

# Risk in Action

## Howzat for an upgrade?

The MCC recently made a commitment to improving the site and facilities at Lord's Cricket Ground which was running a legacy recording suite to monitor the CCTV and DVR architecture. Through this system, however, extracting data and images was a very complicated and time intensive process. The recording suite's user interface was not very user friendly, and staff had to spend unnecessarily long periods of time pulling out images and data needed for evidential purposes.

"Our recording system was outdated and becoming increasingly tedious to use. Whilst an upgrade was needed, it was important that we could find a system which could work with the digital video recorder platform that was already in place to avoid the additional costs and disruption incurred by major changes to the surveillance infrastructure" said Alan Baxter, MCC's Head of Security.

Following consultation from the Security Systems Division at ICTS the decision was made to replace the legacy recording suite. A preliminary trial was conducted which compared the Mirasys solution to a competitive offering from Dedicated Micros. The Mirasys NVR Enterprise is able to support up to 5,000 IP and analogue systems, ensuring that Lord's future security requirements could be easily accommodated.

Following the implementation of the system, Lord's has been able to improve and simplify CCTV surveillance across the site. The key aim of the project has now been achieved: the complex user interface of the previous solution has now been replaced with a much more user-friendly and accessible solution.

"Whilst it was important to ensure that the recording suite would be able to expand and accommodate our future needs, the day-to-day use of the system has also been dramatically improved meeting our goals regarding manageability of the solution" said Alan Baxter. "We can now easily access recorded images. The data can be simply explored and a particular incident can be found quickly with the help of the search tools."

By automating the search function, staff no longer have to spend time unnecessarily searching through clips. When found, incidents can also be exported as single images or video clips in common file formats and saved, on CDs, DVDs, or USB memory sticks. This means extracting data for evidential purposes is now very simple.



## Speedy access

Holland Traffic Control has recently supplied two of its trackless speed gates for a new Police Headquarters development in Northern England. The gates will provide control of entry and exit lanes to the secure car parks ensuring that only authorised vehicles can gain access.

The gates open and close in under three seconds ensuring that tail-gating is eliminated and preventing unauthorised pedestrians from walking through the gates during their operational cycle.

The speed gates were installed by Broughton Controls who also installed some custom turnstiles and stainless steel anti-ram bollards thus making the perimeter totally secure against unauthorised attempted access.

The gates have been integrated with the staff ID card access system which allows secure access and egress by staff card holders. Authorised visitors can also gain access through the speed gates via the integrated intercom systems.



## Easy hotel evacuation

Evac+Chair International has taken up residence at The Connaught Hotel in London. The hotel was built in 1897 but has recently undergone a £70 million restoration and renovation project, which included a review of its health and safety practices. Particular attention was paid to the hotel's evacuation procedures, which included the installation of evacuation chairs. The chairs have been designed to provide additional aid to anyone who has difficulty descending staircases in the event of an emergency. The evacuation chairs can also be beneficial to assist individuals with physical disabilities, pregnant women or the elderly. Adrian Richmond, security manager at The Connaught Hotel, commented: "As our hotel welcomes thousands of visitors per year from all around the world, it is of vital importance that we have in place an effective evacuation procedure, which all members of staff are fully trained to successfully complete, in the event of an emergency."

Paul Colder, head of marketing at Evac+Chair International, said: "We are delighted that such a prestigious and exclusive hotel has chosen to install one of our evacuation chairs. It means that in the event of emergency, guests and employees have a system that will provide

