

Adding Security and Communication to Mosques



THE SCENARIO

Almost 3,000 mosques are established across the United States, which support nearly 3.5 million American Muslims. Unfortunately, crimes against these communities have become frequent. A small network of mosques in the Northeast became concerned with the threat of intrusion and vandalism.

Their first step to a visitor management solution was to lock the entrances at all hours, but this made the mosques less accessible to members. Members now had to knock and wait for someone from the congregation to answer and unlock the door first, which could interrupt important worship or events.

The congregation wanted to provide a quick and simple way for personnel and members to conveniently enter their mosques while screening members of the public to deter criminal activity. They also wanted a way for visitors and vendors to be screened by personnel prior to allowing them access. It was especially important to have a flexible system that could integrate with their auditorium's sound system while also being intuitive to operate and easy to program.

By integrating IP video intercoms with access control, this network of mosques could better protect their congregation.

THE SOLUTION

The mosques chose an IP intercom that could integrate with their existing sound system. Emergency towers and an access control system were added to complete the solution. If an emergency occurred, alerts could be broadcast through their mosques while triggering a lock down event.

Personnel and members could quickly access the mosques with their easily programmed adhesive disc tags. A single administrator now had the ability to screen calls for the network of mosques from one location, which eliminated interruptions and confirmed visitor intent before unlocking any entrance.

Strategically placed emergency stations and towers with highly visible cameras discouraged unlawful activity while providing a way to call for help.



Entrances (Outdoor)



Congregants could easily access their mosques using authorized disk tag credentials, while visitors could be screened with the video intercom prior to having access granted by the administrator.

Administrator



THE BENEFITS

- Using their authorized disc tag credentials, personnel and members could quickly access their mosques without having to call the administrator first
- Before having access granted, visitors and vendors could be identified by the administrator and recorded using the interior intercom, ensuring a safer place of prayer
- Having one administrator to monitor and answer calls for all networked mosques was a cost-effective solution to keep visitors from interrupting members
- Strategically placed towers across exterior courtyards and pathways deterred criminal activity with their visible cameras while the call stations provided a way for members to reach help in case of an emergency

Entrances (Indoor)



System Configuration Example

