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PSIA Announces "What is PKOC?" Document

Two of the leading physical security veterans, Ed Chandler and Jason Ouellette, have drafted a document, "What is PKOC," to provide detailed understanding of the Public Key Open Credential specification developed by the Physical Security interoperability Alliance (PSIA). The PKOC specification has been gaining significant traction in the market and is now a beyond specification or idea, but a more secure and a real viable option for physical and mobile based credentials. PKOC is not only one of the

most secure credential choices, but it is also fully open, and the specification is freely available to everyone without members, fees, royalties, etc. This has made PKOC an attractive alternative to some of the legacy credentials where security, encryption, and cost have undermined their viability.

Ed Chandler is one of the most recognized consultants in the physical security industry. He is the founder of Security by Design and is regarded as an expert in systems integration for access control. Ed is routinely architecting security systems that span many countries. He is well-known as a futurist for the security industry, he has advised many of the manufacturers of large security infrastructure systems and constantly pushes the industry to grow and innovate.

Jason Ouellette has more than 30 years of experience in the physical security industry and is also the Chairman of the PSIA. Jason is a regular speaker on issues relating to credentials and is considered a thought leader on related technologies with experience in leading innovations for Johnson Controls formally and now for the ELATEC Group.

The "What is PKOC?" document is structured to provide high level one page information and then allow you to drill into the more specific technical details if desired or needed. It provides a comprehensive review of the emerging PKOC specification.

To read the article, please click here.



PKOC at ISC West 2025

The PSIA will host a cocktail reception on April 3. 2025 at ISC West, which will include a demonstration of some of the developments related to the PKOC specification. There will be readers, cards, and apps supporting PKOC 3.0 on display, demonstrating the interoperability of specification and why it is an important innovation in the secure credential market.

Spaces are limited, so please register today.

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