

**ROBERT SICILIANO  
WANTS TO SAVE  
YOUR LIFE**

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**Security is a way of life. As a professional focused on the oversight of your credit union, you know that better than most. At NACUSAC's Annual Conference & Expo June 18-21 in Denver, Colorado, personal security and corporate protection expert Robert Siciliano promises to empower you to make yourself and your credit union more secure.**

Siciliano knows criminals. He knows how they operate. He knows how they choose their victims. In Denver, Siciliano will teach you fraud prevention and how to avoid and remove yourself from a dangerous situation so you can protect your members and save your life. Through a blend of real life stories and powerful examples, Siciliano gives you the tools to survive and excel.

You'll discover the 10 types of personal security and the 10 laws of survival. Siciliano's approach is to "take a minute for safety" by taking charge of your life. He will teach you step by step how to protect yourself. He will show you how to avoid or, if necessary, respond to crisis – including assaults or thefts that are statistically far greater threats than the new dangers of terrorism.

### **Corporate Security**

Siciliano will detail the latest solutions for problems currently plaguing small businesses and large corporations alike, including:

- Premises security
- Networking hackers
- Identity theft
- Mortgage fraud security

"Security is a journey, it's not a place you ever arrive to," explains Siciliano on his website. "So the need for security continues. My goal is to make sure that whether personally or professionally... you have ongoing security."

Author of *The Safety Minute: 01*, Siciliano teaches us that we have the ability to make lifesaving decisions under stress. Unfortunately, the crime statistics speak for



*Robert Siciliano*

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## NEW RISK ASSESSMENT STANDARDS DETAILED IN PHONE SEMINAR

To help you meet the challenges of performing quality audits for your credit union, CPA John Murnane conducted one of NACUSAC's convenient continuing education phone seminars. Credit union supervisory and audit committee members from across the country dialed in to learn important facts, tips and strategies to positively impact their organization's audits.

The seminar highlighted the new standards developed by the AICPA Auditing Standards Board effective for audits as of 12/31/07. The new standards shift the audit process from a one-size fits all approach to a controlled risk assessment process. It also strengthens the linkage between assessed risks and the auditor's response to those risks.

### Well-defined auditor role

The supervisory committee must take an active role in ensuring their auditor's are well-versed in risk-based audits. The new standards enhance the audit process by clarifying the auditor's ability to rely on audit evidence gathered in prior audits. It also strengthens guidance for testing disclosure, expands guidance on evaluating audit findings and increases documentation requirements.

### Minimize risk

The committee must also ensure their credit's union audit plan is focused on the appropriate areas of risk. A key distinction of the new standards is that the auditor must plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient evidence so that the audit risk will be limited to low level. Absolute assurance is not attainable because of the nature of audit evidence and the characteristics of fraud. The standards state that audit risk and materiality need to be considered together in designing the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures and in evaluating the results of those procedures. It also states that the auditor must obtain a sufficient understanding of the entity and its environment to assess the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures.

John Murnane, a partner with Orth, Chakler, Murnane & Co., has provided audit and consulting services to credit unions throughout the country for over 19 years. Contact him at [jmurnane@ocmcpa.com](mailto:jmurnane@ocmcpa.com) with questions about his presentation. For audio CDs of his seminar, please visit [www.nacusac.org](http://www.nacusac.org).

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE MORTGAGE MELTDOWN

Chris Thornberg, PhD, has never been one to run with the bulls. Dr. Thornberg, an expert in the study of regional economies, real estate dynamics, labor markets and business forecasting, tends to take a more conservative outlook. However, as an expert in business affairs, he also knows that history tends to repeat itself. So, is he bullish or bearish on the current economy and future outlook? Find out when Dr. Thornberg shares his insight and expertise at NACUSAC's 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition in Denver, Colorado June 18-21.

The sub-prime debacle, the housing market downturn and that word no one likes to hear (but seems to be on the tip of everyone's tongue): recession. They are all part of the current economic landscape. But how did we get here? And where are we going? "Despite popular polls, I believe we are closer to the beginning of this than the end," explained Dr. Thornberg in a recent phone call. "The true imbalance is consumer spending, which started with the rise in home prices." Dr. Thornberg explained his position on the housing market in a March 24, 2008 *L.A. Times* article. "It's unfair prices, not unfair loans," he wrote. "The real issue in today's housing markets is that prices currently sit at levels that are unaffordable given income levels...home bubbles are nothing new."

In Denver, Dr. Thornberg will provide an engaging, dynamic economic forecast - focusing on where we are and where we're going - and what we need to keep ourselves and our credit unions on the right track. Co-founder of Beacon Economics, an economic research and consulting firm, Dr. Thornberg has established a reputation as one of the state's leading economic forecasters. In December 2007, he was appointed to California State Controller John Chiang's Council of Economic Advisors - the body that advises the state's chief fiscal officer about critical economic issues facing California. Dr. Thornberg also serves on the advisory board of Paulson & Co. Inc., one of Wall Street's most successful hedge funds. Prior to launching Beacon, he was an economist with UCLA's Anderson Forecast.

Dr. Thornberg, a frequent lecturer, has appeared on CNN, Fox News and CNBC and is widely quoted in the press. With all the uncertainty surrounding the markets and economy, this is a keynote you can't afford to miss.

## THREE DIRECTORS RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

**On June 21, 2008, three directors are expected to be re-elected by an acclamation vote during NACUSAC's 2008 Annual Business Meeting. Here are brief biographies for each:**

### ROBERT T. BUTLER

Robert T. Butler has long-standing experience as a credit union volunteer and as a supervisory committee member at PrimeWay Federal Credit Union in Texas. He first served on a supervisory committee there in 1971, and continued in that capacity until 1977.

His credit union volunteer experience also includes being elected to the credit union's board of directors in 1977, where he has also served as board chairman for several years.

His long list of credit union service includes the positions of past president of the Texas Telephone Credit Union Association and past chairman of the Information Technologies Credit Union Association.

Butler, a decorated U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam, had a 31-year career with Southwestern Bell prior to his retirement. He held many jobs within the company and retired as Materials Management Supervisor.

### MAUREEN McCABE

McCabe's long exposure to credit unions is due in part to accompanying and assisting her late husband John McCabe, who chaired the supervisory committee at Fairwinds Credit Union.

Since 1999, McCabe has been a supervisory committee member of Fairwinds Credit Union, a billion dollar plus credit union, considered one of the top ten financial institutions in the Orlando area.

Her other credit union service have included membership on the Oversight Committee, as well as membership on the Building Facilities Committee, the committee centered around the construction of the credit union's Administration Building.

McCabe is a full-time broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Winter Springs and New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Her community service includes judging the Parade of Homes.

### TOM SUTER

Tom Suter has been chairman of Wescom Credit Union's Supervisory Committee since 1994. He began his volunteer work with the now \$3.8 billion Califor-

nia-based credit union in 1983 when he served on the credit committee.

Suter had a 38-year career with Pacific Telephone/Pacific Bell, where he began as a transmission man and worked his way through a variety of positions including central office space planner and senior power technology consultant. Two years after joining the phone company, he did a two-year stint in the U.S. Army as a radio operator in the Signal Corps.

A dedicated volunteer, Suter has completed most of the volunteer achievement modules offered by CUNA's Center for Professional Development. In his spare time, he is an amateur radio operator and avid motorcycle rider.

## SECURITY KEYNOTER WANTS TO HELP SAVE LIVES (FROM PAGE 1)

themselves. Known as "The Lifesaver," Siciliano, a certified security instructor, offers a solution to an ongoing problem. Millions of people have learned his techniques through his seminars and media appearances from Howard Stern to *Good Housekeeping* magazine, from CNN to the *NY Post*.

Armed with this powerful lifesaving information, you will be prepared to prevent fraud and to respond quickly in the event of a life threatening situation. Learn proven corporate security systems you can immediately apply in your credit union. You'll also discover personal safety techniques to keep you and your loved ones safe.

## Calendar

June 18-21, 2008  
**NACUSAC's 2008 Annual Conference & Exposition**  
Marriott Denver City Center  
Denver, Colorado

June 17-20, 2009  
**NACUSAC's 2009 Annual Conference & Exposition**  
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel  
San Diego, California

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