

CSAA News Briefs

Jan. 31, 2012: Cut-Off Date for ASAP Charter Program Participation *(CSAA Signals, Dec. 13, 2011)*

CSAA member central stations have until **Jan. 31, 2012** to become Charter Members of CSAA's new Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP) program. After that date, CSAA members wishing to participate will have to wait until the Charter Members' commitments to the program have been met, which may not occur until mid to late 2013.

"The response by CSAA members to the ASAP program has been overwhelming," says CSAA Immediate Past President Ed Bonifas. "However, with more than 75 CSAA members already pledging their support to the ASAP program, the ASAP Committee wants to be sure that it doesn't exceed its technical capacity to deliver."

Once all of the technical components of the ASAP program are in place, Charter Members will have the first opportunity to connect to the system.

According to Bonifas, "We are encouraging as many CSAA members as possible to become Charter Members, because when it comes to getting connected, Charter Members of the program will have priority. There's still time for non-CSAA members to become Charter Members by joining the association prior to the deadline and filling out a pledge form."

ASAP, a national program that is the result of a partnership between CSAA and the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, is an innovative and cost-effective way to electronically process information from alarm monitoring stations to emergency dispatch centers.

To become a Charter Member of the ASAP program, click on the following: (link to Pledge Form). To become a member of CSAA, contact Becky Lane, CSAA director of membership, at 703-242-4670, ext. 18, or membership@csaaintl.org.

For more information about the ASAP-to-PSAP program, contact Ed Bonifas at: 630-844-5310; ebonifas@adsalarm.com, or Pam Petrow, president of Vector Security, at 412-364-2600; pjpetrow@vectorsecurity.com.