Statue of Liberty Upgrades to New State-of-the-Art Digital Video Surveillance System from Total Recall Featuring Axis IP Cameras

Total Recall Corp. assembled “Dream Team” of nine top technology providers to create an innovative IP video solution to improve safety, security and operations for Lady Liberty’s millions of annual visitors

CHELMSFORD, Mass. – May 13, 2014 – Axis Communications, the global leader in network video surveillance, announced its involvement in an award-winning, IP-based digital video surveillance solution led by Total Recall Corporation, a video-centric security technology provider specializing in surveillance solutions. The new IP video system leverages nine state-of-the-art technology vendors and is used by the U.S. Park Police, National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of Interior (DOI) to enhance public safety and improve operational efficiencies at the recently renovated Statue of Liberty National Monument and Liberty Island.

The high-profile project kicked off 2014 with two prestigious award wins. Capt. Gregory J. Norman, Liberty District commander, U.S. Park Police will be honored as a Gov30 leader at this week’s GovSec event, and Government Security News selected the installation for the “Homeland Security Extraordinary Achievement in Public Safety and Security” award. Previously, the Statue installation received recognition from Security Technology Executive in partnership with the Security Industry Association (SIA) for the “Security Innovation Award.”

The Statue of Liberty reopened to the public on Independence Day, July 4, 2013, following eight months of renovation and repairs due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. As part of the refurbishment, Total Recall reached out to the U.S. Park Police, NPS and DOI with a state-of-the-art surveillance system proposal that would be designed, installed and maintained as a donation by the company.

A video case study and photos of the Statue of Liberty installation can be found here.

Total Recall redesigned the Statue’s surveillance and security system from top to bottom, including a complete migration from outdated analog CCTV to the latest in IP-based digital video technology, building an intelligent and ultra-modern command center to help the NPS and U.S. Park Police do their jobs more effectively and enabling the park to cover areas with video surveillance that they could not reach before, such as the security screening facilities.

“The National Park Service and Statue of Liberty National Monument greatly appreciate the comprehensive security system donated by Total Recall,” Capt. Gregory Norman, commander of Liberty District, U.S. Park Police said.
“We are extremely honored to once again be part of the surveillance system design and installation at the Statue of Liberty,” said Jordan Heilweil, president, Total Recall Corporation. “We assembled a Dream Team of cutting-edge security technology providers to give her the best protection possible while helping the Park Police, DOI and NPS deliver a memorable experience for the millions of families who visit the Statue each year.”

Because of their advanced features, reliability, and discreet appearance, a mix of nearly 160 Axis Communications IP cameras were selected to be an integral part of the total solution.

“New IP technologies bring amazing capabilities to surveillance that were not available before, including HDTV quality, color-at-night Lightfinder and 20x zoom in1080p for PTZ cameras. These advances really make protecting and securing this historic landmark much easier compared to analog CCTV,” said Fredrik Nilsson, general manager, Axis Communications, Inc. “Axis is honored to be selected as part of the Dream Team, and our focus on open systems and partnerships made integration with the other eight technology companies easy.”

Axis partners BriefCam, Milestone Systems, Pivot3 and Proxim Wireless also play critical roles in the state-of-the-art system.

IP-based technology and the system’s innovative design enable it to cover the entire perimeter of Liberty Island, as well as the park’s security screening facilities and all 393 steps from the main lobby to Lady Liberty’s crown. The technology will be used for the day-to-day safety and security of the park’s visitors while also helping the U.S. Park Police and NPS monitor traffic flow and expand people management to keep lines moving, assist ferry service operation, reconnect parents with misplaced children and effectively respond to any medical emergencies on the island or inside the Statue.

Conditions for installing the new system were not easy, Heilweil continued, noting that the environment presented unique challenges even without the damage done by Hurricane Sandy. “The lack of electricity, flooding and damage caused by Sandy could not stop the amazing team from making sure that Lady Liberty could welcome visitors – as she always has.”

The current surveillance deployment marks the first time an all-digital surveillance system has been installed at the monument, which will allow the NPS to cover areas of the island that were previously unreachable with the old analog system, thanks to a mix of fiber and wireless connections. Total Recall designed and supervised the last major security system overhaul for the Statue of Liberty and Liberty Island in 1999, with the latest upgrade made in 2004.

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