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Today, threats to the security of an organization can come from a variety of sources — from outside espionage to disgruntled employees and internet risks to utility failure. Reflecting the diverse and specialized nature of the security industry, *Security: An Introduction* provides an up-to-date treatment of a topic that has become increasingly complex as more vulnerabilities arise. Philip P. Purpura, recently selected by *Security Magazine* as one of the Top 25 Most Influential People in the Security Industry, shares his 30-plus years of professional experience in the industry to provide basic theory and real-world methodologies that security practitioners can apply to scenarios they encounter. Topics discussed in this broad-based text include: The history of security and the role of security professionals; Terrorism and national strategies for homeland security; Crime prevention through environmental design; Violence, theft, and drugs in the workplace; Insider threats, pre-employment screening, and executive and personnel protection; The security of physical structures; Threats to information security, including malware and botnets; and risks to proprietary information and communication; Security law and liabilities; Investigations, interrogations, and surveillance; Risk management, threats from natural disasters, and business continuity/enterprise resilience; Critical infrastructures and key national resources; The future of security technology. Utilizing real-world examples, each chapter begins with learning objectives and a list of key terms and ends with discussion questions, role-playing exercises, and links to relevant websites. The book offers readers a foundation for understanding and implementing best practices for security to more effectively protect people, assets, and organizations.

For a long time, the security profession has lacked a comprehensive text addressing the fundamentals of protecting people, assets, and organizations. *Security: An Introduction* by Philip Purpura, CPP, is that book. Purpura has written a work that can be used as a text for the student studying security or in a criminal justice program, as a reference book for security specialists, and as a guide for organizations. He draws on his vast experience as a security professional to provide an exhaustive security curriculum for students, instructors, seasoned security professionals, and administrators alike. Purpura has provided the security community with a thorough and well-organized text that addresses every aspect of security in a definitive way. This book, likely to become an influential one, could be a useful resource for both students and security practitioners. David Sayer, Owner of Orion Security Consulting, in *Security Management*, July 2011

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