

Protecting Your Business

Managing Security Systems Via The Internet

(NAPSA)—A project manager for a yacht that was under construction on a dry dock was planning to install expensive equipment and wanted to secure the yacht before that began. In the beginning, this meant traveling to the dock two or three days a week to disarm the alarm system and oversee the work.

Yet with a new kind of system, he could turn off the alarm from his own home computer—and no longer have to travel to the job site to give access to the workers. In addition, he was able to give each worker—many of whom had single-day tasks aboard the yacht—his or her own pass code to arm and disarm the system. When their specific jobs were complete, he was able to delete their passwords himself. And he could verify that the system was armed from his home, giving him peace of mind.

This is just one example of someone taking advantage of the next step in business security. A company called Protection One gives its customers 24-hour access to their security systems, while they still receive full central-station monitoring.

The company's newest offering, e-Secure, features modern ways for customers to conveniently control and monitor their business security systems off-site, using an Internet-connected computer, personal digital assistant or a text-enabled cell phone.

By logging on to Protection One's interactive Web site, a business owner or manager can easily check alarm status, arm and disarm the system, view system history, add and delete users, etc. Notification lists can also be set up



People can now access and maintain their security systems remotely via the Internet.

online to determine who receives an e-mail or text alert about alarm and nonalarm activity and under what circumstances.

By sending an e-mail and/or text message, the system can also alert customers to alarm events, such as break-ins or the presence of smoke, carbon monoxide, etc., as well as nonalarm events, like when restricted or dangerous areas are accessed. In addition, e-Secure can notify customers when environmental accidents such as water leaks and temperature extremes happen.

“Not only can e-Secure's remote access capabilities save time, protect inventory and increase productivity for a business,” explains Richard Ginsburg, Protection One's president and CEO, “but by getting business owners or managers quickly involved with real-time notifications, it can also help reduce false alarms and enhance alarm verification.”

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.ProtectionOne.com.