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The WAVE Improves Staff Safety at VA Hospitals and Clinics

FORT WORTH, Texas, August 2009 – The WAVE instant notification system has been deployed as a panic alarm system in a VA hospital in Kentucky and a VA clinic in Ohio. These facilities have made use of the many features of the WAVE to improve security and safety.

The VA hospital provided over 150 panic alarms to personnel working in its Mental Health Facilities. As soon as a panic button is pressed, a detailed message is transmitted over the radios carried by hospital security officers detailing the location of the emergency. Having access to a silent alarm that can summon help instantly is particularly important to staff working one-on-one with patients in interview rooms.

The VA clinic provided panic buttons in exam rooms, reception areas, mental health offices and other areas throughout the clinic. Although, the clinic does not have a radio network, they do use a Nextel push-to-talk network. A security call-group has been set up on the Nextel phone network. When a panic button is pressed, a detailed message indicating the location of the emergency is transmitted to VA staff in the security call-group and, at the same time, the local police department is notified.

A WAVE system was also installed in the clinic as an emergency call system for bathrooms, laboratories and similar areas. When the buttons in these areas are pressed, a call for help is instantly broadcast over the Nextel phones carried by all caregivers.

With no wires to run, the WAVE is easy to install in any type of facility, even as a retro fit in a hospital or clinic.

About SecureTech Systems

SecureTech was founded in 1994 and has installed over 1,200 systems in courts, schools, colleges, hospitals, stadiums, parks and other facilities.

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