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It's Convention Time in TENNESSEE!! September 14-16, 2022

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend TNSI's 42nd Annual Trade Show and Convention in beautiful downtown Chattanooga on September 14-16, 2022! We promise to keep you thoroughly entertained for three days!

This year TNSI is hosting our first Axe Throwing Competition as well as our annual golf tournament and

a three-course dinner aboard the Tennessee Valley Railroad Dinner Train while traveling through the beautiful mountains of Chattanooga to Summerville, Georgia and returning to Grand Junction Depot



in Chattanooga. For more details on CEUs, Exhibits, Golf, etc., please see below.

Integrator and Exhibitor Registration Forms are available on our website at: www.theTNSI.org.

CEU'S: TNSI We will be offering 8 CEU credit hours that are approved by the TN Alarm Systems Contractors office.

EXHIBITS: TNSI Exhibitors are the best of the best in our industry. Dress comfortably and prepare to walk around and meet face to face with the actual manufacturers, distributors, and monitoring companies that you do business with daily. Exhibits are FREE to attend, so bring your employees! EVERYONE MUST HAVE A NAME BADGE to enter.

ANNUAL MEETING/LUNCHEON: Important updates on TNSI and the Security Industry are presented at our Annual Meeting. New Board Members are also elected at our Annual Meeting.

AXE THROWING: TNSI is hosting its first Axe Throwing Competition! Axe throwing is easy to learn, and every aspect is designed with your fun and safety in mind. Professional instructors will assist and facilitate our axe throwing experience. Join us for a little FUN competition!! Cost is \$45.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: TNSI's Golf Tournament will be held at The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay. The course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is surrounded by the beautiful Chickamauga Lake. The course features Champion Bermuda greens and Bermuda fairways lined with soaring pines and hardwood trees. Most greens are open in front and water touches 12 fairways. Cost is \$85.

OUTING: TNSI is excited to host a private three-course dinner

aboard the Tennessee Valley Railroad Dinner Train on Thursday night with a 2-hour train ride! Buses will pick us up at the Doubletree and take us to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. The Dinner cost \$75 per person but we are only charging \$50 so hopefully everyone can attend. The entrée selections are chicken, beef, salmon, and vegetarian. Water, tea, lemonade, and coffee are included with the dinner. You are welcome to bring your own wine or beer. Can't wait for this exciting outing on the Tennessee Valley Railroad Dinner Train!! Cost is \$50.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: TNSI has blocked rooms at the Doubletree by Hilton Downtown Chattanooga. Please make your reservations TODAY by calling 423-756-5150 or use the link on our website. Room rates are \$129 per night, please mention you are with the Tennessee Network of Security Integrators (TNSI). This rate is good through August 20, 2022. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a room and rate availability basis.

QUESTIONS? Contact: TNSI Executive Director Penny Brooks 615-791-9590 ExecutiveDirector@theTNSI.org

Looking forward to WELCOMING YOU with a BIG Tennessee HUG in Chattanooga in September!!

Emergency 24 Discusses PSAP

By Kevin Lehan, Emergency24

At a recent CAA Convention, Emergency24 presented its unique municipal-monitoring capabilities whereby the UL-listed central station receives all fire-alarm signals from a jurisdiction, handles the troubles and supervises based on Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) preferences and sends a digital dispatch with critical information to the local Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

PSAP Services has been deployed for seven years in the Chicago area in several communities that passed ordinances requiring a single source for commercial fire alarm signal management.

PSAP Services relies on key partnerships with local fire officials, alarm contractors and the PSAP. A central component of the U.L.-approved program is a Keltron mesh network and Keltron's LS7000 Alarm Management System.

"PSAP Services enables efficiencies for the PSAP and the central station, which improves life safety in the community. We've been able to reduce PSAP calls, which enables PSAP call takers to focus on critical life-safety signals," explained Steve Mayer, Emergency24's Vice President of Operations and Administration. "We are also able to provide real-time reporting to the AHJ regarding systems on test or

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systems that are generating high volumes of signals. At any time, the AHJ can know the pulse of their community.”

Other elements of PSAP services that have created efficiencies include Trouble Suppression and Emergency24's Storm Mode protocol.

Traditionally, AHJs wanted notification of all trouble, supervisory and fire signals from every alarm system under their domain. As fire-alarm systems have become more advanced and produce increased levels of trouble and supervisory signals, PSAPs can be overwhelmed with such notification calls, especially during inclement weather.

That inefficiency was addressed in the 2019 Version of NFPA 72. Instead of the PSAP being notified of every trouble alarm, it allows for the Central Station to hold for 15 minutes to see if the trouble alarm is restored. With no restore signal, the Central Station notifies the PSAP and parties.

“But this is life-safety, so EM24 created a safety net we call High Frequency Trouble protocol. Should a system repeatedly and frequently generate a trouble signal and then it restores within 15 minutes, we felt it was necessary to make the notifications,” Mayer said. “By default, when ten or more trouble signals and their restores occur within an hour without notification, we make the call. This protocol can be customized based on the AHJ's preferences.”

Implemented at the behest of the AHJ, Storm Mode is another tool Emergency24 developed to help prevent PSAPs from being overwhelmed. While in Storm Mode, Emergency24's proprietary software simply logs certain signals instead of queuing those signals for Operators to notify the PSAP call takers. Once Storm Mode is disabled – by the AHJ – all the complaints are re-checked. If a complaint still has not been restored, a notification call will be generated.

“PSAP Services is all about creating efficiencies while sharing more information with the AHJ in real-time,” explained Steve Mayer. “Not only do we eliminate thousands of hours of PSAP labor, but we also reduce truck rolls, which minimizes risk to first responders, as well as the community members who are on the same streets.”

Kevin Lehan is the Director of National Sales & Marketing for Emergency24, a nationwide provider of third-party monitoring services based out of, Des Plaines, IL. Kevin also serves on the board of directors for the Illinois Electronic Security Association and is an active participant in several other trade associations around the country. He can be reached at 847-894-5423 or k.lehan@emergency24.com

2022 Education and Training Opportunities



The Mississippi Security Association offers certification courses required to be licensed in the State of Mississippi by the Mississippi State Fire Marshal Electronic Protection Division. Certification courses are offered in person, virtual and online. Visit www.mississippisecurityassociation.com for additional information.

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COPS MONITORING announced that it has reinvested more than \$4 million in permanent annual wage increases and another \$1 million in additional employee benefits. "For the past two years, the entire country has been faced with an unprecedented crisis related to hiring and retaining qualified employees," said COPS' founder and president Jim McMullen. "While the 'Great Resignation' and other factors have certainly affected nearly all employers, these challenges impact our industry more acutely because hiring and training a dispatcher is a rigorous and time-intensive endeavor that can take up to 18 months before a dispatcher is thoroughly trained and completely vested in our industry. This fact places extraordinary importance on not only attracting the right talent, but also retaining our dedicated employees." Together, the hourly wage increases and additional benefits total roughly \$5 million, just in the first year.



SDI introduces Scorpion, an innovative solution for functionally testing any hard-to-access smoke detector. By introducing smoke right where it is needed, Scorpion can easily activate point detectors or ASD systems while reducing testing time. Scorpion is a micro smoke generator permanently installed adjacent to a point detector or a sampling hole on an ASD pipe, typically at the furthest sampling hole. The smoke generator is connected to a Scorpion Control Panel, or Access Point mounted at a convenient, easy to access location at ground level. Functional testing of the smoke detector is then easily and safely achieved from the Scorpion Control Panel, or Access Point (with a portable, battery powered controller) when required. Find more information visit www.sdfire.com/scorpion.

NAPCO SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES introduced a new Professional NAPCO HD Video WiFi Cameras and Doorbell. Put video accounts online in less than 10 minutes with affordable pro video and gain incremental RMR from residential and SMB accounts. The NAPCO HD video WiFi cameras and doorbell offer top features, including Night Vision or New Ultra StarLight Night Vision, 2-Way Talk and HD Resolution Video, up 30fps@2.0MP (1920x1080). Easily scan and enroll in seconds, just scan the QR code and connect to any 2.4GHZ wireless router. Plus, 12-months of cloud-based video storage and access is included, thereafter it's only \$1.25/mo.



The acquisition of Cassidy Technologies' branches, in St. Paul, MN and Des Moines, IA, will continue to expand the **ALARMAX** national footprint. Roger Graf, President at AlarMax stated, "We are very happy to welcome Chris Johnson and the Cassidy Team into the AlarMax Family and are excited about our future together." Cassidy Technologies customers will now enjoy an expanded product assortment, greater branch inventory levels and AlarMax's considerable buying power, providing better dealer pricing. The St. Paul branch is located at 2135 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN and can be reached at 612-333-0646.

Chris Johnson is the Branch Manager. The Des Moines branch is located at 1335 NE 50th Ave., Des Moines, IA and can be reached at 515-280-4804. Wade Cox serves as Branch Manager. Our sales office in New Berlin, WI, can be reached at 262-754-0100. For more information about AlarMax contact us at 888-432-3232.



VICON INDUSTRIES announced it is extending its three-year warranty to five years at no extra cost. Having anticipated global supply chain disruptions, Vicon Industries actively sought to support its customers by investing in stock ahead of disruption impact, and is one of the few to currently provide a superior line of NDAA-compliant cameras, all in-stock, compatible with most platforms, and now backed by the new five-year warranty at no extra cost. Key features of the new Vicon warranty include option for advance replacement for the first year (silver, gold, and platinum partners), no need to issue a PO before receiving the replacement, and out-of-box failures are always covered. "These extended warranties reflect the confidence we place in our IP camera line," said Bret McGowan, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing. "We know that longer warranty terms and short lead-times provide peace-of-mind for our integrators and end users."

UHAVE CONTROL has introduced the uSwitch CS, a web-controlled, multi-channel expandable relay/IO with built-in web server, voltage monitoring, ethernet port plus WiFi access point all in one unit. The uSwitch CS is all that is needed to control, monitor, reboot and control any device, anywhere, anytime over LAN/WAN from any iPhone, Android, PC, or MAC. Network devices include modems, lights, sirens, doors, gates, and cameras. "The uSwitch CS is a giant leap in technology and feature set for uHave Control," stated company president Mario Costa. "In one unit, the uSwitch CS can achieve what our competitors need multiple units to accomplish." For further information about uHave Control, call 617-933-9983 or visit www.uhavecontrol.com.



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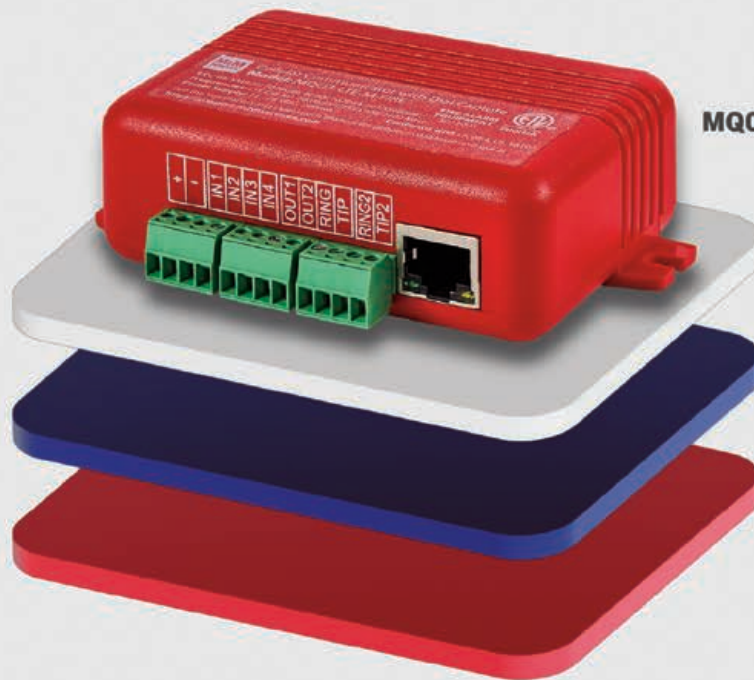
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