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The Administrators and Security Personnel of the Rhode Island Judiciary desired a solution to secure and monitor the multiple courthouse facilities throughout the state of Rhode Island. A courthouse is a challenging facility to secure due to the diverse nature of the people requiring access to different areas of the building and segregation of access between those areas. For example a typical courthouse has a secure area for the judicial personnel with often a separate dedicated entrance, it has an area with open access by the general public, it has a separate secure area for legal personnel and administrative staff, and often a separate high security area with dedicated secure entrance for the non-law abiding individuals. The segregation of access between these areas becomes critical. Several of the facilities were built under new construction contracts while others were renovations to existing buildings. A primary goal for this customer was a consistent system for all their facilities. The customer also had over 4000 personnel with existing credentials; with the goal of not having to re-issue new credentials.



Solution

SIGNET met those challenges and successfully completed the deployment of a single Access Control and Video Surveillance Security System platform at all of the RI Judiciary Facilities. The database of their existing credentials was successfully converted and imported into the new Access Control System; providing a seamless transition from their existing system to the new system.

The Security System provides the administrators and security personnel with a robust and flexible security system to control and monitor access to their facilities. The system allows the access requirements to be changed based upon area of the facility, time of day or threat level. This allowed administrators to specify areas that can be accessed using a card only, or a card swipe that would present the photo id of the person using the card to a security office in the general access area screening. The system provides a single user interface to monitor access in and out of the facility along with video surveillance of the access points.

Our scope included the design, procurement, installation, commissioning and training of end users on the operation of the security system. We are also continuing to support the RI Judiciary with an extensive long-term service and support agreement and further expansion of the system. Our service and support agreement covers the timely response of qualified technicians who are intimately familiar with the system, the facilities and the Judiciary personnel. It also provides for on-site spare equipment to facilitate the immediate restoral of system functionality due to an equipment failure.

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