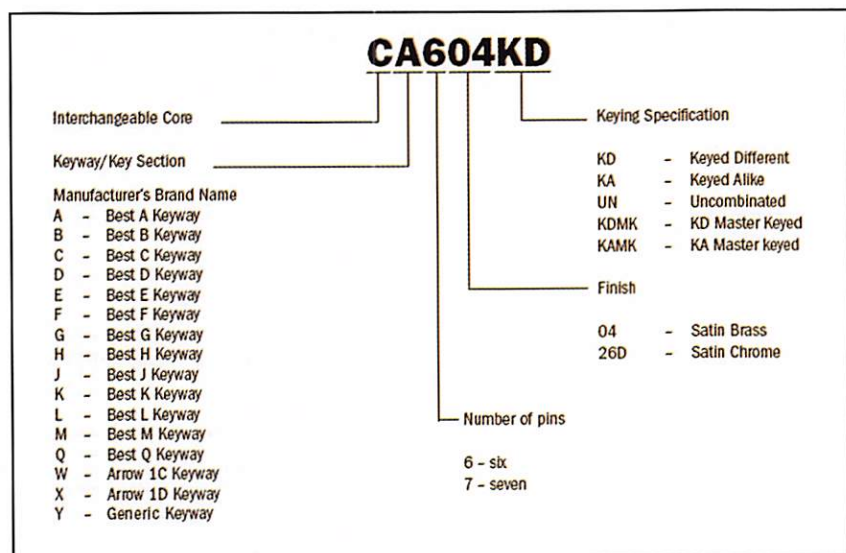
	Part Number	Used in Locks	Use Notes
	ADRSCH6	A3600, A3700, A3800	Schlage or any 100% copy
	ADRMED6	A3600, A3700, A3800	Medeco 20 series
	ADRLOR30	A3600, A3700, A3800	Lori 1530
	ADRLOR39	A3600, A3700, A3800	Lori 1539
	ADRVAR36	A3600, A3700, A3800	Assortment of Schlage, Medeco and Lori 1539

As a part of adding door lock cylinders to our product line, we are also adding SFIC 6 and 7 pin cores in either of two finishes, (US3 or US26D), and any of the keyways listed here.

We have the capability to supply these cylinders keyed or uncombined. We offer A2 or A4 bitting compatibility but will not attempt to match your A3 specs. If you have an existing key system and can supply the bitting information for the keys, (including the Control Key), we can key the cores to match the existing system.

If you have an existing system and want expansion under those same MK's and Control, send us a bitting list of what you have now and we can recreate the keying system and expand it to the full capacity it was originally designed to meet. We'll be happy to supply you with a copy of the system upon written request.

There is another diagram below that can be used to order exactly the core you want. We offer the SFIC in a 6 pin length and a 7 pin length to match your current core configuration.



Adding the part number of the SFIC from above to any of our 3100, 3200 or 3500 Series locks will allow you to order the core inside the padlock body.

Both types of locks can be ordered just as in the past if you prefer ordering cylinders or cores separately but the new keying options can make getting what your customer needs a little simpler. For more information, contact your American Lock Distributor.

Keyway	Description
CY	Generic SFIC Keyway
CA	Best® Lock A Keyway
CB	Best® Lock B Keyway
CC	Best® Lock C Keyway
CD	Best® Lock D Keyway
CE	Best® Lock E Keyway
CF	Best® Lock F Keyway
CG	Best® Lock G Keyway
CH	Best® Lock H Keyway
CJ	Best® Lock J Keyway
CK	Best® Lock K Keyway
CL	Best® Lock L Keyway
CM	Best® Lock M Keyway
CQ	Best® Lock Q Keyway
CW	Arrow® Lock 1C Keyway
CX	Arrow® Lock 1D Keyway

Note: Padlock bodies will also accept small format cores of the following OEM brands:

Best®, Best® PKS, Arrow®, Falcon®, Kaba® Peaks, KSP® & Lori®

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Electrical Safety for Security Professionals

By: Greg Perry, CML, CPS

Do you like going home at night in the same shape as you left in the morning? Most of you might think this is a silly question, of course you do! Who wouldn't? The answer to this question is those who choose to not work safely.

Dangers are lurking everywhere all day long. From the moment you wake up and step out of bed forgetting the dog is under foot,

the day is filled with hazards. The emphasis this month is electric locks. This article is going to address some of the hazards present when working around electricity, although much of the information can also be used to work safely while performing general locksmith tasks.

Some people claim working safely costs too much,

actually it can save. How expensive is a trip to the emergency room for stitches? I know of a case where an electrician was electrocuted while loosening some cover screws on a panel. He was off work for three months and endured many more months' of therapy. His work would not normally be considered unsafe. Another cost to consider is the requirements your customer may have to perform electrical or any type of work at their location. We work at a mine site that requires all personnel working at their site

have 24 hours of safety training to start and 8 hours per year refresher safety training. This is factored into what we charge this customer.

Before going any further with safety let's discuss in simple form a few electrical terms. AC stands for Alternating Current, DC stands for Direct Current. Electricity is often

compared to water, Voltage is compared to water pressure and Current or Amps is similar to the number of gallons of water supplied. The combination of the two is the amount of work being done or Watts. A 60 watt light bulb draws or uses 1/2 an amp at 120 volts. Your corded drill might pull 6 or 7 amps. 2 to 10 milliamps or thousandths of an

amp can cause muscle contraction, 100 milliamps or 1/10 of an amp can kill you if the flow through your body is through your heart. Resistance is like friction it prevents or resists the flow of electricity. Electricity wants to flow like water down a hill, only electricity wants to flow in DC between the positive and negative or in AC from the wire to the earth ground. Most of the electric work locksmiths perform is low voltage, defined as 12 or 24 volts AC or DC at less than 1 amp. In general these voltages are not



extremely hazardous. They might cause a tingle or maybe a slight twitch in the muscles. These voltages don't have enough power to overcome the resistance in our body. If we reduce the resistance by wetting our skin the flow of electricity increases. Most of us have touched a nine-volt battery to our skin without feeling it and then touched it to our tongue to feel a good tingle. This is an example of reducing resistance. Standing in a puddle of water while doing electrical work reduces the resistance to ground.

Normally voltage supplied to houses and small businesses in the US is 240 volts AC which then split at the electrical panel to 120 volts to earth ground. This is typically the voltage we plug into with a transformer although some panels are connected directly with conduit and wire or a plug in cord set. 120 volts can cause injury or death. The first step in working safely is to unplug or turn off the circuit breaker supplying the power to the panel. The next step is to test with a voltage meter for power and then test the meter at a circuit that is powered to make sure the meter is operating properly. If you need to work while the circuits are powered and you do not know the voltage expected then set your meter at the highest setting and work down in range to the appropriate setting.

Many of you sell safety lockout hasps, have you ever used one? Lockout/Tagout are big terms in most factories. What do these terms mean? First all forms of energy are turned off and the switch or ability to turn it back on is locked with a padlock. In addition a tag is added to indicate whose lock is attached.

Energy can be electrical, hydraulic, kinetic, mechanical, heat, steam, hazardous gases or combination of any of these. In some cases power may be fed from multiple directions, this is why you must test. I've rekeyed mortise cylinders in overhead door switches requiring lockout/tagout. The door could be operated from three separate switches. This is also a case where the voltage was 277 volts AC for the controller. Not your common electric lock voltage, if you are uncomfortable dealing with locks in this situation have an electrician remove the lock for you to rekey.

Ladders are a big part of our work. Often wiring is run in attics or above drop ceilings. Fiberglass ladders although

more expensive are the best choice. Aluminum ladders are not acceptable for electrical work because they will conduct electricity. Wood ladders, although considered safe for electrical work are not allowed in most industrial plants because they splinter, deteriorate and in general are not as rigid. Quality fiberglass ladders are both electrically non-conductive and do not splinter or deteriorate as fast as wood ladders. Proper ladder use requires care. Do not extend your body to either side of the ladder, if you need to reach further move the ladder closer. Ladders have a maximum working height, do not exceed this, or climb to the top of a stepladder. Extension ladders must be placed one foot away from the wall for every four foot of height. The bottom can be tied to the wall with a rope if conditions dictate it. Depending on where you are working you may be required to tie off anytime your feet are more than six feet above the base of the ladder, or even on some walkways or scaffolding.

Safety equipment should always be used where appropriate, the standard stuff like safety glasses, hardhats, and steel toe safety shoes are required in almost all factories and construction sites. Other equipment you might not think about is: hearing protection for use with most power tools or in noisy environments, respirators for dust, knee pads if you need to kneel and appropriate welding protection. A couple of items many of us might forget are safety cones and barrier tape to prevent others from entering our work area, possibly creating a hazard for both the worker and visitor. Some applications might require a second employee to act as a watch. Don't forget to price this into your bid or bill the customer for the extras.

The primary cause of all accidents is unsafe work habits. Taking shortcuts, overextending, forgetting safety glasses, and using the wrong tool or just plain ignoring safety rules can all lead to injuries. How many of you turn your key machine off to insert or remove a key blank? I've seen injuries to the back of the knuckle from a cutter. When working around electricity or machinery accidents can happen in a split second. Remember electricity is invisible and deadly. I make a point of working safely so at the end of the day I'm home and not in the hospital or worse. I hope you will too!

Requirements to Maintain PRP Certification/ALOA Membership

Summary

Before reading the new requirements to maintain PRP certification and/or ALOA membership, it is important to understand a few basic facts.

First, anyone who has an ALOA PRP Certification (RL, CRL, CPL, CML) as of January 1st, 2006 has that certification for life. It will not need to be renewed.

However, to maintain eligibility for membership in ALOA, a recertification may be required. The requirements to maintain membership are the same as the maintenance of PRP Certifications required for all who receive that designation after the first of January 2006. Members, however, are “grandfathered” according to the exemptions listed in the bylaws change passed last June. The “grandfathering” was explained in the last issue of Keynotes.

People who live outside of the United States and its territories are exempt from the requirement to have and maintain a professional security designation as a requirement for ALOA membership. They are, however, required to re-certify to maintain a PRP designation earned after the first of January, 2006.

Active Members will be required to obtain and maintain a security related professional designation. The designation RL, (Registered Locksmith), is and has been for many years a part of the ALOA PRP. Obtaining the “RL” designation does not require a test. Therefore a member can obtain and maintain a security professional designation without ever passing a test. In addition to the ALOA PRP designations, the following designations have already been approved:

- Safe and Vault Technicians Association - Certified Professional Safetech (CPS) and Certified Master Safe Technician (CMST)
- ASIS International – Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and Physical Security Professional (PSP)
- Door and Hardware Institute – Architectural Hardware Consultant (AHC), Certified Door Consultants (CDC), Electrified Hardware Consultants (EHC), Architectural Openings Consultants (AOC)
- International Association of Investigative Locksmiths - Certified Forensic Locksmith (CFL)
- National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association - Certified Alarm Technician Level 1 (CAT1)
- Institutional Locksmith Association – Certified Institutional Locksmith (CIL)

If a member has a designation that he feels should qualify for the purpose of maintaining membership, he may request that the ALOA Education Department (AED) consider this designation for inclusion. Generally the requirements are that they be administered by a recognized national or international organization and there is a recertification requirement.

The classes, seminars and other educational events listed in the following document do not have to be offered by ALOA. In general, classes must be of the same general quality and length of time to be recognized. Therefore most classes offered by other security organizations such as ASIS, DHI, NBFSA and others will usually be acceptable. Classes offered by private schools such as Fox Valley Technical College, Lockmasters, MBA, North Benet Street School and others may also be acceptable. Once a class has been approved, it will be listed by the AED as “approved”. Any class that a member has taken or wishes to take may be submitted for approval consideration.

ALOA PRP Re-certification

The security industry is in a constant state of evolution. To protect the integrity and advance the professionalism of the CRL, CPL and CML designations, the ALOA Board of Directors through the ALOA Education Department (AED) has mandated that all holders of ALOA certifications achieved after January 1, 2006 pursue professional development and continuing education in order to maintain proficiency and credibility.

Those that achieved their designations prior to January 1, 2006 are exempt from the AED requirement for recertification; however they will have to comply with the ALOA Active membership requirement to have and maintain an ALOA recognized certification.

Recertification requirements established by the AED involve obtaining a specified number of credits (16 pts within three years), in areas such as education, training, teaching, writing and volunteer leadership in locksmith/security and business management associations. The AED will review and revise activities approved for credit as appropriate.

Recertification activity reports must be submitted to the ALOA Education Department every three years for holders of the CRL, CPL and CML designations. All certification holders may submit credit-reporting forms with accompanying documentation (copies of certificates, newsletter listings, etc.) at any time during their terms, and are encouraged to do so, on an annual basis.

The re-certification fee is \$60.00 for members and \$215.00 for non-members, payable every three years. ALOA will send an invoice after the credit requirement is met. All checks must be made payable to ALOA in U.S. dollars and must be drawn on a U.S. bank. The fee is subject to change.

ALOA PRP Re-certification Activities Schedule Summary

16 total points are required within a **three-year term**.

NOTE 1: For CRL's and CPL's – advancement to the next level of certification resets the certification term to three years from the date that the most recent certification level is achieved.

NOTE 2: Rules for writing exam questions must be followed. See 3.4

NOTE 3: Activities submitted for Re-certification must not be within the scope of employment and/or performed as a requirement of employment.

NOTE 4: Written documentation (i.e. copies of certificates, registrations, articles etc.) is required for all activities, except those certified by ALOA.

To make the recertification process as fair as possible the AED has provided ALOA members with the opportunity to achieve recertification points from seven major sources which are; Association Memberships, Education program participation, Instruction/Presentations, Publications, Volunteer Service, Public Service and Other Accomplishments.

The following is summary of how points are accumulated in these areas.

Association Memberships – You can accumulate points by being a member of

- ALOA,
- SAVTA,
- An ALOA Chapter or
- An ALOA Affiliate association.

Education participation – You can accumulate points by:

- Attending classes at any nationally recognized security association conference (such as ASIS, DHI, ILA, IAIL, etc.), by
- Attending ALOA Continuing Education (ACE) classes and/or the ALOA Security Expo,
- Attending SAVTA classes and/or exhibits,
- Attending regional or local association classes and/or exhibits,
- Successful completion of a written exam for locksmith/security related self-study program that is accredited or otherwise recognized, (this may include ACE after class PRP exams, Internet/distance learning, and CD-ROM or other self-study programs)
- Participation in, or attendance at, a locksmith/security related, educational session - including Internet/distance learning and CD-ROM or other self-study program
- Sitting for a PRP/STPRP exam.

Instruction, speeches or other presentations. – You can accumulate points by;

- Being the principal instructor/speaker in a security related course at an accredited college or university of at least 3 semester credit hours

- Instructing an ALOA ACE class
- Participating as an assistant instructor for an ALOA ACE class
- Participating as an instructor, speaker or panelist at any security related educational program of at least 3 hours
- Preparing usable PRP/STPRP exam questions in the proper format and from current references.

Publications – You can accumulate points by;

- Authoring an approved security-related book
- Contributing to a book on security-related topics
- Authoring a security-related article in a recognized national periodical
- Contributing to recognized security-related national periodicals (i.e. submission of trade tips)
- Writing a book review published in a security-related national periodical

Volunteer Service – You can accumulate points by;

- Serving as a committee member of a local or regional security organization
- Serving as an elected President/Chair, Vice-President/Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Newsletter Editor on the local level of a chartered security organization
- Serving as a board member or officer of the ALOA Scholarship Foundation, SAVTA Board of Directors, ALOA Board of Directors or any chartered national security organization or association

such as ASIS, DHI, ILA or IAIL.

Public Service – You can accumulate points by providing security-related activities that are performed pro bono for a charitable, religious, governmental or community entity.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- security audits of a public or private school building
- security or life safety surveys for a church, synagogue or other place of worship
- evaluation of life safety or security issues for a charitable agency

Other Accomplishments – You can accumulate points by participating in special activities related to professional development in security or business management.

Examples include but are not limited to:

- Proctoring a PRP examination
- Participating in PRP/STPRP exam category development
- Participating in an ACE Instructor Class evaluation
- Participation in ACE curriculum development
- Participation in ACE class development

This has been a summary of the ALOA PRP recertification program. The following is a detailed chart that specifies how points are accumulated.

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ALOA PRP Re-certification Activities Schedule

16 total points required in three-year term

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Activity

1. Membership		Points Per year	Limit per term
1.1	Active Membership in ALOA	2	6
1.2	Active Membership in SAVTA, a local ALOA chapter or ALOA Affiliate association.	1 per each	3 per each
2. Educational Programs and Courses		Points Per year	Limit per term
2.1	Attendance of three or more days at a recognized security organization's annual or other major conference.	2 per each	unlimited
2.2	Completion of an ACE certified class	1 per day	unlimited
2.3	Successful completion of a security or business management-related 3 credit course at an accredited college or university — including Internet/distance learning, and CD-ROM or other self-study program that results in college or university credit.	4	unlimited
2.4	Successful completion of a written exam for locksmith/security related self-study program that is accredited or otherwise recognized; and has duration of at least 8 hours with formal curricula related to core security skills. May include ACE after class PRP exams, Internet/distance learning, and CD-ROM or other self-study program.	1 each	unlimited
2.5	Participation in, or attendance at, a locksmith/security related, educational session of eight hours - including Internet/distance learning and CD-ROM or other self-study program.	1 each	unlimited
2.6	Participation in, or attendance at, a locksmith/security related, educational session of four hours.	.5 each	unlimited
2.7	Attendance at any locksmith/security-related exhibition	.5 each	unlimited
2.8	Sitting for a PRP/STPRP exam	.5 each	unlimited
3. Instruction, Speeches and Other Presentations		Points Per year	Limit per term
3.1	Principal instructor/speaker in a security related course at an accredited college or university of at least 13 semester credit. hours.	5	unlimited
3.2	Principal instructor for an ALOA ACE class per 8 hours	4	unlimited
3.2	Appearance as an instructor, speaker or panelist at a security related educational program of at least 3 hours	1 each	unlimited
3.4	Preparation of usable PRP/STPRP exam questions in the proper format and from current references (1 for each 5 questions submitted for evaluation before September 1 of each year). Required revisions must be approved before December 1st for credit to be given. (PRP/STPRP Exam Item Writing Instructions document available from AED)	1 each set of five	unlimited

Activity

4. Publications *		Points Per year	Limit per term
4.1	Authoring an approved Security-related book.	6	unlimited
4.2	Contribution to a book on security-related topics.	3	unlimited
4.3	Authoring a Security-related article in a recognized periodical.	3	unlimited
4.4	Contribution (i.e. trade tips) to a national recognized periodical	.5 each	unlimited
4.5	Writing a book review published in recognized periodical.	1 each	unlimited
5. Volunteer service in a chartered security organization		Points Per year	Limit per term
5.1	Each year served as an officer (President or Secretary) of the ALOA Board of Directors.	2	6
5.2	Each year served as a member of the ALOA Board of Directors, President of SAVTA or President of the ALOA Scholarship Foundation.	1	3
5.3	Each year served as a board member of: the ALOA Scholarship Foundation, SAVTA Board of Directors or Board of a chartered national security organization or association.	1	3
5.6	Each year served as a Council member, Council committee chair, or Chair of the Host Committee for an annual or other major conference of a security-related organization.	1	3
5.8	Each year served as an elected President/Chair, Vice-President/Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Newsletter Editor on the local level of a chartered security organization	1	3
5.9	Each year served as a member of the Host Committee for an annual or other major conference of a security-related organization.	1	3
5.10	Each year served as a national Council committee member or an appointed officer or committee chair on the local level of a chartered security organization. (including CML Representatives)	1	3
5.11	Each year served as a committee member of a local or regional security organization.	1	3
6. Public Service		Points Per year	Limit per term
Security-related activities that are performed pro bono for a charitable, religious, governmental or community entity. Examples are; security audits of a public or private school building, security or life safety surveys for a church or synagogue, evaluation of life safety or security issues for a charitable agency. AED will determine points to be awarded based on scope of activity, value to recipient, accomplishments vis-à-vis objectives and time spent.		At discretion of AED	(1-5 points)
7. Other Accomplishments		Points Per year	Limit per term
Special activities related to professional development in security or business management. Examples include: procuring a PRP examination, participating in PRP/STPRP exam category development, participating in an ACE Instructor Class evaluation, participation in ACE curriculum development, participation in ACE class development. AED will determine points to be awarded based on scope of activity and time spent.)		At discretion of AED	(1-5 points)

*Any other kind of publication may be submitted for eligibility review to the ALOA Board of Certification.

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A Day in Court

By: Eric Costley, CPL

If someone ever asks, "Would you swear to that in a court of law?", say, "no". Of course, if you are properly compensated for your time and expert testimony, why not? I guess that I've been fortunate to avoid such a situation for over 25 years, but the great gavel of fate finally came beating on my door.

I returned to the shop one afternoon after a busy day, and noticed an envelope in my "inbox". It was marked "personal and confidential" and had my name handwritten on the front. I didn't recognize the handwriting but I knew that we had recently picked up some documents from the accountant, so I thought that perhaps it was something dealing with insurance, taxes, or some similar thing. Other than that, the silence in the shop made me wonder if it was the dreaded "pink slip", but I doubted it. I ripped the envelope open and was shocked to find a subpoena to appear in court, and a check for a paltry amount of money that didn't even cover gas and parking, much less the time involved.

Getting a subpoena and a check in the same envelope is somewhat like getting paid for a slap in the face. I was angry, and confused. The names involved in the case didn't ring any bells and the check said "witness fee" in the memo section. I knew I hadn't done anything wrong, but I was baffled regarding who this was, what job it concerned, and why on earth someone would call me as a witness! I had a little pow-wow with my employers and we all racked our brains trying to figure it out. It only took a few minutes to sort out a very vague and fuzzy picture.

Most of my days are spent primarily in the field, running from job to job. It is a rare day that I spend more than an hour inside the shop, and that's total time (not all in one stop). Evidently, there had been a few calls for me from a private investigator but obviously he must not have been a very good one, since he couldn't find out where I live or track down a phone number where he could actually speak to me.

In this particular instance, it was probably advantageous that I live in a different county from the shop. We only use cell phones in the house. Therefore, there is no "hard-wired" phone.

There might have been a very short mention of these calls at a morning meeting, but we all pretty much figured that it would be a waste of time, so the topic immediately got shelved.

I guess what puzzled me most was what I was supposed to testify to! Our fuzzy outline came down to the fact that I had changed the combination to a safe in a home where the owner was deceased. Since jobs that are paid at the time of service get entered into the computer differently than jobs with an account, tracking down the name to gather more information would've been a very long, tedious process, and we didn't want to waste the time.

I was also baffled that I wasn't handed the subpoena in person and that no one had contacted me since to discuss the case. Although it wasn't much, I decided to cash the check from the lawyer and stop for some groceries on the way home.

When court day finally came, I had spent many sleepless nights thinking about what I would say in court. I assumed that the questions would revolve around how difficult it would be for someone to surreptitiously gain entry to a safe without a combination, if that process would leave evidence on the exterior of the safe door, and so forth. I had about a week to spend without sleep, so I pretty much had my "patter down pat". I had anticipated, practiced, and honed virtually every scenario that I could conceive of. I had brushed up on my technical jargon, and intended to "wow" whomever might be present with my vast knowledge and experience in safework. I was prepared, despite my distaste of the whole situation and my contempt of the paltry witness fee to be the expert witness that I knew I could be.

The great gavel of fate finally came beating on my door

waited. I didn't realize that I should've brought some trade magazines or puzzle books. I exited the building more than once to grab a few puffs off of a cigarette and to pump more coins into the parking meter.

When court day came, the "zero hour" was 1:00 pm. Oh, did I mention that this is not the county in which the shop is located? Not only do I live in a different county, the court was in a county beyond that. From the shop, it's about 35 miles. From where I live, it's more like 70 miles. Of course, at this time, that was not an issue. I was at work, and we had managed to schedule a job for the same day at a museum that was only a few miles from the courthouse.



As I was headed to court, I got a call on the cell phone to inform me that my services in court would not be needed until 2:30 pm. I headed for the museum, convinced that I could finish the job and proceed to the courtroom. I was correct.

I pulled into a parking space outside of the courthouse about 15 minutes early, and that gave me time to remove all the accouterments of the profession, including my tool belt, cell phone, pager, all the change from my pocket, and anything else metal that might go "beep" as I walked through the metal detector. (We installed high security cylinders at this courthouse about two years ago, so I knew pretty much what I was in for.) Unfortunately, the elderly couple ahead of me in line wasn't quite as prepared. The security guard removed a nail file and small pair of scissors from the ladies purse, and assured the gentleman that the metal detector would not do anything to trigger the defibrillator that was permanently imbedded in his chest. I waltzed though without a blip.

Arriving outside the courtroom in the waiting area, I found a local jeweler, a priest, a police officer, and myself as well as two or three others whose professions I couldn't discern. (Sounds like a set up for a joke, doesn't it?) I had done a few jobs for the jeweler, so we chatted a bit as I

Officially, I'm off the clock at 4:30 pm, but it was nearly 5:30 when the courtroom closed down for the night. The former customer that had summoned me here emerged from the courtroom, apologized, and said that I was next, but I would have to come back later.

At this point, all that I said was that he should contact my employers. I was fuming over the waste of time, as well as the fact that I would arrive home more than two hours late. The prospect of coming back to court was appalling but I didn't want to be held in contempt, which would mean a fifty-dollar fine. (Besides, I'd already wasted 3 hours of time for nothing. I was curious to see what the outcome of this would be.)

A few days later, another letter appeared for me. The date was set, and the time was 9:30 am. Although we didn't have any jobs in the area that day, at least it was scheduled early and I knew I was next in line to testify. I left the house around 7:40 a.m. so that I would arrive on time.

It was interesting that the lawyer actually spoke to me at this point. He asked me if I recalled the job, and I remarked, "well, not really." The customer produced the original receipt from the job at this time, and sure enough, it was my job! As it turns out, the job had occurred over

18 months prior to the court date and was a simple job to change the combination on a safe. The safe was a Mosler safe that was equipped with an S&G 6720. The information sparked my memory slightly, but not much.

As a rule, I normally run between 6 and 8 outside jobs a day. In any given day, two or three of these jobs might involve safes. In the course of any day, I might interact with 30 or more people, most of whom are quickly forgotten unless I see them frequently, or unless something about the job stands out. I didn't have time to do a lot of reminiscing, so I took what little I remembered and headed into the courtroom.

After everyone was seated and waiting, there was a long pregnant pause. During most of this time, my stomach growled loudly. Another 15 minutes elapsed until the judge appeared, and the command "all rise" was sounded. I was glad that this might come to an end soon, and I could get back to doing what I do best: working on locks.

By the way, have you ever noticed that "important people" deliberately make you wait at least five minutes, even if they are doing absolutely nothing? It's a psychological power play that I'm sure that they must teach at Ivy League schools. Even if you know they are doing it deliberately, it is still effective.

After being sworn in, I took the stand and was asked if I performed the aforementioned job, and on what day. "Did you open the safe? Who gave you the combination to open the safe? You changed the combination? Do you remember what room the safe was in?" (Yeah, right... the only reason I know the address is that it's on the receipt!) "Did you notice what was in the safe?" At this point I got a bit righteous.

I'm not real familiar with court procedure. My few visits to court over the years were due to minor traffic infractions. Still, the stench of wasted money usually makes me ill. So, I said the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.

"As a professional safe technician," I started, "it is not customary to examine the contents of the safe. Our job is to

be concerned with the door and the locking mechanism. The contents of the safe are personal and private, and out of professional courtesy we tend to ignore the contents. In addition, we do not keep records of safe combinations unless specifically requested by the customer."

The next bit made me snicker. A question directly from the judge! "So you changed the combination on the lock. This is a dial lock like on a school locker?" I'm sure the grimace on my face was obvious as I replied, "Well, basically, but it's a lot more complicated. The lock in question was a S&G 6720, a lock used in many current production safes. It's certainly more secure than a school locker lock." I was waiting for the question about sandpaper and stethoscopes, but I was spared the chance to speak my peace on that subject. What would I have said? "Your honor, I don't know much about law. Most of what I know I've learned from television and movies, be it true or false. What you know about safe work has probably been similarly learned."

There were a couple more questions about trivial details. I was then dismissed and disappointed. I had expected someone to cull from me deep dark secrets of safe technical information, and yet all I testified to was that I was there, and I changed the combination. Wait! Didn't the receipt already testify to that?

My lesson was learned and maybe I can help someone else avoid the pitfall.

Total time wasted? Over 5 hours.

Mileage? Close to 200 miles

Check for appearing as a witness? \$29.80.

Do you get the picture? Never agree, (even verbally,) to appear in court without stating, (in writing,) that you must be properly compensated for your time and testimony. (Take what you would normally earn for one day's pay and double it. Then request additional compensation for extended appearances or time.)

Experience? Priceless, I suppose. We all learn from our mistakes (hopefully) and I've learned a great deal from this one!

So You Want to Be A Forensic Locksmith?

By Dan Cunningham, CRL, CFL

Locksmithing is an ever expanding and changing field. Twenty years ago the locksmith could get along very well with knowledge of pin tumbler and automotive locks, and how to open cars with a "slim jim".

Today a locksmith must possess knowledge of high security locks, special keyways, complex masterkeying systems, automotive transponder systems, electronic access and computer chips before he/she can even begin to work in the field. Locksmiths are becoming more and more specialized everyday. Some are specialize in electronic access, some in door hardware and the ADA, some in nothing but IC locks or masterkey systems, some in automotive work and some specialize in strictly high security automotive lock work.

Specialization is the world of the forensic locksmith. The forensic locksmith specializes in the forensic examination of locks and lock-related components, security systems, and may have to determine whether or not a burned vehicle had the locks compromised before the fire. Forensic locksmithing is a very specialized field of locksmithing and requires extensive training and a certain type of mindset.

Forensic Locksmith Defined: The word "forensic" is defined by Black's Law Dictionary as "belonging to the courts of justice." Although the term, "forensic locksmithing" has not been defined by the courts, the term "forensic medicine" has been clearly defined by the courts.

"Forensic Medicine (locksmithing) is that science which teaches the application of every branch of medical (locksmithing) knowledge to the purpose of the law; hence its limits are, on the one hand, the requirements of the law, and, on the other hand, the whole range of medicine. (locksmithing)"

Notice I have put "locksmith" in the definition so the reader can make the substitution as they read the definition. Thus a "forensic locksmith" is one who uses his locksmithing skills for the purposes of the law.

Insurance: A basic requirement for any business of any type is liability insurance of the proper type. As a forensic locksmith, your primary clients are insurance companies, attorneys and in some cases, law enforcement agencies. Dealing with these clients on a single case can place you in a position of liability.

Whenever your client is an insurance company, there is generally a large amount of money on the line. The insurance company simply wants to know if they are obligated to pay the client or if the client is trying to defraud the insurance company. Most SIU (Special Investigation Unit) investigators have a set list of criteria they must examine when a loss is referred to them for investigation. If there is anything suspicious they may call you in to examine the locks, lock-related items and related security systems associated with these locks. An insurance company has a legal obligation to pay off on all legitimate losses. However, it does not have to pay on a false fraudulent claim. They are relying on your expert skills to help them determine if the claim is a legitimate loss or a fraud.

Law enforcement agencies deal with crime and putting people in jail. When working as a forensic locksmith for a law enforcement agency a person's freedom may depend on your findings.

Attorneys are another source of work for a forensic locksmith. Attorneys work both sides of the fence. One day you may be working for a defense attorney defending a criminal defendant and the next day working for a law enforcement agency trying to put a guy in jail. You may be working for an attorney against an insurance company in a "bad faith" suit or you might be working for an insurance company to prove they were right in denying a claim.

If you make an examination in any of the above situations, and come to the wrong conclusion, you may be liable for a lawsuit. For this reason if you are going to do forensic lock work you absolutely must have insurance.

There are two types of insurance available to the forensic locksmith. The first type is through your regular insurance carrier. This is the general liability insurance most locksmiths have. This type of insurance will cover you if someone comes into your shop, falls and is injured. However, it will not cover you if you are found liable in a lawsuit for sloppy work or coming to an unfounded or erroneous conclusion. Unless you can get a rider on your policy to specifically cover forensic locksmithing, you may find yourself in a situation with no insurance coverage and personally liable.

The second type of insurance is known as E&O (Errors & Omissions) insurance. This type of insurance is very specialized and available on a limited basis. Most insurance agents will not

even know where you can get E&O insurance, let alone the specialized E&O insurance required for forensic locksmith work. E&O insurance will cover you if you make a wrong call in your analysis. It is an absolute must if you plan to do forensic work.

Training And Education: A forensic locksmith should have at least three to five years work experience as a full-time locksmith. Experience and knowledge of general locksmithing is required. A person will also need to have knowledge of investigative practices, the collection and preservation of evidence, maintaining the chain of evidence, and a strong report writing ability.

The work experience should include knowledge of all phases of locksmithing. You will need to be familiar with the various types of locks used in the field and able to identify the individual components of the lock. If you are a commercial locksmith you should at least have knowledge of automotive locks, and if you are an automotive locksmith you should have at least a general knowledge of commercial and residential locks. No matter which area you specialize in you will need to know the covert methods used to gain access to an area and/or bypass/defeat the locking device/system.

How do you get the necessary training and experience? Currently there are two organizations that offer training and certification. The oldest and best established is the "International Association Of Investigative Locksmiths" (www.IAIL.org). The second organization is the "International Association Of Auto Theft Examiners" (www.IAFATE.com). Both offer training classes in forensics. Training through IAIL is by mandatory attendance at classes. Various associations, including ALOA at various locations around the country, offer these classes. Training through IAFATE is available through the use of training CD's. Both require you pass an extensive testing process to receive certification. Through IAIL you will receive training in forensic locksmithing for either commercial or automotive investigations. The training through IAFATE targets forensic examinations of auto thefts only.

The "CFL" (Certified Forensic Locksmith) certification from IAIL has been accepted by the courts in several states as being a valid and recognized certification of the forensic community. The "CFL" certification from IAIL is also recognized by ALOA. The "CFATE" (Certified Forensic Auto Theft Examiner) has also been accepted by the criminal courts in several states and is currently being introduced in the courts in other states.

The IAIL has established a point system to evaluate a person for the CFL certification. The person is required to have taken the "Investigative Locksmithing" course. This is a three-day, three-part course. The applicant is also required to have some training in "Auto Theft and Arson" investigation. IAIL offers classes in

these areas. These are the only two areas of required training. The certification committee evaluates your background and training and awards points for locksmithing courses you may have taken. Points are awarded for a CRL, CPL or CML certification, work experience, formal college education courses, and several other areas of life experience the applicant may already have. The applicant must accumulate a total of 75 points in five different areas and have a minimum of one full year membership in IAIL before they can sit for the exam.

The Mindset: The mindset of a forensic locksmith is also different than that of a conventional locksmith. You have to think like a thief and not a locksmith. A locksmith is trained to get into a car or open a lock with no damage to the lock or the vehicle. The thief, on the other hand, doesn't care. He is stealing the car or burglarizing the building. So what if he breaks a lock or something else to obtain his objective? The locksmith is not constrained by time. It might take him/her 20 or 30 minutes to pick a lock or get into a vehicle. So what? To the thief, time and noise is the enemy. Do it quick and get out of there. The longer they spend bypassing or compromising the locks, or the more noise they make, the greater the chance of getting caught.

Is It Worth The Time And Effort: The average locksmith who works for a shop or owns his/her own shop will put in much more time than the normal 40 hours a week of an 8-to-5 job. They work all day and respond to "lockouts" after hours and at night. If you own the shop, particularly if it is a one-person operation, you are married to the business. Sit down and calculate how many hours you actually put in related to work and divide your income by the number of hours. You will find you are making a lot less money for your time than the \$20 to \$60 per hour you have calculated your rates on.

Depending on the area of the country where you live and the number of hours you are willing to put in, a good forensic locksmith can make an income of around \$70,000 to \$75,000 per year and only work 3 days per week. The work is all 8 to 5 Monday through Friday. (Insurance company adjustors and investigators do not work on weekends, or nights) Building up a good forensic business is like building any other business. You have to get out there and hustle. Once you become known and establish a reputation as a good, thorough, and comprehensive investigator you will have more work than you can handle.

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BOARD nominations

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There are currently seven regional directors positions open for election in addition to the position of Secretary. ALOA members now elect the directors from their own regions.

Only ALOA members from a region are eligible to run for the open position(s) in that region. Only members from a nominee's region can vote for their regional candidate.

Candidates for director positions must be ALOA members for a minimum of three years to be eligible to run.

Members from any region who have served on the board within the preceding three years are eligible to run for the Secretary position. The following vacancies will exist for the election to be held before the ALOA 2006 Convention.

Secretary	
Northwest:	One director
Northeast:	Two directors
Southwest:	One director (one year term)
South Central:	One director
International:	One director
Associate:	One director

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Gibson at (800) 532-2562 or e-mail Charlie@aloe.org.

On this page you will find the required nomination petition and on the following page, the board commitment form.

The following is the number of signatures required for each board position:

Secretary	25
Northwest	4
Northeast	21
Southwest	11
South Central	7
International	7
Associate	1

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Board of Directors Nomination Petition

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I, the undersigned, request that _____ be placed on
(name of nominee and member number)

the ballot for _____ for the election to be held at
(position for which individual is being nominated)

the special meeting of ALOA members to be held on June 9, 2006 or any adjournment thereof.

I am eligible to vote in the _____ region.

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YOUR COMMITMENT TO ALOA BOARD SERVICE

(Please read carefully and sign where indicated.)

The ALOA Board governs with emphasis on organizational vision rather than on interpersonal issues of the Board; encourages diversity in viewpoints; focuses on strategic leadership rather than administrative detail; observes clear distinction between Board and Executive Director roles; makes collective rather than individual decisions; exhibits future orientation rather than past; and governs proactively rather than reactively. (For a copy of the ALOA Board of Directors Governance Policy contact the ALOA headquarters office.) The responsibilities of an ALOA board member include contributing a moderate amount of personal time, and a significant degree of professional guidance and expertise to the organization.

You will be expected to come to board meetings and the annual membership meeting. You will need to be prepared to sensibly discuss matters of great importance to your profession and participate in setting policy as part of a governing body. Your course of action during your tenure on the ALOA board should be guided by fair minded, constructive goals pertaining to matters of consequence for ALOA and for the industry. Your contributions are expected to benefit ALOA as a whole, taking individual member rights and concerns into account, but free of the taint of partisan politics or personal gain.

On a practical note: ALOA board members are expected to behave and dress professionally at all times, especially when actively representing the association. ALOA board members are required to participate in two board meetings per year, of three or four days in length, one each fall and spring. Board members are also asked to attend the annual convention and are required to attend the annual membership meeting. Board members may also be asked on a voluntary basis, to represent ALOA at related local, state or regional functions, including serving in the ALOA Booth and otherwise promoting ALOA. When travel is required for a board member, expenses covered by ALOA include lodging, travel and a reasonable *per diem*. The Board has stipulated that assigned travel will be reimbursed at the lesser of the 30-day advance tourist class airfare in effect at the time of travel or the current per-mile rate for travel by personal automobile. Spouse expenses, including extra room charges, etc., are the individual's responsibility.

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I have read and agree to adhere to the ALOA Board of Directors Governance Policy. Furthermore I understand the above responsibilities of an ALOA board member, and agree to commit my time and energies as needed. I certify all of the information contained on this form and supporting documentation to be true and complete.

I can be contacted with questions at :

Address _____ Phone # _____

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please attach a recent photograph of yourself along with a 75 word or less biography and retain a copy of this form for your own files. This form and all supporting documentation should be submitted no later than March 1, 2006.

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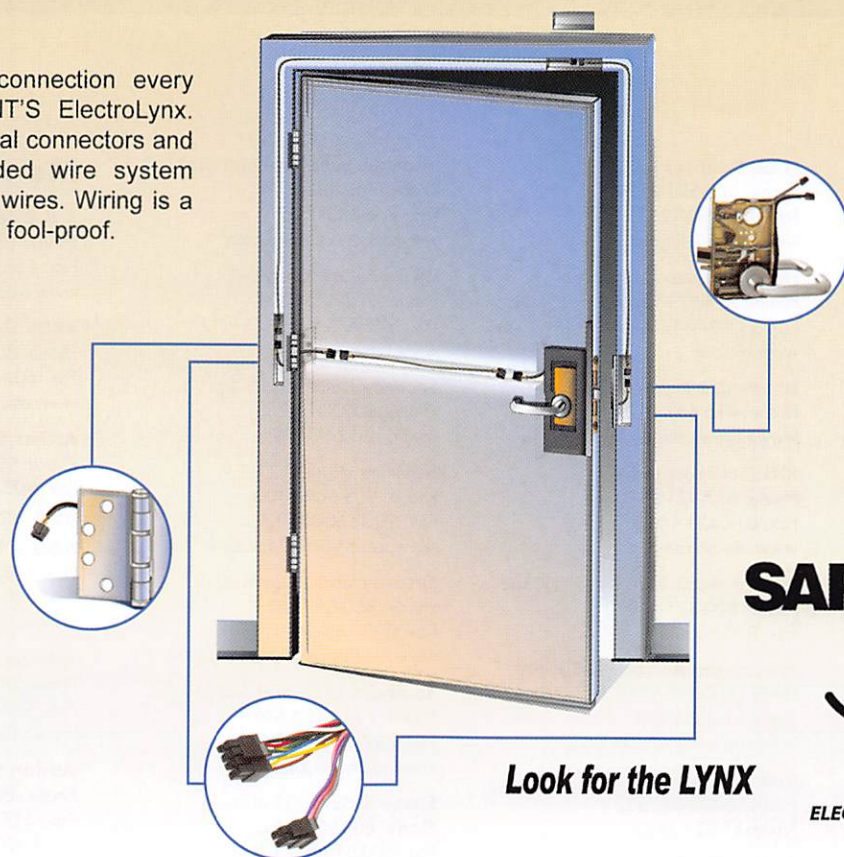
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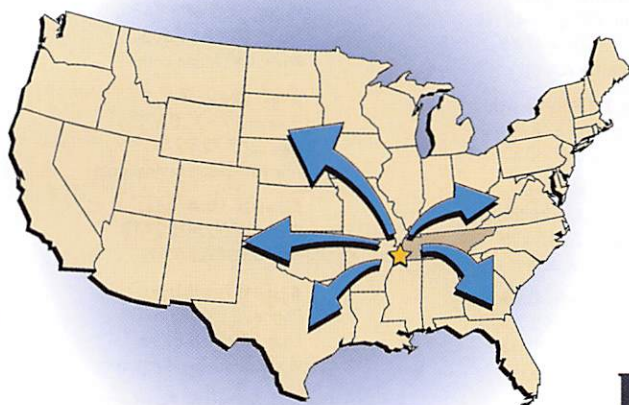


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US H 3632

SPONSOR: LaTourette (R)

TITLE: Electronic Premise Security Systems

INTRODUCED:
07/29/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee

SUMMARY:

Allows a deduction for expenses related to the purchase and installation of qualifying electronic premise security systems.

STATUS:

- 07/29/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 07/29/2005 To HOUSE Committee on WAYS AND MEANS.

CA A 714

AUTHOR: Ridley-Thomas (D)

TITLE: Motor Vehicles: Key Information Access

INTRODUCED:
02/17/2005

LAST AMEND:
09/08/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover

LOCATION: Assembly Transportation Committee

SUMMARY: Requires every motor vehicle manufacturer of a motor vehicle sold or leased in this state with a model year of 2007 or later to provide a means whereby the registered owner of that motor vehicle can access information sufficient to permit the reproduction of a key to operate the owner's vehicle 24 hours each day and 7 days each week.

STATUS:

- 02/17/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 09/07/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committees on TRANSPORTATION and BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS.
- 09/08/2005 From ASSEMBLY Committee on TRANSPORTATION with author's amendments.
- 09/08/2005 In ASSEMBLY. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

IN H 1361

AUTHOR: Brown C (D)

TITLE: Locksmith Registration

INTRODUCED:
01/13/2005

DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned

LOCATION: House Public Safety and Homeland Security

SUMMARY: Requires locksmiths to be registered; requires the state police department to administer the registration program and conduct a national criminal history background check for each registration applicant.

STATUS:

- 01/13/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 01/13/2005 To HOUSE Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY.
- NOTES: Locksmith Registration

MD H 207 CROSS-FILED WITH: MD S 105

AUTHOR: Hubbard (D)

TITLE: Maryland Security Systems Training Board

INTRODUCED:
01/24/2005

DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned

LOCATION: HOUSE

SUMMARY: Establishes the Maryland Security Systems Training Board; requires the Secretary of State Police to adopt regulations to implement training requirements for security systems technicians developed by the Maryland Security Systems Training Board; provides for the composition of the Board and the terms, removal, and compensation of the members of the Board; authorizes the Board to set specified fees; requires the Board to set training requirement.

STATUS:

- 01/24/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 01/24/2005 To HOUSE Committee on ECONOMIC MATTERS.
 - 02/21/2005 From HOUSE Committee on ECONOMIC MATTERS: Reported unfavorably.
- NOTES: Security Systems Training Board

MO S 186

SPONSOR: Loudon (R)

TITLE: Electrical Industry Licensing Board

INTRODUCED: 01/18/2005

DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned

LOCATION: Senate Financial and Governmental Organization, Veterans' Affairs and Elections Committee

SUMMARY: Establishes the

Missouri Electrical Industry Licensing Board and describes their powers and duties.

STATUS:

- 01/18/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 01/24/2005 To SENATE Committee on FINANCIAL, GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND ELECTIONS.
- NOTES: Electrical Industry Licensing Board

MS S 2356

AUTHOR: Mettetal (D)

TITLE: Burglar Alarms

INTRODUCED: 01/13/2005

DISPOSITION: Failed

LOCATION: Died

SUMMARY: Burglar alarms; license and regulate installation.

STATUS:

- 01/13/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 01/13/2005 To SENATE Committee on BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.
 - 02/01/2005 Died in committee.
- NOTES: Burglar Alarm License

NJ JA 3943 IDENTICAL: NJ S 2337

SPONSOR: Johnson (D)

TITLE: Electronic Security Systems

PREFILED: 03/14/2005

INTRODUCED:
05/02/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: Assembly Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee

SUMMARY: Exempts certain businesses from licensing requirements for those engaged in burglar alarm, fire alarm and electronic security system installations.

STATUS:

- 03/14/2005 FILED.
 - 05/02/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 05/02/2005 To ASSEMBLY Committee on REGULATED PROFESSIONS AND INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES.
- NOTES: Electronic Security Systems

PA H 1653 PN: 2080

AUTHOR: Raymond (R)

TITLE: Vehicles Code

PREFILED: 06/06/2005

INTRODUCED:
06/07/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: House Transportation Committee

SUMMARY: Amends the Vehicles Code. Provides for duplicate vehicle keys. Prescribes a penalty.

STATUS:

- 06/06/2005 FILED.
- 06/07/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 06/07/2005 To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION.

TN S 2024 SAME AS: TN H 1731

AUTHOR: Cooper (D)

TITLE: Locksmith Licenses

INTRODUCED:
02/16/2005

LAST AMEND: 04/28/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending - Carryover

LOCATION:

HOUSE SUMMARY: Requires locksmiths to be licensed; requires licenses to be obtained from the commissioner of commerce and insurance.

STATUS:

- 02/16/2005 INTRODUCED.
 - 02/23/2005 To SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
 - 03/30/2005 From SENATE Committee on GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: Recommend passage.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Amendment No. 1 (SA0172) adopted on SENATE floor.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Amendment No. 2 (SA0173) adopted on SENATE floor.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Amendment No. 3 (SA0304) adopted on SENATE floor.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Amendment No. 4 (SA0407) adopted on SENATE floor.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Amendment No. 5 (SA0408) adopted on SENATE floor.
 - 04/28/2005 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. To HOUSE.
- NOTES: Locksmith License.

TX H 2243

AUTHOR: Jackson (R)

TITLE: Regulation of Locksmiths and Locksmith Companies

INTRODUCED: 03/08/2005

LAST AMEND: 05/16/2005

ENACTED: 06/18/2005

DISPOSITION: Enacted
LOCATION: Chaptered
CHAPTER: 1102

SUMMARY: Relates to the regulation of locksmiths and locksmith companies under the Private Security Act; provides that a locksmith company or locksmith may not perform services for a customer who seeks entry to a structure, motor vehicle, or other property unless the customer, shows the locksmith company or locksmith a government-issued identification and provides a signed authorization stating that the customer or is entitled to legal access to the structure, motor vehicle, or other property.

STATUS:

- 03/08/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 03/14/2005 To HOUSE Committee on LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.
- 04/06/2005 From HOUSE Committee on LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: Reported favorably with substitute.
- 04/14/2005 Committee report printed and distributed.
- 04/29/2005 Amended on HOUSE floor.
- 04/29/2005 Passed HOUSE. To SENATE.
- 05/03/2005 To SENATE Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE.
- 05/16/2005 From SENATE

Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE: Reported favorably with substitute.
• 05/16/2005 Committee report printed and distributed.
• 05/24/2005 Passed SENATE. To HOUSE for concurrence.
• 05/26/2005 HOUSE concurred in SENATE amendments.
• 06/02/2005 To GOVERNOR.
• 06/18/2005 Signed by GOVERNOR.
• 07/25/2005 Filed with Secretary of State. Chapter No. 1102
NOTES: Regulation of Locksmiths and Locksmith Companies

TX H J3140

AUTHOR: Hughes (R)

TITLE: Private Security Regulation

INTRODUCED: 03/11/2005

LAST AMEND: 04/25/2005

ENACTED: 06/18/2005

DISPOSITION: Enacted

LOCATION: Chaptered

CHAPTER: 1155

SUMMARY: Relates to exemption of certain electronic access control device or alarm system manufacturers or providers from private security regulation; provides that an alarm system does not include a telephone entry system, operator for opening or closing a residential or commercial door or an

accessory to activate a gate or door that is not connected to an alarm system; provides that an electronic access control device includes a telephone entry system into an area not monitored by security personnel.

STATUS:

- 03/11/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 03/21/2005 To HOUSE Committee on LAW ENFORCEMENT.
- 04/25/2005 From HOUSE Committee on LAW ENFORCEMENT: Reported favorably with substitute.
- 04/30/2005 Committee report printed and distributed.
- 05/13/2005 Passed HOUSE. To SENATE.
- 05/17/2005 To SENATE Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE.
- 05/19/2005 From SENATE Committee on BUSINESS AND COMMERCE: Reported favorably.
- 05/19/2005 Committee report printed and distributed.
- 05/25/2005 Passed SENATE.
- 06/02/2005 To GOVERNOR.
- 06/18/2005 Signed by GOVERNOR.
- 07/25/2005 Filed with Secretary of State. Chapter No. 1155

TX S 1365

AUTHOR: Armbrister (D)

TITLE: Alarm Systems

INTRODUCED: 03/10/2005

DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned

LOCATION: Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to the regulation of alarm systems and alarm systems companies.

STATUS:

- 03/10/2005 INTRODUCED.
- 03/21/2005 To SENATE Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS.
- NOTES: Alarm Systems definition change.

WI S 210

AUTHOR: Leibham (R)

TITLE: Motor Vehicle Key

INTRODUCED: 05/19/2005

DISPOSITION: Pending

LOCATION: Senate Natural Resources and Transportation Committee

SUMMARY: Relates to reproduction of a motor vehicle key based upon the vehicle's identification number. Provides a penalty.

STATUS:

- 05/19/2005 INTRODUCED.
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On the Road with the Board



Dear Members,

On October 26th through the 30th the Greater Philadelphia Locksmiths' Association held their 56th Convention. ALOA was well represented. David Lowell, Bill Gibson, Vernon Kelley, Joe Lee, Hans Meijshede, John Greenan, Bill Young and I me with attendees and fellow ALOA members, manned the ALOA booth, attended the banquet and when time permitted went outside to admire the T-Bird. All the gentlemen mentioned, with the exception of David and Bill Gibson are member of GPLA.

During the convention, Bill, Bill, David, Vernon, and I had a meeting with a committee from the Board of Directors of the Institutional Locksmiths' Association to discuss how we could work together in the future. At the show, itself, the T-Bird made a big hit with the attendees. Later that evening at the banquet, Bill Gibson received the "Lee Rognan Award" for promoting communication and cooperation among associations.



Bill Gibson at the podium.



Bob Mock congratulating Mark Miller, recipient of the '06 Philadelphia Award.



ALOA attendees (from left) - Bill Gibson, Hans Meijshede, Vernon Kelley, Bob Mock, Bill Young, John Greenan, David Lowell.

Earlier in the month of October, I was keynote speaker at the Institutional Locksmiths' Association Conference in Secaucus, New Jersey. There, at the banquet, Northeast Director Vernon Kelley received an award for his service to the ILA.



Keynote Speaker, Bob Mock, at ILA podium



Kurt Kloeckner, National President of ILA congratulates Vernon Kelley as Bob Mock looks on.



Bill Smith and I attended the Indianhead Chapter of ALOA meeting on Saturday in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. They are a vibrant chapter. Bill Smith is hoping to return there in January to install their newly elected slate of officers.



Is there anything going on in your local association? Would you like one of us to attend? Let us know. Have a joyous and peaceful holiday season.

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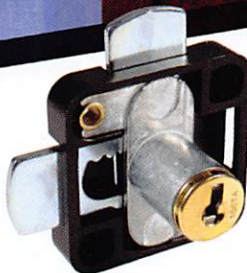
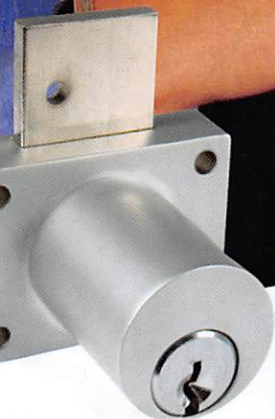
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