



Secure Access
at the Speed of Life

KNICKERBOCKER VILLAGE

Case Study



Location: 10 Monroe Street, New York, NY 10002
Access Points: 24 in 12 buildings
No. of Residents: 6,000

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Knickerbocker Village, a vintage apartment complex nestled between the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges, is steeped in the traditions of New York's Lower East Side. Its twelve 13-story brick buildings and surrounding courtyards sit proudly along several blocks on Monroe Street in Chinatown. The complex, with its 1600 units, is huge. So is the job of securing it.

The Challenge: Over 6000 people enter and exit the complex on an average day. Tracking how many people come through the doors, how often, and which of them are known and unknown users was a primary concern and objective for Knickerbocker in selecting a new access control system.

The Solution: When Knickerbocker's Property Manager Vincent Callagy became acquainted with FST Biometric's offering and how it could enhance managing the comings and goings at the complex, he proceeded with the pilot installation at the entryway of one of the buildings with FST'S IMID Access (In Motion Identification™) solution that manages and controls building entry points, exits and common areas.

The Results: Property Manager Vincent Callagy is very impressed with what the IMID access control solution is doing for him and Knickerbocker's residents. The system is providing seamless access to residents, at the speed of life, and the software allows him to track, document and control who has access to the complex.



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CHALLENGE

In an urban setting of this magnitude in a downtown metro area such as Manhattan, there are thousands of people trying to enter the complex on a daily basis. Authorized, and unauthorized. Knickerbocker Village needed an access control system that can monitor this 24/7 and allow them to control, track entry and keep a log of all who came through its doors. All at the same time granting residents and their invited guests seamless and secure access, while keeping unauthorized visitors out.

SOLUTION

Integrator Brian McLaughlin of The SecureCom Group, Ltd. has been working with Knickerbocker's Property Mgr. Vincent Callagy for 20 years and when he was introduced to FST Biometrics' IMID solutions, McLaughlin knew it would be a perfect fit for the complex. "SecureCom has been around since 1985, and we're always following new technologies," McLaughlin explains. "Most of our work is in Manhattan. We look out for our clients and always want our services to be on the cutting edge of technology. In getting familiar with FST Biometrics, we all really liked what we saw and heard. I knew that this technology could be a huge help to a large complex like Knickerbocker and how they handle access control of so many people in multiple areas."

FST's In Motion Identification™ capabilities can manage and control building entry points, common look. Combining ultimate security with seamless access experience, it represents a best-in-breed fusion of cutting-edge technologies, including Facial Recognition and Behavior Analysis.

Because it can quickly identify anyone who is walking to the door, IMID can make an informed decision whether to allow entrance, verify guests or transfer them to a monitoring station representative for assistance. There's no need for a key, card or access code. Residents and all authorized users are given seamless access at the speed of life.

RESULTS

Knickerbocker's Property Manager Vincent Callagy couldn't be more pleased with how the In Motion Identification solution is meeting his needs. "Without question, this was the way to go. I am thrilled with the level of security and tracking it is providing to us here at Knickerbocker Village," he states. As an integrator who is always looking for the most advanced and reliable solutions for his clients, Brian McLaughlin says he is very excited about going forward with this product. "FST Biometrics' seamless technology is probably the most exciting that I've ever come into contact with," he states matter-of-factly. "This is where access is going. This is the future. As far as key fobs and hand scans, I believe in five years from now, those types of technologies are going to be viewed as old and antiquated. This is the technology of the future and where the industry and the world is going. We're very excited to be on the ground floor. This is the cart to hitch your horse to and we want to go forward and grow with FST Biometrics like we never have before with any other product out there. The Manhattan market is huge, and the outer boroughs, as well," he adds. "We think big complexes are perfect for IMID Access and also see applications in smaller buildings, as well."

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