



Security Advisors Consulting Group, LLC  
**Benjamin Crum, MA, AIA, PSP**

**Summary**

Ben is the President of Architectural Design Group and is a registered architect with a NCARB Certification and serves as Director of Design for MCK Architecture where he is involved in the majority of the firm’s projects during the schematic and design phases in a multi-office firm. With over a decade of experience working on a variety of building types including Educational, Commercial, Multifamily Housing, and Development, he brings a diverse experience to every project he is a part of.

**Professional Experience**

**Positions held**

**Examples of major projects led**

**Architectural Security Design Group**

**President**

Founder and principal for a security consulting firm focused on creating safe and secure environments.

**McKissick Associates, PC**

**Director of Design**

Responsible for developing firm-wide design standards and maintaining them from initial marketing pursuits through construction documentation. Oversee design presentations, monitors project design development, and provides design direction and support to ensure consistent and high-quality design firm-wide. Conduct internal project design reviews and work with project team’s architects and designers throughout project to ensure the firm’s design standards are being met.

**McKissick Associates, PC**

**Architect**

Supervise design and technical aspects of projects as-well-as producing and reviewing project drawings, specifications and code analysis. Supervise project team and lead project reviews throughout project development and construction.

**McKissick Associates, PC**

**Project Manager**

Oversee project from Schematic Design through Construction Documentation. Coordinate with all project consultants and manage client meetings and presentations. Supervise staff on production of construction documentation and specifications.

**McKissick Associates, PC**

**Architectural Designer**

Develop initial design concepts alongside the project architect and continue development throughout the project. Participate in presentations and client meetings. Production of construction documentation.

- Led the design and oversaw installation of building wide security camera and access control systems for multiple projects ranging from small retail establishments to multi-building campuses.
- Design of \$30.7 Million, 800 Student Middle School incorporating CPTED principles, secured entrances, building compartmentation for lock downs, high visibility for staff and separate site access for students/staff and visitors.
- Designed ballistic rated secure vestibules that included teller window to allow staff to interact with building visitors without having to allow them complete access to the building.
- Led district wide risk and vulnerability assessments to identify security concerns. Provided prioritized report indicating an order in which the items should be addressed based on their security and financial impact.
- Ongoing Research Project entitled “Designing Schools with Law Enforcement in Mind” identifying design elements that hinder law enforcement’s response to active assailant events and developing alternative options that can increase their ability and speed to respond.
- Completed college campus utilization study across 3.6 million square feet of building to identify underutilized spaces compared to current and future program requirements. Developed Master Plan for renovations and phasing schedule to take overall utilization from 42.4% to 66.7%.





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## Certifications & Training

### Physical Security Professional (PSP)

Board certified in physical security and security design by ASIS International

### NCARB Certificate

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards  
Licensed Registered Architect – Pennsylvania

### Green Globes Professional (GGP)

Certified in Green Building Development through the Green Building Initiative

### CPTED Professional Designation (CPD)

Certified in crime prevention through environmental design by the National Institute for Crime Prevention.

### ASHER Program Specialist

Certified by NFPA as a NFPA 3000™ (2021), Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program Specialist

### Threat Assessment and Management

Certified in the identification, assessment, and management of threats of violence by SIGMA Threat Management Association

## Education

### Master of Architecture

Judson University  
Elgin, IL

### Bachelor of Arts

Architectural Studies  
Judson University  
Elgin, IL

### University Certificate

Anhalt University  
Dessau, Germany

## Selected Professional Contributions

### Partner Alliance for Safer Schools

Serve on Advisory Council for the development of the PASS Guidelines for School physical Security.

### ASIS International

Serve as a member of both the Physical Security and School Safety & Security Steering Committees for the largest professional security organization in the world.

### Presented: The Architectural Design Process and Security Personnel

ALERRT Conference, Nashville, TN; November 2021

### Presented: Background Bias in Risk Assessment

ASIS Global Security Exchange, Orlando, FL; September 2021



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