

What A Ride!



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This summer will mark the end of my term as president of the Electronic Security Association. Since I took office in 2014, ESA has accomplished a great deal, offering more and more benefits and value to our members while continuing to take a stand on behalf of our industry. I am honored to have served as president during this time of increased relevance, but I have to emphasize that all of this is due to the hard work, dedication and vision of everyone in the association. Serving as president of this association has been a fantastic honor.

Over the past two years, we've seen the beginning of several new ESA initiatives and the continued growth of existing ones. Leadership Summit and ESX continue to grow each year, adding more prestige to the association and value to our members. This year's Summit saw the launch of the ESA Mentorship Program, which will help groom the next generation of leaders for our industry. Last year, thanks to the hard work of ESA staff and the Industry Advisory Group, saw the unveiling of the dealer toolkit for ESA members as part of an overall workforce development initiative.

None of this would be possible without the productivity, enthusiasm, and perseverance of ESA staff and volunteers at all levels. From all of the committed volunteers around the country to our dedicated staff in our Irving, TX headquarters, it's the people that make ESA work, and I'm proud to have worked alongside them throughout my term. Thank you for your diligence and invaluable



work toward making all of ESA's initiatives possible. I'd especially like to thank ESA CEO Merlin Guilbeau for his guidance and friendship throughout my term.

My successor, Angela White, will be taking my place on July 1, 2016. She will be the third female president in the history of ESA and the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, and the first female president since Patricia M. Smith took office in 1988. She's been very involved at the chapter and national association levels for many years, and is well qualified for this position. Angela's drive and dedication to serve the industry is second to none, and I cannot wait to see all the great things she will do for our association and our industry.

Again, thank all of you so very much for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been an incredibly humbling experience, and I have personally grown and learned so much throughout these two years. I came into my term with the personal goal of continuing the legacy and ongoing development of strong leadership that has made ESA the premier association in the electronic security industry. I will end my term knowing that the best is yet to come for ESA, and that the legacy is secure well into the future. ■

