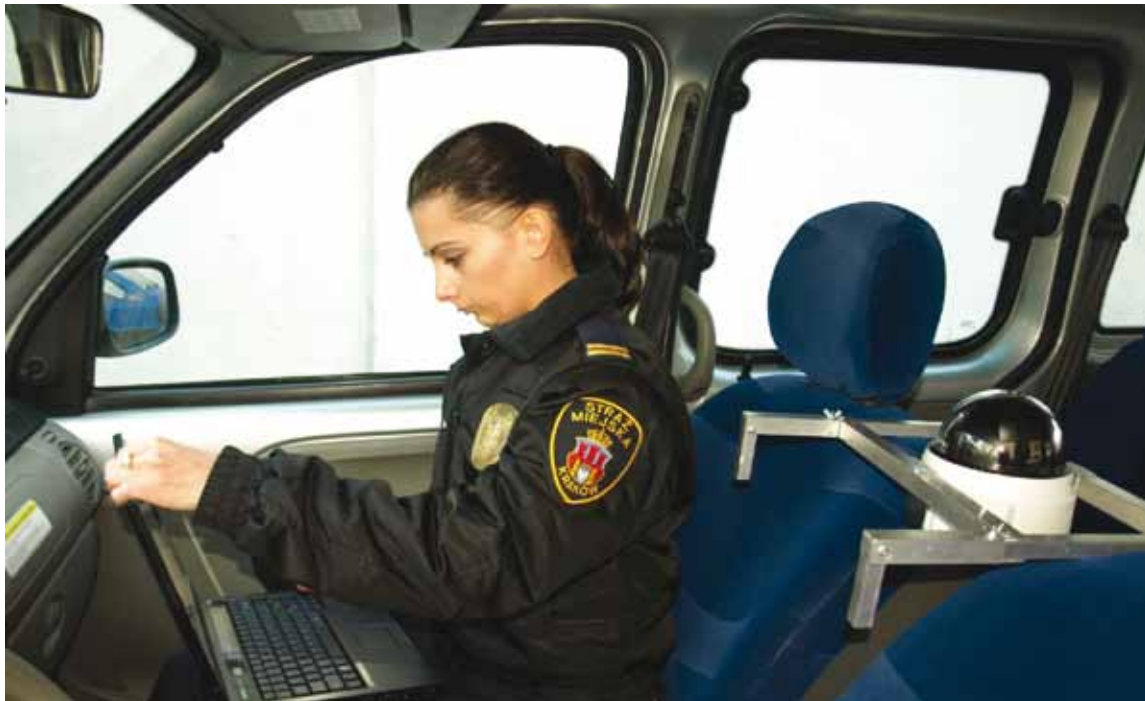


24/7 electronic guard.

Mobile IP-based monitoring system is a new tool used for fighting crime in Krakow.



Organization:
Krakow Municipal Police

Location:
Krakow, Malopolska
District, Poland

Industry segment:
City surveillance

Application:
Mobile urban
surveillance and crime
prevention

Axis partner:
Chomtech

Mission

The Krakow Municipal Police Forces place great emphasis on innovation. Thus, they decided to use cutting-edge technology solutions to fight against lawbreakers. In order to more effectively detect offenses and prevent petty crime, as well as other unwanted events, the police forces improved their law enforcement potential without increasing headcount.

Solution

Municipal Police vehicles were fitted with Axis network cameras. Generally, they are used for performing regular duties, however, when deployed at a parking site or other location, particularly high-risk areas, they allow for recording events and identifying offenders.

Result

Ever since the Municipal Police vehicles were fitted with the cameras a year ago, officers have a new, effective tool allowing them to carry out duties at locations where the law is breached most frequently. The mobility of this system ensures that the officers can plan and carry out their duties in a flexible way, taking into consideration the current needs. Moreover, the equipment is used for solving current issues at various locations in the city.

“Crime may be prevented in various ways. The results are far better than we expected. We are sure to carry out such actions on a much broader scale. I am convinced that the Municipal Police officers from other cities may benefit from our experiences.”

Marek Anioł, Spokesman, Krakow Municipal Police Forces.

The Krakow Municipal Police Force is one of the best-structured formations of that type in Poland. It was established by the City Council in 1991, and its statutory duties include ensuring law and order in public places, protecting community and utility facilities, as well as supervising and controlling road traffic within the scope defined by regulations.

Technology for security

In early 2009, the Krakow Municipal Police Forces management decided to deploy an innovative video surveillance system, featuring functional IP cameras installed in vehicles. Chomtech, an Axis partner, and a Municipal Police partner for many years, suggested AXIS 215 PTZ-E Network Cameras.

The devices were installed inside the police vehicles. The cameras record events happening in their direct vicinity. They play a critical role, when the vehicles are parked at locations regarded as particularly high risk, where various types of criminal offenses have been committed. The view within the camera's range is transmitted and watched by officers located in another vehicle in real-time. If the camera records any suspicious behavior or incidents, the officers react immediately and effectively prevent the crime from happening.

A crucial benefit is the fact that AXIS 215 PTZ-E can be easily deployed and the power is fed from a small power generator located inside the vehicle. At the same time the camera provides top-quality images, allowing officers to identify individuals and possibly use the recordings during investigations later.



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