Determining the Best Commercial Security System for Your Business

Storefront or brick and mortar businesses are often uniquely vulnerable to such occurrences as theft, vandalism, fire and flooding due to either their location and/or relatively ease-of-access. The level of **business security** required for a particular store, office or building depends on certain factors, including, size, type and value of inventory and location. Below is a further explanation of the factors that go into determining the most appropriate security system for your business.

Purpose of Security Systems

First of all, let's review the main purpose of a commercial security system. Its main functions are to prevent or deter crime (theft, vandalism, workplace violence etc.) and also to minimize damage from such events as fires and floods. In addition, these security systems are designed to help protect the lives of all persons, including employees and visitors.

Determine the Type and Level of Security Required

The level or intensity of the security required has a lot to do with the kinds of items being sold at the business. High priced items will obviously demand a high level of security, whereas other types of stores selling low priced merchandise may only need more moderate security measures. Where a business is located (high or low crime area) and how frequently travelled it is – these and other factors contribute to the type of system required. As well, the number of possible external entrances to a building will dictate the kind of **property security** measures which are needed.

Access Control

One of the determinations regarding commercial security requirements includes the kind of access provided to employees and others. Many companies restrict the access of certain employees to various locations within a building. This may be due to job responsibilities and a desire to restrict certain non-management employees from gaining access to unauthorized information. Some of the ways in which this can be done include, card reader technology and biotechnology. The latter often involves retina scanning or finger print scans to positively identify an individual and allow him access to the designated area or computer system or file, etc.

Video Camera Surveillance

Deterring crime is a significant benefit provided by a security system. This is especially true when video camera surveillance is installed either inside or outside of a building. Many **hotel security systems** utilize video cameras to capture the images of suspicious individuals or of someone who is known to have committed a crime. When potential thieves see these cameras, many are deterred from even attempting to break-in or steal. As well, since these cameras can be utilized for live 24/7 monitoring, the chances are even greater that a thief could be found out and captured quickly by authorities.

By considering the above security system factors and components, you can evaluate the level of security needed for your business and choose the package that provides the most efficient and thorough protection.