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Chad DuBose, Director, National K-9 Operations, IPC International Corporation

Security issues in the private sector have changed significantly in the past 10 years. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, changed the landscape of private sector security entirely, and as a result, the security industry has evolved more in the past five years than in the previous decade.

Previously, security guards performed basic services like patrolling, locking/unlocking facilities and reporting maintenance issues. However, as the world has become more complex and its threats more diverse, the security guard has evolved into a Public Safety Officer who is required to have a higher level of involvement and performance. In short, the role of the guard has become that of a sophisticated, well-trained Public Safety Officer who not only secures facilities, but also prepares for and responds to potential acts of terrorism and secures what the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) deems a soft-target for terrorism.

The expectation of public safety professionals is to be the optimum blend of a customer service provider and crime preventer/deterrent.

Today, security providers like IPC International Corporation provide many public safety services that prepare for much more complex situations in the private sector. For example, IPC coordinates with local law enforcement and government agencies including DHS, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the U.S. Secret Service to develop protocols for emergency response plans, preparation for national security alerts and overall coordination with emergency personnel.

To augment its traditional security services, IPC launched a K-9 security program to offer another layer of resources to its commercial clients. The company's K-9 handlers are required to have law enforcement or military experience and the handler/canine teams are certified together by American Working Dog, Inc. "Our officers and their canines are unique teams who receive the same extensive training and certifications as law enforcement," says IPC's Director of National K-9 Operations Chad DuBose. "We are not an operation where an officer checks out a dog for the day. Our teams train with law enforcement agencies, and in some cases we compete against other law enforcement and military teams for bragging rights."



DuBose, who has more than 15 years experience working and managing military and law enforcement canines, leads IPC's K-9 Security Services. In working with law enforcement and K-9 industry leaders, like Vohne Liche Kennels, the company has created a commercial K-9 security service that is structured like a law enforcement community policing model. "Our canines are highly social and we encourage the public to interact

with our K-9 teams," says DuBose.

IPC Executive Vice-President of National Operations Joe Marcello says that the company's commercial clients support the social K-9 team model because it provides a strong mix of public relations and a heightened sense of security to their environment. "The K-9 teams immediately call attention to the overall security program and high visibility is an important security message," says Marcello.

Onsite surveys conducted with the general public showed a 91 percent acceptance rating of the K-9 teams and business owners were in favor of the added

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security across the board. Although the mission of private security is not as complex as the local law enforcement missions, there is something to be said for the psychological effect of a well-trained, professional K-9 team. The crime deterrence value alone is unmatched.

IPC International Corporation is a full-service security and public safety company with over thirty years of experience nationwide and internationally. IPC provides best in class services and customized solutions to address the unique security challenges facing the company's clients. Additional information on IPC's K-9 Security Services can be obtained at www.K-9SecurityServices.com.

