

2 Days of Innovative Ideas and Real Conversations From Security's Top Leaders

The agenda for the 2026 Securing New Ground conference will be coming soon! In the meantime, see the 2025 conference agenda below.

All Times EDT

OCTOBER 2025

Opening Day Breakfast and Registration/Check-In

Gather for breakfast and networking before our kickoff!



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025
9 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Join Scot Dunn, chair of the SIA Board of Directors (and senior director, business development, Americas, for Axis Communications) for a warm welcome and opening remarks for SNG 2025!



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9 8:30 AM - 8:45 AM

The View From the Top

SNG's signature kickoff panel-moderated by Mike Mathes, chair-elect, SIA Board of Directors and executive vice president at Converjim-features diverse perspectives from across the industry. This panel will set the tone for SNG 2025 and address what's really making waves in the industry-and what we all should be thinking about for future growth.



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Executive Interview With Milestone Systems' Tim Palmquist

Joining SNG's stage from Milestone Systems, Vice President of Americas Tim Palmquist will be interviewed by tPRO CEO Masato Nakao, who is traveling all the way from Japan to dive into critical industry topics.



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9 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Morning Networking Break

Mix, mingle and caffeinate.



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The Security Megatrends

In this ever-popular session back by popular demand, advisors from our 2025 Security Megatrends project forecast the newest trends destined to shape the business of security over the next 3-5 years.



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9 10:45 AM - 11:20 AM

SPAROnG Real Conversations: Security Practitioners Speak!

In this session moderated by Dave Iardi of Allegion Americas and featuring experts Jedidiah Abrams of Walman and Sobie Velasquez of Morgan Stanley, you'll get candid perspective as always from top corporate security team members who are directly responsible for guiding and managing security solutions at their firms.



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9 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch and SNG Luncheon Roundtables

While lunch is served, you're invited to join The Access Control Collective CEO Lee Odess and our roundtable hosts for intimate discussions on specific topics shaping our industry. Expect lively debates and open conversation, leader to leader.



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9 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Rapid-Fire Insights From the 2025 SNG Luncheon Roundtables

We're tapping Lee Odess of The Access Control Collective to moderate an interview-style review of key takeaways and perspectives

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from our luncheon roundtables. The table host from each table will join Lee on stage for a powerful, fast-paced conversation that balances what the real world thinks on key trends.



Executive Interview With Ambient AI CEO and Co-Founder Shikhar Shrestha

We believe that security doesn't have to be onerous, that security alerts don't have to overwhelm your control environment and that it is possible to get real insights from the mountains of data that security systems produce.

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9 2:00PM-2:25PM



The CTO Panel: How Tomorrow's Tech Advancements Will Change Your Business or Business Model

For the first time since the pandemic, we're bringing back our Securing New Ground CTO panel. Some of the industry's sharpest minds will join the session to discuss how they're using AI, cloud, and other technologies to create a meaningful difference in their employees and their businesses.

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9 2:25PM-3:15PM



Afternoon Networking Break

Relax, mix and mingle with other leaders.

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9 3:15PM-3:45PM



Executive Interview With Convergent CEO Ann Fandozzi

Leading one of the largest integration firms, Convergent CEO Ann Fandozzi is responsible for a global team that navigates the risk management needs of its clients and the technical and business changes. In this executive interview, we'll go inside how Convergent navigates these demands and creates success with its clients. Ann will be interviewed by John Mack of Raymond James.

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9 3:45PM-4:10PM



The Biometrics and Identity Conversation

In this rapid-fire, highly impactful session, hear from two top leaders in biometrics and identity—Akatzraz CEO Tina O'Agostin and HD Senior Vice President and Head of Biometric Identity Technologies Lena Abxlelahad—about the landscape of this dynamic space and where identity and biometrics are headed.

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9 4:10 PM-4:35 PM



Executive Spotlight With Wachter CEO Brian Sloan

Brian Sloan has seen the field of technology delivery evolve and has led that evolution at Wachter. Today the firm provides services ranging from power and energy to IT, security and AI, and this one-to-one between Sloan and SIA Board of Directors Chair Scott Dum allows SNG attendees a window inside the mind and strategy of Sloan and Wachter.

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9 4:35 PM-5:00 PM



SNG Evening Reception

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6:00 PM-6:30 PM



SNG Day 1 Dinner Event and Keynote With Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper (Sponsored by Genetec)

Following our reception, join us for our on-site dinner and keynote, featuring the Honorable Mark T. Esper, Former U.S. Secretary of Defense. Your SNG registration includes this special dinner keynote experience, generously sponsored by Genetec.

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SNG Day 2: Breakfast & Morning Networking

Registration/badge pickup desk opens along with breakfast at 7 a.m.

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7:00 AM - 8:30 AM



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SNG Day 2 Kickoff: "Ask Me Anything" With SIA's Executive Committee and CEO

Join us for an interactive Q&A with SIA CEO Don Erickson and members of the SIA Board of Directors' Executive Committee, as well as Laura Barrera of RX Mexico!

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8:30 AM - 8:50 AM



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The End User's Take

Hear from Bobby Louissaint, head of technical partnership engagement, GSST at Meta and one of the co-founders of SIA's SPARC community, about top Securing New Ground takeaways from the perspective of a corporate security leader.

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8:50 AM - 9:00 AM



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Private Equity's Impact on the Industry

Sachin Jivanji of Triton Partners will talk through private equity firms' strategic plays in our sector, the near- and long-term effects of strong investments from private equity and more in an interview-type session hosted by James Rothstein, president of Sequel's Low Voltage division and former operating partner at Lee Equity.

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9:00 AM - 9:15 AM



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Securing the Future: How Top Security Leaders Are Navigating a New Era

This panel brings together security leaders from diverse industries to share their biggest sector-specific pain points and how those challenges shape the technologies they adopt, the policies they enforce and their response to an increasingly unpredictable threat landscape.

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The State of the Security Integrator

Security integration leaders open up on what's driving change in their businesses in this session moderated by Ken Francis, CEO of Actuate.

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Economic Conditions Keynote With Nasdaq Economist Michael Normyle

Michael Normyle, U.S. economist for Nasdaq, breaks down the numbers and trends that are shaping our economy.

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Investment Insights for the Security Industry in 2025

Our ever-popular closing session breaks down the deals, the debts, the acquisitions and the bets being made in "The Business of Security."

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