

Calendar of Events

April 8, 2026

Luncheon: Cybersecurity for Building Systems: Understanding Risk, Threats, and Real-World

Norris Conference Center

2525 W. Anderson Lane

Austin, TX 78759

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Operational Technology (OT) cybersecurity focuses on protecting the systems that control and operate physical building functions—such as HVAC, Building Automation Systems (BAS), access control, lighting, and other connected infrastructure. This session will begin by clearly defining what OT cybersecurity is—and what it isn't, and how it differs from traditional IT security.

Attendees will explore real-world building system risks, including examples of cybersecurity incidents that have impacted HVAC, BAS, access control, and other OT environments. These examples will show what a cyber event actually looks like in day-to-day operations—disruptions to comfort, access, safety, and building performance.

The presentation will then examine how attackers reach building systems, highlighting common access pathways, misconfigurations, and vulnerabilities that are frequently overlooked in commercial properties.

Finally, the session will focus on what protection looks like in practice, covering practical cyber hygiene, monitoring, and risk-reduction strategies that organizations can realistically implement to reduce exposure and improve resilience—without requiring deep cybersecurity expertise.

Presenter:

Lindsey May is a Cybersecurity Business Consultant at Honeywell, where she serves as the cybersecurity knowledge lead in the United States for the Building Automation division. She brings a combined background in project management, consulting, and cybersecurity strategy, with experience spanning both OT and IT environments.

With a PMP certification and an MBA from the University of Missouri–Kansas City, Lindsey has led teams through complex, multimillion-dollar cybersecurity initiatives. She specializes in aligning technical solutions with real-world business needs, equipping sales teams and customers to navigate today's evolving cyber landscape.

Prior to Honeywell, Lindsey held cybersecurity project management and operations roles at Optiv and Cerner. She is passionate about making cybersecurity approachable, actionable, and tied to measurable outcomes.

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April 9, 2026

Committee: EXPO

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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CST

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April 14, 2026

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April 18, 2026

Community Services: iACT Paint a House

Address will be sent to those who volunteer the week before!

near Hwy 183 and Loyola Rd.

Austin, TX

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Omar Heras,

oheras@hpitx.com

We invite you to participate in supporting our local partner, Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT), at their Spring Blitz event on Saturday, April 18. We are seeking at least 20 volunteers to join the AAFAME team in painting a home near Hwy 183 and Loyola Rd. Exact location will be shared before event to those registered.

The event will run from 8am to 4pm that Saturday. If you cannot be there the full day we will have morning and afternoon shifts as well (shown below).

A few additional details:

Only basic painting skills are required for this event.

All paint supplies are provided except for gloves.

If time and manpower allows, there may be additional yard work needed.

Breakfast & lunch will be provided.

In the event of rain on April 18, the rain date will be April 25.

We will have three shifts:

8:00 am to 4:00 pm full day (10 openings) = 8 hours for incentive

8:00 am to 12:00 pm (7 opening) = 4 hours for incentive

11:30 am to 4:00 pm (7 opening) = 4 hours for incentive

We have a 30 minute overlap @ 11:30 to allow for lunch and transfer of duties to new volunteers.

Please note we cannot leave project unfinished so there is a chance we can be there longer than 4:00 pm.

April 23, 2026

Training: Identifying & Ordering Door Hardware

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

The goal of this course is to provide the foundations necessary to correctly identify door hardware and generate the part numbers required for ordering that hardware from the relevant supplier. During the presentation, attendees will be shown which details are essential to ordering hardware that will fit and function properly for their specific application. After covering these basics, students will be guided through select manufacturer catalogs and shown how to utilize those catalogs' how-to-order sections. Building on this, students will then have the opportunity to generate part numbers for multiple example items that they are likely to see in the field.

Presenter:

Tommy Baze, CAI, AFL

Tommy has been a locksmith with Cothron's Security Professionals since February of 2020 and previously worked in education. During his time at Cothron's, he became a certified ALOA instructor and provides training courses for his fellow technicians. When he's not at work, he enjoys reading, gaming, and weekends with no plans.

April 28, 2026

Committee: Programs/Luncheons

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May 8, 2026

33rd Annual Chili Slam

Austin Association of Facility & Maintenance Engrs

P O Box 203173

Austin, TX 78720

All Day

May 12, 2026

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May 13, 2026

Luncheon: Under Pressure: Identifying, Testing & Preventing High-Pressure Failures in Commercial Buildings

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Items to review:

High pressure code

Signs of high pressure

Types of pressure control and reduction devices

Commercial vs residential common issues

Testing

Common repairs

Commercial Repair/ Replacement possibilities

Average lifespan

The Cost of failure

Presented by:

Michael Price

Vice President

Rock Solid Paving & Coatings

Michael Price, a Texas native from Round Rock, began his career in 2007 as a plumbing apprentice and has since earned his master plumbing license. With nearly two decades of experience in residential and commercial service, maintenance, and repair, he is known for his logical, precision-driven approach to problem solving. As Vice President of Rock Solid Paving & Coatings and Rock Solid Plumbing, Michael combines field expertise with strong leadership, embracing new tools and technologies to advance the trade. His journey from apprentice to executive reflects his commitment to quality, growth, and excellence in the construction industry.

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May 14, 2026

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May 21, 2026

Training: Understanding the Niagara Framework in Building Automation Systems

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

This course is designed for building & facilities engineers to understand the basics of Tridium's Niagara Framework as well as an update to the current technologies that are supported. We will cover the following items:

*Niagara Basics
Hardware, Software
System Architectures
Integrated Applications
Cyber Security
Cloud Applications
Future Roadmap
Resources*

The course will allow ample time for Q&A at all technical levels.

Presenter:

Ed Merwin has over 50 years of experience in the building automation industry in field operations, sales, marketing, and management. Ed is the Director of Strategic Business working with Tridium marketing, engineering, and sales teams to support Tridium's long term business strategy in various markets. He also works with end users, owners, consultants, and system integrators daily to help understand the technology needs and solutions required for these valued customers.

June 2, 2026

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June 4, 2026

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June 10, 2026

Luncheon: Managing Vertical Transportation From A Consulting Point Of View

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Define Elevator/Escalator Maintenance

Overview of Preventive Maintenance Contracts

When and Why You Should Modernize

Consultant Products & Services Overview

Equipment Evaluation Consulting

Maintenance Management

Inspection Services

Modernization Design & Services

Presenter:

Steve Broom is a vertical transportation professional with 27 years of experience in the elevator industry, including 25 years as an elevator contractor. Starting his career in the elevator industry in the late 90's, Steve worked his way up to an executive role with a major international elevator company, gaining deep technical, operational, and leadership expertise. He now brings this experience to VDA Elevator & Escalator Consulting & Inspections, where he has spent the past two years partnering with clients to effectively manage their vertical transportation assets. His work includes equipment assessments, maintenance contract consulting, modernization planning, and helping organizations reduce risk, control costs, and improve system performance.

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June 17, 2026

Committee: Holiday

Westech

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM CST

Wendy Richey,

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June 25, 2026

Training: From Plant to Zone - How Commercial HVAC Systems Really Work

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Austin, TX 78759

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Join us for a comprehensive overview of commercial HVAC systems, designed to give building engineers a clear understanding of how major components work together to support building operations. This session will cover central plants, air handling units, self-contained and rooftop units, VAV and fan-powered boxes, outside air systems, fan coil units, and VRF systems. Attendees will gain insight into system design, functionality, and common failure points across each component, along with key considerations for performance, efficiency, and maintenance. Whether you're new to the field or looking to strengthen your knowledge, this session provides practical, real-world insights you can apply immediately.

Click here for detailed agenda.

PRESENTED BY:

Holden Shamburger

HVACTIME | Chiller Academy

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With over a decade in the HVAC industry, Holden Shamburger specializes in chillers and VRF systems. Starting in residential and light commercial work, he transitioned to heavy commercial service while in trade school. Passionate about training the next generation, he founded Chiller Academy, an online platform dedicated to HVAC education, and HVACTIME, providing industry insights and resources.

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August 11, 2026

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- August 25, 2026 **23rd Annual Vendor EXPO Tradeshow**
Palmer Event Center
Barton Springs
Austin, TX 78704
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST
More details coming soon!
- September 8, 2026 **Committee: Training**
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- September 24, 2026 **Training: VRF Deep Dive**
Norris Conference Center
2525 W. Anderson Lane
Austin, TX 78759
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
More details coming soon
- October 8, 2026 **Committee: Membership**
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October 14, 2026

Luncheon: Pending Topic

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11:30 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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October 22, 2026

Training: Intro to Structural Drying

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October 27, 2026

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November 4, 2026

Luncheon: Pending Topic

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November 19, 2026

Training: Smart Building / Networking 201

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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