



**Central Alabama Chapter
September 2005 Newsletter**

September Professional Development Meeting

“Business Crime Prevention Strategies”

Serving Montgomery since 1991, **Corporal T. A. Garrett** is currently assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit of the City Police Department’s Community Policing Division. He is responsible for providing instruction and consultation in the field of Business Crime Prevention Strategies, Security Surveys, and Personal Safety. Corporal Garrett is certified as a Crime Prevention Specialist, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) Specialist, and as a Mental Health Crisis Intervention Specialist. Corporal Garrett is a founding member and Departmental Liaison of the Montgomery Area Crime Stoppers Organization and a founding member and Co-Instructor of the Law Enforcement and Disabilities Taskforce. Corporal Garrett also serves as a taskforce member of the Department of Human Resources’ Adult Multi-Disciplinary Taskforce.

Date: **Thursday, September 15th, 2005**
Location: Capital City Club, Downtown Montgomery
Agenda: 5:30 – 6:00pm Networking
 6:00 – 7:00pm Dinner
 7:00 – 7:45pm Presentation – Corporal T.A. Garrett
Cost: **\$20.00/person**

Reservations are required by Tuesday, September 13th, 2005

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2005-2006 PDM Schedule

October 20th – Plant Tour
November 17th - Capital City Club
December 15th - Capital City Club
January 19th - Capital City Club

February 16th - Plant Tour
March 16th - Capital City Club
April 20th - Capital City Club
May 18th – Capital City Club

FAQ's for the New Certification

What is the CSCP certification?

On March 8, 2005, APICS announced the creation of a new industry certification to specifically meet the rapidly changing educational needs in the field of supply chain management. The Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) designation is being designed for professionals interested in increasing their knowledge of supply chain management, those currently working in the field of supply chain management, and for those individuals working with enterprise resources planning systems.

Why is APICS developing a CSCP certification?

Through extensive market research, APICS uncovered a major gap in professional certifications specifically addressing the educational needs of professionals working in the field of supply chain management. APICS has the body of knowledge, the subject matter experts, the infrastructure, and holds the leadership position to develop and market the CSCP certification. With the addition of the CSCP designation, APICS enhances its validation of the disciplines within operations management, specifically production, inventory, enterprise, and now supply chain management.

When will the new CSCP designation program be available?

The CSCP learning system will be launched at the 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition, October 16-18, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

How will the CSCP course be delivered?

The CSCP learning system will consist of a blended learning approach incorporating self-directed study courses, Web-based learning, and classroom instructor-led courses offered through the APICS network of local chapters throughout North America and through the APICS International Associates, as well as through colleges, universities, and corporations.

When will testing begin?

We anticipate that computer-based testing will begin in the first quarter of 2006. We may offer paper and pencil testing, but that is yet to be determined. The test vendor is yet to be determined as well.

What about APICS' current certifications—CPIM and CIRM?

Candidates in both the CPIM and CIRM programs should definitely continue to pursue their certifications. The three certifications are different and concentrate on specific disciplines within operations management. There will continue to be an important market, especially for the CPIM designation. According to the Holmes Corporation, one of the primary drivers of any voluntary certification program is increased earnings for individuals or increased profits for corporations. Designations which directly assist individuals in securing employment or increasing their earnings potential or which directly help corporations increase revenues or decrease costs are "need-to-know" designations. Holmes considers the CPIM program a need-to-know designation.

Will the current CPIM Basics of Supply Chain Management module be a pre-requisite or be a part of the new CSCP program?

The APICS CPIM Basics of Supply Chain Management module will continue to be a part of the CPIM certification program. The Basics course will not be a pre-requisite course for the new CSCP program. The APICS CPIM program is a completely separate and distinct program from the new CSCP program.

How can I find out more about the CSCP program?

APICS will continue to provide updates and greater detail on the CSCP program as it is developed via the APICS Web site and [e-mail notices](#).

Training Opportunities

Free APICS Webinars On-Demand

APICS offers its members free access to a selection of recorded APICS Webinars. APICS Webinars are online presentations featuring an expert speaker on operations management topics such as, supply chain management, manufacturing, enterprise resources planning, production and inventory management, accounting, management, and more. Each 60-minute event features an educational discussion, case studies, and a Q&A session. Participate in an APICS Webinar On-Demand from your home or office—all you need is an Internet connection and computer speakers.

There are more than 25 APICS Webinars On-Demand covering operations management subjects such as [Accounting](#), [e-Business](#), [Inventory](#), [Lean](#), [Management](#), [Six Sigma](#), [Supply Chain](#), [Theory of Constraints \(TOC\)](#), available to APICS members free of charge. Begin exploring one of your key APICS member benefits today!

APICS International Conference and Exposition

2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition

Dates: October 16-18, 2005

Location: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

The 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition is the educational and networking event of choice for operations management professionals. The conference is the premier source for operations management education with a concentration on production, inventory, supply chain, materials management, purchasing, and logistics.



Registration for APICS 2005 Opens

After having saved the date for months, it is finally time to register for the APICS 2005 International Conference and Exposition, October 16-18 in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Beginning May 1, 2005**, registrations will be accepted for the premier operations management event of the year.

With more than 90 educational sessions that will address the latest emerging trends and strategies; over 130 participating exhibitors who will extend your understanding of the latest technologies with product demonstrations; and other events such as plant tours, idea exchanges, and many networking opportunities, APICS attendees will leave the conference with real-world solutions to everyday challenges, and new how-to skills for improving performance. So don't wait, register today and be on your way to career advancement.

Conference registration includes all educational sessions, admission to the exposition, a copy of the conference proceedings, luncheons, and the networking reception. Register 4 or more from one company and enjoy an additional discount off the registration fee. Upgrade your registration to Premier Attendee and receive preferred seating at General and Featured Speaker sessions, exclusive daily use of VIP lounge, \$25 APICS Bookstore gift certificate, and much more. This offer is limited to 100 attendees, so act quickly.

For more detailed information about the conference and registration visit www.apics.org/Education/Conference/register.

APICS International Conference and Exposition (Cont)

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Personalize your conference experience to realize the maximum return on investment.

- Learn from the real-world experiences shared by industry experts at more than 100 leading-edge educational sessions. Take the practical knowledge gained at the conference and implement new ideas at your workplace to demonstrate your value to your employer.
- Develop your leadership skills by participating in personal and professional development sessions to excel in your career.
- Connect with industry peers at the networking sessions and build a personal community of professionals to share, learn, and grow.
- Examine and evaluate the latest technologies, materials handling equipment, and specialized services and recommend to your buying team the best solutions that your company needs to increase its productivity.
- Take another step in your professional development and validate your knowledge by attending certification overview sessions and sitting for the APICS Certified in Production and Inventory Management and APICS Certified in Integrated Resource Management examinations.

National Workshops

Date	Title	Location
September 13 – 15	Execution and Control of Operation	Alexandria, VA
October 25 – 27	Strategic Management of Resources	Alexandria, VA
November 15 – 17	Basics of Supply Chain Management	Alexandria, VA

Individual		Team	
APICS Member	\$995	APICS Member	\$895
Nonmember	\$1,140	Nonmember	\$1,040

The Central Alabama Chapter offers CPIM and CIRM Certification review courses, Lean Manufacturing workshops (7), Inventory Management workshops (5), and much, much more!
For more information about local course offerings, please Jim Lehmann, CPIM



Certified in Production and Inventory Management

The Internationally Recognized Standard for Excellence

CPIM provides a common basis for individuals and organizations to evaluate their knowledge of the evolving field of production and inventory management. The program has helped individuals and their organizations become more productive and competitive because it is designed to test candidates' in-depth knowledge of a variety of subjects specific to production and inventory management.

Introduced in 1973 and reconfigured in 2000, CPIM continues to live up to its mission of educating individuals in the concepts, tools, terminology, and integration of topics across operations functions.

CPIM has helped more than 66,000 professionals

- learn to predict outcomes more accurately and take actions that achieve results
- gain peer and industry recognition
- contribute to their organizations' success through increased efficiency across the processes of the supply chain
- earn college credit.



Certified in Integrated Resource Management

Take your professional education and hands-on knowledge to the next level!

APICS integrated resource management education lives up to its name! Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM) education integrates your understanding of organizational resources such as information technology, materials, human resources, production and supporting equipment, facilities, and capital to meet the goals of your organization. In other words, you will gain an understanding of all the functions within your company, giving you a competitive edge!

The success of any business in the 21st century will increasingly depend on its ability to adapt to rapidly changing conditions—taking swift action to maximize the opportunities presented. CIRM is a comprehensive program designed to develop managerial and leadership skills. With CIRM education, you will develop your fullest potential and solve a wide range of business problems across the enterprise—spurring future innovation and discovery for you and your organization.

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