

meet THE BOARD

As *Vigilant* extends its reach to the global TAPA Family, we'll be introducing you to some of the TAPA Board Members in the Americas, Asia Pacific and EMEA regions who are volunteering their time and expertise to drive forward the Association's goal of minimizing cargo losses ... so please meet ...

George Latsos, TAPA Americas

In my current role at Brightstar Inc., I serve as the Director of Security, North America & Canada based out of Libertyville Illinois. As part of my overall responsibilities, I provide strategic and tactical security management and solutions for all of Brightstar's US & C operations. My role changes daily, which provides a lot of diversity in our security program from the development and implementation of risk management and insurance requirements for warehousing and ground/air conveyance distribution operations to the development and execution of Supply Chain Security concepts.

I have a degree in criminal justice/police science, am a Certified Protection Professional (CPP) through the American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) and have 21 years of experience managing and directing supply chain security initiatives and security operations. Over my career, I have held multiple positions within a corporate security environment at a site, regional, and global basis, specializing in security operations across multiple businesses and sectors. My background includes managing supply chain and site security for Motorola Inc. and emergency response functions for the US Navy. In the past, I have led projects to identify, assess and eliminate threats and risks, reduce security-related costs, and implement new policies and processes.

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I have worked directly with the TAPA Americas' team over my career, starting back with Motorola in 1999, by supporting its various members and Board Directors through the various roles I held. I joined the TAPA Americas' team in 2013 and was elected to the Board of Directors in November 2017. Being a member of TAPA has provided me with a wealth of knowledge and experience that has helped me grow as an individual and as a professional security practitioner. Due to my broad background and experience within supply chain security programs, system capabilities, and process experience, I bring a robust set of skills and tools that will enable me to define improved processes and to develop and implement specific, customized system tools to support TAPA.

Being elected to the Board of Directors for TAPA provides me with a platform for personal growth while being able to utilize my skills and experience to influence change within the industry. Since becoming a member of the Board, I have participated in multiple committees and volunteered to lead the Education and Development Committee, where the team developed and launched a new webinar series to expand the knowledge leadership and development of supply chain security professionals.

The Education Committee is currently working on future webinars to address cargo crime investigations and other current supply chain security issues of interest to the membership. As of November 2018, I volunteered to take on the Standards Committee Lead role for the Americas to help review, revise and provide feedback through working sessions at the WWCCB.

Brightstar is fully supportive of TAPA, its Mission and Vision and has provided full support for all my TAPA-related activities, first as a member, and now even more supportive as a member of the Board of Directors and as the Standards Lead. Being a part of such a great organization such as TAPA and being able to volunteer time and resources is not just an honor, it is a privilege for me to be a part of an organization that can drive change in the supply chain security eco-system.

I firmly believe that security is not just about one person or one company. We all have a responsibility in protecting our supply chains. By driving consistency in our standards, we may be able to influence and drive change across all industries.

