

INTEGRATION PROVES THE KEY TO CAMPUS SECURITY AND STUDENT SAFETY

A multisite community college district in San Jose California discovers how the **Pro-Watch™ Integrated Security Suite** can connect all the dots to provide intrusion and access control, video management, and above all, better lockdown capability.

Case Study

“The key is not only to have the ability to lock down a classroom, but also lock down a building. So it’s important for access control to be standardized.”

TOM MORALES

Chief of Police
San Jose Evergreen
Community College District

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THE VISIBILITY AND TECHNOLOGY TO LOCK DOWN A ROOM A BUILDING OR A CAMPUS

For higher education institutions, nothing is more top-of-mind than the safety and security of their students and staff, and that starts with their facilities. Yet many campuses rely on a patchwork of security hardware and software assembled over years, and efforts to standardize systems and harden physical spaces often come into conflict with access requirements, fire codes, and the institution's mission to maintain an open experience for learning.

Working with Microbiz Security Company, a Honeywell Platinum Partner, the ideal solution for the San Jose Evergreen Community College soon came into focus.



THE NEEDS

A standardized lockdown capability that meets key requirements

Faculty can activate a lockdown quickly and easily for their room, or their building

Campus law enforcement is instantly notified and can take subsequent steps centrally

Device agnostic surveillance that minimizes retrofit cost

Scalable for a growing college community

A system that's compatible with ADA and fire code compliance

Needs to integrate both handles and crash bar door hardware



THE SOLUTION

The district already employed the Honeywell Pro-Watch Integrated Security Suite for their building access control and intrusion alarm systems, so the first step was to engage a security consultant to conduct a campus-wide door assessment, and establish an upgrade timeline. Then the task was to identify a lock system that could be integrated with a few adjustments to the software, and one that met other key requirements.

“Locks could not be wireless. The District has only one locksmith, and changing batteries on hundreds of doors would take too much time.” Said Chief of Police Tom Morales. He also had concerns about any locking system that might invite false alarms, yet still have a lockset for every door with card or fob reader and emergency lockdown capability built in.

The President of Microbiz Marco Escobar continues, “We spoke with Honeywell, and there was a particular way to get there, with the (Schlage) AD 300 lock. Honeywell specifically drew up an integration into Pro-Watch, so that when a duress situation occurs, a lockdown for a classroom could be activated by one button, integrated into Pro-Watch, and allow the dispatchers to see that alarm, call up cameras, and respond.”



THE BENEFITS

Although the Honeywell Maxpro™ Video Management System is already integrated into the college's surveillance technology, there's still more to do to complete the hardware installation and documentation as of this publication date, but the San Jose Evergreen Community College District is already planning for an expanded campus in the future, ensuring that the next generation of students and staff will enjoy the peace of mind of a more secure campus in order to focus on their educational mission.



"Our Platinum certification is an indication of our dedication and commitment to our partnership with Honeywell. And what we get from that relationship is the support and immediate response when we have problems that happen with technology."

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