

'OPEN SESAME' OR NOT?

Cloud Access Control Reigns/Eases Company Management

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Case Study





1electric, a commercial facility electrical solutions provider in Atlanta, is no stranger when it comes to giving their customers personalized solutions for all of their building electronic system needs. With thousands of successful projects under their belt, 1electric is a trusted electrical company performing commercial electrical work such as servicing, maintaining and upgrading a building's electrical systems.

When it came time for their own expansion – moving their operations to a new location, they turned to their security provider, Verified Security, for a smooth security system transition. In addition to an integrated security system, part of the wish list was to have enhanced, customized access control.

The Needs

The old office had a stand-alone door keypad, which was once the latest advancement. Nowadays, just a couple of shared codes in a keypad is not considered full access control. Growing beyond this limited function, the new location would need access to a gated facility, which includes an office and a warehouse. “Ideally, we were looking for remote monitoring and remote access for our new location,” says Stephen Harvey, president of 1electric. “We wanted the option to manage our access control system – our office doors, our warehouse, and our facility gate – remotely.”

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The Solution

One aspect that is different at the new location is the gated parking lot, which access is through an electric vehicle gate. Verified Security considered different options for releasing the gate and how to manage the access. “The best fit seemed to be a new cloud-based solution, MAXPRO® Cloud by Honeywell, with a mobile app, where if a situation occurred that someone needs to get in, the app on the controller's smart phone could be used to unlock the door,” explains Scott Hightower, owner of Verified Security. “Which, in this case, includes unlocking or releasing the vehicle gate for entry.”

The Benefits

“MAXPRO® Cloud remote control can come in handy,” Hightower continues. For example, the alternative situation is a person that has an issue with access for whatever reason would have to wait until someone with access to arrive at the office and unlock (or release) the entrance – wasting valuable time. On the other hand, the change of access status, such as when an employee quits, there is no delay in updating the system – access can be denied immediately through the app instead of waiting until getting to the control panel or other operating port such as a PC. MAXPRO Cloud streamlines operations by empowering owners to make informed, real-time access decisions – at any time, from anywhere.

Plus, 1electric found the MAXPRO Cloud interface to be dynamic as well as easy to use. The MAXPRO Cloud controlled system can accommodate multiple levels of access. “One extremely useful aspect is that we can have different levels of security for each person given access,” says Harvey. “The security range can be set to whatever I need it to be. For example, with different levels of access, my service techs can have access to the parking lot and the warehouse, office personnel can access the parking lot and office, and then I have access to everything – and I can easily modify limits and change the access status on the fly right from my mobile device.”

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Additionally, new features and firmware updates can be done remotely within the MAXPRO interface with no windows software update to upload, no CD purchase, no server restrictions. “It's quick and it's easy,” explains Hightower. “That is a real benefit because we don't have to roll out a truck and send a technician. It could be done faster for the end-user and saves expenses on both ends, a win-win.”

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