

Professional Membership: What's in It for You?

More than a decade ago, the Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) set out on a mission to educate and bring awareness to the important and fast-growing field of retail loss prevention and asset protection. Now, with two professional certification courses designed for both the seasoned LP veteran and the entry-level professional, the industry is becoming more accomplished than ever before. As a professional organization, the LPF had a vision to further the LP profession through not only certification, but also a membership program.

An LPF membership is aimed at keeping you informed, educated, and connected to the world of retail loss prevention and asset protection. Our membership program is designed for any professional interested in accessing an elite network within the LP/AP industry—law enforcement, retail, security, students, recent graduates, and military veterans just to name a few.

You may be asking yourself, “Why should I join the LPF, let alone any professional organization?” One of the most important reasons to join is networking.

Networking

Membership in a professional organization can provide you with a way to contact and keep in touch with other industry professionals, which can often lead to valuable business relationships and new career opportunities. An LPF membership gives you the opportunity to join a variety of groups and connect with others to be a part of an exclusive association within your chosen career path. Membership provides contacts at the local, state, national, and even international level. Such contacts can be invaluable when searching for a new position or to expand an existing practice.

- *Member Map*—See and connect with LPF members near and far.
- *Chat and Connect*—Network online with other loss prevention and asset protection professionals.
- *Social Identity*—Securely create your own secure industry social identity by building and sharing your wall, blog, photos, and files with other like-minded professionals.

Learning Resources

Members have access to professional development resources to enhance skills and stay in the loop when it comes to industry changes, events, and information. The LPF offers the following areas of our member site:

- *Career Center*—Take time to consider, plan, and actively grow your career with our tips and content.
- *Education Center*—Dig deep into loss prevention professional topics.
- *Knowledge Center*—Display your expertise while mentoring others through wiki-style knowledge-base contributions.

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- *Student Center*—Discover and create your LP/AP future.
- *Professional Center*—Find and connect with industry professionals and academic institutions around the world.

Exclusive Discounts

Another major perk of most professional affiliations are discounts on select items. An LPF membership offers a significant value on services meant to enhance your career and reinforce your knowledge of the LP/AP industry. As an elite member, you will save:

- \$125 on your LPC recertification fee, which is free with three years of consecutive membership.
- \$75.50 (10 percent) on full-course payment for LPC.
- \$49.40 (10 percent) on full-course payment for LPQ.
- \$100s every year with an exclusive opportunity to opt into the Member Rewards program at \$19.95 per year.
- 33 percent on LPF educational events.

Resume Enhancement

Whether you're transitioning into the industry or searching for a new position, the key to getting noticed by hiring managers is a well-rounded resume, which means having industry-specific knowledge and proof that you are a serious professional in your chosen field. Being a member of a professional organization can provide you with evidence that you are truly invested in your career.

Contributing to the Industry

Being able to contribute to the development of standards and best practices is a vital part of the relationship between members and their association. The LPF is committed to giving its members the chance to help influence the growth and vision of the foundation by offering opportunities to join several different committees or volunteer for various foundation activities that allow your voice to be heard in improving our standards and processes.

By joining the LPF you are supporting our mission and efforts to elevate the loss prevention industry to a respected profession across all retail and business environments. Becoming a supporting member of the LPF connects you with industry leaders and those that share your desire to elevate the professional status of loss prevention practitioners. Your commitment will also serve as a tangible reminder to prospective employers that you have a strategic, long-term vision of the loss prevention profession.

To learn more about LPF membership and its benefits, select the Membership tab at losspreventionfoundation.org or contact us at 866-433-5545.

Newly Certified

Following are individuals who recently earned their certifications.

Recent LPC Recipients

Meta Bickford, LPC, Belk Department Stores
William Brown, LPC, HEB
Matthew Brown, LPC, Sears Holdings
George Clapper, LPC, Home Depot
Sarah Couture, LPC, Walmart
Justin Demes, LPC, 7-Eleven
Kevin Dodson, LPC, DICK'S Sporting Goods
Jason Friedman, LPC, Lowe's
Ryan Funkhouser, LPC, Lowe's
Kimberley Gilchrist, LPC, Indigo Books and Music
Dennis Hunter, Jr., LPC, Sears Holdings
Kyle Jones, LPC, Walmart
Jaclyn Kachur, LPC, Indigo Books and Music
Kevin Kurtz, LPC, TJX
Anthony Lopez, LPC, Belk Department Stores
Stacie Lundberg, LPC, Walmart
Amanda Mague, LPC, DICK'S Sporting Goods
Timothy Marshall, LPC, Walmart
Rebecca McCaffrey, LPC, Walmart
Ryan McCarthy, LPC, Lowe's
Andrew McGill, LPC, Sears Holdings
Tricia Miller, LPC, Walmart
Debra Pullins, LPC, Office Depot
Thomas Ryan, LPC, Walmart

Christopher Sacramone, LPC, Walmart
Fidelio Salinas, LPC, DSW
Alan Shann, LPC, Walmart
Eric Surprenant, LPC, CFI, Sobeyes
Cory Taylor, LPC, Walmart
William Thielen, LPC, Goodwill Industries of Manasota
Allan Watters, LPC, Stage Stores
Christopher White, Sr., LPC, Walmart
Rachel Wile, LPC, Sears Holding

Recent LPQ Recipients

Stephen Boyd, LPQ, Mississippi College
Andrew Brown, LPQ, Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada
Marc Cayer, LPQ, South Country Co-op
James Chamberlain, LPQ, Weis Markets
Anthony Edwards, LPQ, Inner Parish Security Corporation
Byron Gough, LPQ, University of Indianapolis
Rodney Jackson, LPQ, Walmart
David Jones, LPQ, Home Depot
Ashley Lacaillade, LPQ, AEO
Paul LaCount, LPQ, Festival Foods
Patricia Lundquist, LPQ, Regis Corporation
Nigel Matthews, LPQ
Michael Mulhern, LPQ, Next Group
Adrian Peterson, LPQ, Regis Corporation
Michael Simmons, LPQ, Inner Parish Security Corporation
Jonathan Tejada, LPQ, Goodwill Industries-Suncoast
Brittany Yakimec, LPQ, Cornerstone Co-operative ■



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