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National Security at the Dinner Table: BPS Explains the Dangers of Overlooking Food Security

RALEIGH, N.C. – Airport security is talked about nearly every day as complex systems are in place employed to keep people safe from terrorist threats. But what about something much closer to home – the food on your plate?

National food security may not be on the front page, but three security experts presented information on the subject at this year's [ASIS International Conference](#) held in Dallas, Texas. The annual security conference offered attendees and security experts a chance to discuss current issues. This year, experts agree: food industry leaders should be prepared.

“Our nation’s food production programs are one area where we need to be talking about bioterrorism,” said Frank Pisciotta, president of Business Protection Specialists, Inc. “Unfortunately, very few organizations have the expertise to know whether a security program is functioning effectively.”

Guidelines from the FDA and USDA are considered voluntary and can be misleading, but consumers assume those suggestions are followed. Though, as the government begins to connect food security with national security, more laws are coming that will affect how food companies manage security.

An article summarizing concerns and upcoming changes regarding food security is now available from [Business Protection Specialists](#).

McCormick & Company, Inc. used BPS techniques to assess their food production security and found that approaching security with the final goals in mind allowed them to identify far more risks than they knew existed.

“Other security approaches will identify risks, but not provide solutions,” said William Ramsey, McCormick’s director of corporate security. “Keeping our end goals in mind, we ended up producing a new set of policies and procedures to ensure food safety.”

About BPS

Business Protection Specialists is a high-performance security consultancy dedicated to helping organizations eliminate crime before it happens. BPS provides expert security consulting to organizations that value responsiveness and practical solutions, without relying upon the impartiality of security systems manufacturers. BPS maintains a hands-on consulting process that produces dramatic results – training client teams to more fully understand security implications in their organizations to implement security improvements. To learn more about security compliance strategies in the food industry and other industries, please visit <http://www.securingpeople.com>.

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