# WIRELESS VIDEO DOV/NLOADING

# WHY YOUR FLEET NEEDS IT



# WIRELESS VIDEO DOWNLOADING and How Much You Can Expect to Save

Wireless Video Downloading is fundamental to the overall success of your video surveillance solution. It reduces the risk of not having video when you really need it and saves a transportation team hours and hours in manual processing time.

A basic wireless system, as we all know, is relatively easy to set up. Most of us enjoy Wi-Fi networks in our own homes: quite a few of these networks having been completely setup with very little help from wireless experts.

A wireless network that can handle the volume of data that is automatically associated with video, provide reliable up-time, and superior levels of security is another thing altogether. This type of network requires a level of expertise that very few video surveillance system providers offer.

It's important to note that bringing in wireless networking experts does not necessarily equate to significant amounts of operational downtime, budget or a long lead-time before you hit the ground running.

| • | Implementing wireless video downloading           | • |
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| • | (when you've entrusted experts to help you        |   |
|   | design and install your infrastructure) is easier |   |
| • | than you think and it can start delivering real   |   |
| • | tangible value within days of installation.       |   |

### **CERTIFIED WIRELESS NETWORK**

**PROFESSIONALS (CWNP)** have the knowledge

and experience to design wireless infrastructure to support heavy video transmission loads, providing:

- enhanced security
- uniform coverage across yard(s)
- System robustness and reliability

### A FLEET OF ROUGHLY 30-50 BUSES

Could have a full wireless infrastructure installed and in use in TIME and COST SAVINGS would begin the

1 WEEK

**SAME WEEK** 

# WIRELESS VIDEO DOWNLOADING and Return on Investment Potential

### **RETURN ON INVESTMENT POTENTIAL**

| Average Time to Retrieve HD<br>& Download Video |  |
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| Labor Costs for HD Retrieval (hourly)\$20/hr    |  |
| Video Requests per Day 5                        |  |
| Number of Buses <b>100</b>                      |  |

Monthly Cost of Video Retrieval .....\$2,000

| Missed Video Footage per month |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Hard Drives Damaged per month  |  |  |
| Average Recorder Hard Drive    |  |  |
| Replacement Costs \$260        |  |  |

Current Monthly Video Retrieval and Handling Costs.....\$2,260 So let's talk ROI for a fleet with roughly 100 buses and an average of 5 video download requests per day. Consider that the time it takes to source a specific bus, make your way out to the bus, remove the hard drive, bring it back to the office, extract and view the footage in question and return and re-install the hard drive on the bus could take anywhere from 30 minutes to well over an hour. Also factor in an average video retrieval hourly rate of \$20. The potential dollar savings, even with this lower video download request threshold could potentially equate to \$3,000 to \$4,000 each month. But that's only part of it; to get an even more accurate idea of the ROI we need to take a step back and look at the reason(s) a fleet implements a video surveillance is to minimize exposure. A bus video surveillance solution enhances the safety of those on or around the bus and helps the fleet avoid false liability claims by providing defendable video evidence for

detailed analysis of specific events. School Bus Fleet Managers and Transportation Directors get this — they understand the value of a video surveillance system almost intuitively. But many don't realize that just having a video surveillance system alone is not enough if you aren't able to guarantee your system is always functioning and always able to provide quick access to the information you need, when you need it most.

This is because hard drives can easily go missing. What if a hard drive isn't returned to the bus? What if a drive is returned to the wrong bus, or it's installed incorrectly? In these examples, critical footage would not record correctly or at all. Systems can also go offline, and without a physical inspection of each recorder on each bus, there would be no way of knowing that relevant footage was not recording until it's too late. Without a wireless solution that includes remote health monitoring, a fleet manager can find themselves with the unhappy task of reporting an incident has been improperly recorded and as a result there is no evidence to support or argue a claim, a query or an investigation.

Wireless downloading software, such as Safe
Fleet Commander (www.safefleet.net/wireless video-downloading) allows a transportation team
to remotely monitor the health of each of their
recorders and take immediate and appropriate
action as required – all without leaving their desks.

# THE BENEFITS OF WIRELESS VIDEO DOWNLOADING using Safe Fleet Commander

#### Assurance of the health status of your entire video system

A web-based view of the health status of your entire video system displays those buses equipped with surveillance system and the status of each hard drive, recorder and camera within each system.

#### Save time and money

One of the biggest potential time-wasters is locating relevant video footage. Many hours can be spent pulling drives and viewing video to finally find the incident in question. Safe Fleet Commander makes locating video quick and painless by allowing users to search for footage based on date, time, geographic location, vehicle or route.

#### Safeguard sensitive video footage

Maintaining the chain of custody is important when handling any video footage that will be used as evidence. Any unauthorized handling of video can render that evidence useless. Video management software offers you the ability to assign unique user permissions so that you can control and limit video access to authorized personnel only.

#### Schedule automatic video downloads

Safe Fleet Commander allows you to schedule automatic video downloads based on alarms or events ensuring you have timely, convenient access to any and all issues recorded on your fleet.

#### SAFE FLEET COMMANDER WIRELESS DOWNLOADS

# 316 BUSES 🛖 🚍



ST. LUCIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Safe Fleet customer St. Lucie Public Schools can speak firsthand to the benefits of wireless downloading. They operate 316 buses in a three-tier system. By implementing wireless downloading, St. Lucie Public Schools completely eliminated the risk of lost or misplaced video or hard drives. When issues arise on a bus, as soon as that bus returns to the yard the video in question begins to automatically download. Security staff are able to immediately send that video straight to the school, or whoever needs it. St. Lucie Public Schools also makes use of the Seon wireless software to check on the status of each recorder remotely — they can tell which recorders are offline or require attention directly from the comfort of their desks. And they save their Area Managers, Shop Technicians and Security staff hours of manual processing. • We did the Wi-Fi project last year. That was a huge undertaking because none of our buses at the time were equipped for that."

Don Carter, Transportation Director

### " Our Area Managers and Security Staff

**LOVE IT.** They don't ever have to go out and swap those hard drives manually. They can perform operations right from their desk. Once buses come into the yard, information is downloaded and sent straight to the school or whoever needs it."

Don Carter, Transportation Director



### DON CARTER, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, ST. LUCIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TALKS ABOUT HIS WIRELESS EXPERIENCE.



If your transportation department is already using a video surveillance solution, and you're interested in adding the benefits of wireless downloading, the process of upgrading your system is very straightforward. Discovery, initial planning and designing can be initiated with very little impact to your transportation team. Online mapping tools provide the basic geographic data to get a design started. Certified wireless network professionals will then plan a system that delivers efficient downloading and consistent coverage, taking into consideration yard size, location of trees and the shape and size of the various surrounding structures. Your transportation team could be enjoying the benefits of wireless in no time at all.

If your fleet was originally compelled to increase fleet safety by installing video surveillance, consider that implementation of a wireless downloading network can be, quick and efficient and its very function drives the ability to minimize risk, save time, money and deliver a solid and rapid return on investment.

Are you considering an upgrade to your existing video surveillance solution? Or perhaps looking to invest in your very first solution? Watch the full interview with Don for advice on implementing video in your fleet, real world results and examples of instances in which video proved to be crucial to his operation. See the full interview here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHJVVihcryY&t=13s.

If you need help sourcing a Certified Wireless Network Professional, contact schoolbus@safefleet.net

#### **About Safe Fleet**

Safety is at the core of everything we do, with the goal of helping our customers reduce preventable accidents across their fleets.

Our Transit product line, which includes advanced technology, mobile video surveillance, mirrors, roof hatches and lighting, form an integrated platform to help our customers predict and prevent accidents, create better drivers, smarter vehicles and safer fleets. The Safe Fleet industry-leading, family of brands dedicated to increasing transit fleet safety consist of Transpec, Pretoria, Specialty Manufacturing, MobileView and Seon. Trusted by transit for decades, we help transit agencies reach their safety and security goals.

At Safe Fleet, we are Driving Safety Forward<sup>™</sup>.

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