COMMUNITY OUTREACH/PROJECT NEWS

LAN-TEL Communications Installs Pro Bono Security System at Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center

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In response to vandalism that took place at Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center (STEC) in Dorchester over the summer, LAN-TEL Communications, Inc., a leading provider of integrated public safety and security solutions, has completed the pro bono installation of a wireless video surveillance camera system at the facility that ties into area law enforcement offices.

LAN-TEL, a NECA Boston contractor, furnished and installed six video security cameras, complete with an antenna system that integrates into, and is monitored, at one of Boston Law Enforcement’s area law enforcement offices. LAN-TEL is the often relied upon low voltage contractor and security system provider for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth, having provided hundreds of wireless video security system installations and integrating them into key sites throughout the city.

LAN-TEL’s Senior Project Manager and security specialist Eric Johnson supervised a crew of IBEW Local 103 technicians in the community outreach project. Senior technician Sean Pappas provided project guidance and oversight, while Scott Whitcomb used this project as an extended field training program.

“Public safety has become a priority for every city and town in our Commonwealth, and security at both inner city and suburban venues has become increasingly important. It’s rewarding to be able to give back to the community, especially at a facility like Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center, which provides such wonderful developmental services for Boston’s youth,” Eric Johnson said. “We were upset when we learned of the vandalism, and LAN-TEL is pleased to have provided state-of-the-art security to monitor activity 24-7.”

LAN-TEL houses prefabrication facilities, both in their Norwood headquarters and South Boston office, to enhance its ability and capacity to provide the rapid response required for immediate security needs. In the pre-fab department’s special IP Lab, technicians efficiently customize security cameras and switches to precise specifications for Boston Area Law Enforcement, and other clients. All security cameras undergo thorough pre-testing prior to being delivered and installed on site.

Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center, a non-profit organization, provides critical youth development services for children from Dorchester and the Blue Hill Corridor, as well as from other Greater Boston communities. Each summer, STEC runs a summer camp serving more than 100 local youth, who participate in the center’s recreational and competitive tennis instruction as well as in the organization’s special academic and social development programs.

LAN-TEL Communications, Inc. is the industry leader and trusted provider of structured cabling systems, integrated public safety and security solutions, and IT infrastructure services. For 25 years, LAN-TEL has delivered an unparalleled level of client service, support and innovative technologies to New England’s largest corporations, buildings, and municipalities.

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J&M Brown Awarded Electrical Construction of Mass + Main Project, Central Square, Cambridge

Architect: CBT Architects, Boston, MA; GC: John Moriarty & Associates, Winchester, MA; EE: Consentini & Associates, Boston, MA; Owner: Watermark Central LLC / Twining Properties, Boston, MA

J&M Brown Company, Inc. (JMB), of Jamaica Plain, MA, has been awarded comprehensive electrical construction of the Mass + Main mixed-use development in Central Square. The project includes a 19-story residential tower with ground floor retail, and two seven-story residential buildings, also with ground floor retail. The 195-foot tower will be among the tallest buildings in Cambridge. JMB has provided pre-planning and project coordination efforts. Temporary power has also been provided to the site. When complete in early 2020, Mass + Main will be a transit-oriented, 307,000 square-foot residential development community with 308 mixed-income apartment units. The project is targeting LEED Gold certification.

Image Source: CBT Architects
NECA Boston/Maine Division at IBEW Local 567 Apprenticeship Open House

During the week of November 13, NECA Boston joined with the union electrical construction industry in events held during National Apprenticeship Week.

In Lewiston, Maine, IBEW Local 567 held Apprenticeship Open House events on November 15 and 18 where guidance counselors, career and technical school educators and vocational school instructors were introduced to the Local 567 training facility and program. Local 567 Business Manager Jim Valente and Apprenticeship Training Director Allen Shepard spearheaded the events, which were also attended by NECA Boston’s Assistant Manager Kristen Gowin. During the Saturday open house and skills competition, instructors brought juniors and seniors from area trade schools to learn more about careers in the IBEW. Apprentices performed pipe-bending demos and a skills competition.

NECA Boston Conducts Advanced Revit MEP & BIM Workshop

On November 20 and 21, NECA Boston Chapter held an advanced Building Information Modeling (BIM) workshop at the Greater Boston JATC. The NECA continuing education program, conducted by Thomas Cassell, MicroCAD Training & Consulting, was attended by 21 project managers and CADD coordinators of NECA member firms, as well as a member of the Wentworth Student Chapter. The program focused parametric engineering design and documentation within Revit MEP. The course covered fabrication settings and converting Revit to fabrication. Additional topics included schematic design, spaces and zones, performance analysis, design and visualization, circuits and panel schedules, tags and schedules, construction documents, annotation, detailing, and much more.

NECA will hold the third workshop in the series, focused on electrical systems design, in February 2018. Additional BIM workshops are scheduled throughout 2018 – visit www.bostonneca.org for dates and details.

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