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The Monitoring Association (TMA) welcomed its 119th Emergency Communications Center (ECC) in the United States and its first agency in the state of California to implement the Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP). The state of California became the 22nd state in the United States to participate in the ASAP pro-

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The City of Riverside PD went live with: Affiliated Monitoring, Rapid Response Monitoring, Vector Security, United Central Control, Guardian Protection, Securitas, Security Central, Stanley Security, Tyco (Johnson Controls), Vivint, Brinks Home Security, Protection One, and National Monitoring Center. ADT will go-live with Riverside during a second implementation phase in January 2023.

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Complete Training Schedule on page 22 of The Sentry.

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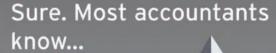
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By Tony Smith

Should A Dealer Become Involved With A Dealer Program, And, If So, Which One?

It might surprise you to learn that many dealers already belong to one or more Dealer

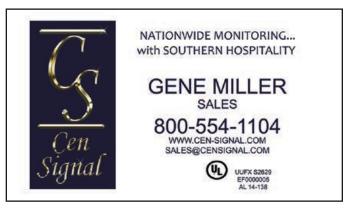
Programs. With careful observation, you will find that there are many types of dealer programs and that one or more might be just what you are, or should be, looking for. We are going to look at several types of dealer programs and consider their impact on the alarm industry. In alarms, you can break Dealer Programs into two basic categories, 1) Marketing and Equipment Sales, and 2) Monitoring Contract Sales and Monitoring Contract Financing.

Marketing and Equipment Sales:

This is a very common category. It includes manufacturers, software developers, distributors and others who are trying to develop an elite selling presence for their potential customers. Depending on a number of factors, these program sponsors will create a qualifying process for their alarm dealers. They will likely establish some volume and pricing goals, along with credit qualifiers. There will also be marketing assistance in the form of brochures, email content and a web site. The sponsor may also provide training, You Tube instructions, and joint client customer visits.

With the advent of the Internet, there may also be online ordering and free shipping. Those alarm dealers who take full advantage of the program may also be offered the opportunity to participate in





conventions and travel bonuses. This type of Dealer Program has become a necessary component for alarm dealers, who are looking for the most efficient and profitable way to sell the alarm equipment package.

Monitoring Contract Sales:

There are about half a dozen companies whose primary business plan is to buy monitoring contracts from alarm dealers. Alarm dealers generally use it to raise operational working capital. The alarm dealers receive 35x-45x times the RMR from the monitoring contract. That gives them, in their mind, enough funding (along with any installation fees) to pay for the installation of the system and provide them with a profit in the sale transaction. The selling dealer, to be successful, must operate with low overhead and invest any extra cash flow profitably . The purchasing company will likely hold back about 10% of the purchase price for up to a year.

In addition, the selling dealer will likely have a recourse obligation depending on the terms. The selling dealer has effectively sold his accounts for less than half of their long term value, but now has working capital and no debt obligation.

Monitoring Contract Financing:

Financing can take two forms:

- 1.) Lending through a banking relationship where the dealer borrows the money, usually at about 17x-18x, with a minimum of \$3M. The bank lends money with the idea they will be paid back. Thus, their terms can be very restrictive This financing technique is normally used by larger companies. One exception is Jim Wooster of Alarm Funding Services in San Anselmo, California. He is very adept at working with smaller companies, but you still have to pay the money back, and the terms might be too restrictive.
- 2.) The use of consumer financing is relatively recent, going back to the late 1900's It is a financing phenomenon that depends on the customer having good credit and owning a home. Alarm systems (now including solar) have become part of a new loan vertical called "Home Improvement". This sector incorporates pools, remodeling, new roofs, HVAC, and a myriad of other projects focused on the home. Alarm dealers have found that the use of consumer financing provides significant benefits to their cash flow, profitability, and equity growth.

The alarm industry has never liked selling their customers before the dealer retires. If they were able to borrow money, they likely had issues with the terms and the fact that the bank became a partner when it came time to sell and retire. We can combine alarm systems, monitoring and solar financing into one package over 10-20 years at less than market rates. This will help to accelerate the adoption of solar and alarms.

You should also be aware that there is normally no additional licensing or insurance required for the dealer to do Alarms and Solar. Finally, the bank does the billing which is a direct savings to the dealer, and there may be a reduction in central station fees.

The market for consumer loans is evolving, so it is important to stay abreast of the latest developments. If higher cash flow and improved profitability is your goal, then you may want to use consumer financing as a tool to grow your company.

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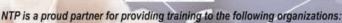
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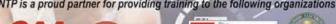
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Every Alarm Company Should Advertise On "NextDoor." Here's Why.



By Brian Plant, AlarmBrand

NextDoor has exploded as the hot new social media app for communities around the country. Home services providers like landscapers, plumbers and electricians – as well as your national competitors like ADT, Brinks, Vivint and more – are constantly running ads in the NextDoor newsfeed. NextDoor is like the new Facebook, featuring updates from your neighbor across the street (as opposed to people scattered all over

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People Want to Connect with Neighbors AND Services.

There's a reason why online platforms for neighbors have grown exponentially in recent years: Now more than ever, people seek connection to their neighbors. While connecting to the global community remains important for some, making local connections has become a larger priority since the pandemic. People want to know "real life" people who live and work in their own communities. Many consumers want to support and do business with local companies rather than large corporations.

NextDoor is High-Intent Browsing.

Unlike Facebook, where people are not really looking to connect with brands or services, over 90% of users open the NextDoor app to get recommendations from neighbors for home services. Local Facebook groups and other forums can vary by reputation and what they have to offer. What sets NextDoor apart from them? It's powered by trusted local information, with new updates being posted by neighbors every day. Whether someone is searching for a vendor to cater their party, or a licensed alarm dealer to protect their home or business, neighbors in communities from coast to coast are turning to NextDoor for the services they need in the immediate future.

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NextDoor Ads Provide Relevant Options.

NextDoor offers a variety of ways for businesses to reach neighbors, each of them delivered in a relevant context that makes sense to the user. Your alarm company can take advantage of everything from native ads, to display ads, to scrolling video ads, to NextDoor's proprietary Digest email. There's also a NextDoor marketplace, where you can advertise in a "for sale" platform where local users are looking for a specific service. It's even possible to showcase multiple services in a carousel format, or place a click-to-call ad directly in NextDoor's in-app newsfeed. Another highly popular option for NextDoor ads is their Local Deals option. There's no one-size-fits-all model for advertising on NextDoor, which makes it appealing to alarm dealers and integrators looking to reach new audiences in their local communities.

What Do Ads on NextDoor Cost for Alarm Companies?

NextDoor advertising is scalable, and there are a variety of ways to structure an ad campaign. A modest budget similar to what you might expect for Facebook Ads is sufficient to generate traffic, brand awareness, and conversions. The platform offers tailored analytics that measure the effectiveness of your campaign, and working with the digital ad experts at Ignite means you have a dedicated team who can adjust your campaign as needed. If you decide to try something new, NextDoor makes it easy — and with AlarmBrand as your digital advertising partner, it can be even easier.

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NAPCO SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES INC. is pleased to announce that its Alarm Lock Trilogy® Series Wireless Access Control Locks have been recognized by facility maintenance decision-makers as the award-winning locking product for the Maintenance Innovation Award in Safety. This 2022 Annual Award, just announced, is said to "recognize innovations and excellence in products, that contribute to the efficient and profitable operation and management of commercial buildings and institutions in the United States". Napco's winning Trilogy Series Locks easily retrofit standard door locks and accept digital PIN codes



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readers and/or integrated wireless networking, in second-generation Trilogy Networx® wireless access locks, which add server control and optional real-time access control platform operation (using Napco's Continental CA4K, or Lenel Systems). Trilogy Networx models offer building managers and occupants the added safety of providing global lockdown in seconds, in an emergency, activated from a server, any lock or lock group, or personal keyfobs. Most recently NAPCO, integrated the Trilogy Locks with new smart device App control with convenient mobile credentials, as part of its AirAccess® Cell/Cloud-Based Access Control System, which itself won multiple awards, offering easy cell-based wireless networking and central monitoring station reporting, speeding deployment, and eliminating IT Dept/Network burdens. NAPCO offers intro classes and professional trainings online and in the field and supports the product with 24mos warranty

ALTRONIX featured their latest power and data transmission solutions for security, access, surveillance and fire applications at Intersec 2023. Included in the display were their enhanced portfolio

of NetWay and NetWay Spectrum PoE and Fiber Solutions, first to market solutions for powering Access Control – the Tango1B PoE Driven Power Supply/Charger, as well as the expanded offering of Trove Access and Power Integration. New technology enables the deployment of multiple edge



devices at greater distances with more power to accommodate a wide range of surveillance and security products. Applications include the ability to deploy the latest IP devices at remote locations with or without local power, utilizing the 802.3bt PoE standard - greatly reducing labor and installation costs. "Intersec affords us the ability to network with existing customers and discuss their current projects and challenges, and meet new potential customers," said Alan Forman, President, Altronix Corporation. "Altronix power and transmission solutions further enhance system capacities for access, surveillance and security applications enabling quicker and simpler installations. Our extremely reliable electronics are backed by Altronix's longstanding reputation, as well as a lifetime warranty. The company is staffed by best-in-class engineering, technical expertise, and unparalleled customer support."

SNAP ONE is returning to ISE 2023 (Aug. 29, Kansas City, MO) with a strong commitment to international expansion and a comprehensive showcase of new solutions debuting for the first time internationally across the control, lighting, audio, power and surveillance categories in Stand 2D400.

"We're thrilled to return to ISE and show our international Partners how



our solutions can help them build stronger businesses," said Kordon Vaughn, VP Marketing at Snap One. "Our intention is to give our global Partners the tools they need to increase customer satisfaction, reduce installation pain points, and facilitate success." Notable new products on display include Control4 Vibrant Lighting, Control4 Halo Remotes, Episode Radiance Audio & Lighting System, Luma x20 Surveillance, IP-Enabled Wattbox Solutions, and the latest updates to OvrC and our OvrC Ecosystem.

AIPHONE has introduced a Remote Programming Service for its IX Series systems, enabling installers to quickly build, edit, and save programming files within the QuikSpec™ online design tool. A built-in programming wizard offers guidance and assistance with creating and modifying system, station, and network settings—producing a complete, downloadable programming file. "The addition of Remote Programming Service provides installers with an important tool that will help them to become more efficient thereby saving them both time and resources," said Brad Kamcheff, marketing manager, for Aiphone. "We recognize that installers require enhanced resources and our goal is to provide our partners with tools that will positively impact their bottom line."

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (NTC) launches a new Fire Alarm Inspection & Testing Course. This course is offered two different ways: virtual or hands-on. Both courses are taught live by a NICET Certified NTC instructor and are interactive, including asking and answering questions. Both courses also cover the NFPA 72 requirements for inspections and testing of fire alarm systems in a lecture style. Students attending the virtual courses will be shown a live demonstration of each aspect of the code-related inspection or test following the code explanation. In-person students will each have their own functioning fire alarm system panel and accessories in which to physically practice the test or inspection. Both versions of the course were presented in smaller classes last year and attendees offered rave reviews. One recent attendee had this to say after completing the course: "It all makes so much more sense after being physically shown! And having a dummy panel to make mistakes on is awesome." Regardless of which version you choose, the NTC Brown Book - Fire Alarm Systems and access to NTC's Fire Alarm Systems online training after the class are included. The learning doesn't end with one live class day.



NTC Instructor, Bryan McLane, sets up the demonstration panels for the in-person, hands-on course offered in Atlanta.



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March 29, 2023 - April 1, 2023

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March 29, 2023

CAA Leadership Breakfast @ ISC West

November 4-8, 2023,

TMA Annual Meeting, Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii

November 15-16, 2023

ISC East, New York, NY

NAFED (National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors)

March 9 - 10 - Las Vegas, NV - Bally's Hotel

April 13 -14 - Atlantic City, NJ - Ceasar's

May 25 - 26 - Chicago, IL - Swissotel

TNSI Training Schedule 2023

January 27-29

TN Security Certification (24 hours) Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 8am-6pm Cost \$390

Nashville, TN

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TN FIRÉ Certification (16 hours) Sat & Sun 8am-6pm Cost \$390

Knoxville, TN

March 3-5

TN Security Certification (24 hours) Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 8am-6pm Cost \$390

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March 13

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March 14

TNSI CEU Course by AMG

10 am - 12 pm

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1508 Elm Hill Pike, Suite 104A

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TNSI CEU Course by AMG

10 AM – 12 PM

DoubleTree Hotel

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March 16

TNSI CEU Course by Alarm

Monitoring Services

1 PM - 3 PM

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10935 Turkey Dr.

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March 17

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3 pm – 5 pm

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April 21-23

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May 20-21

TN Fire Certification (16 Hours)

Nashville, TN

June 9-11

TN Security Certification (24 Hours)

Knoxville, TN

July 15-16

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August 12-13

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December 6 - December 9, 2023

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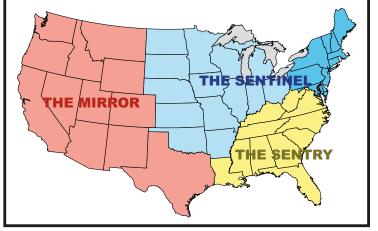




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