LAN-TEL Communications Underway with Integrated Video Surveillance System in City of Lawrence, Massachusetts

NECA Boston contractor underway with significant crime-fighting public safety initiative

Norwood, MA – LAN-TEL Communications, Inc., headquartered in Norwood, MA, has recently been awarded and is underway with the video surveillance project in Lawrence, Massachusetts, a project designed to combat crime in the city.

The project entails LAN-TEL’s installation of surveillance cameras at 35 strategic sites throughout the city. Through the public safety initiative, the city of Lawrence joins a growing list of municipalities worldwide that are integrating state-of-the-art security technology and new surveillance methods to enhance their policing efforts.

On October 18, 2018, Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera and Police Chief Roy Vasque were in attendance for the first security camera installation by LAN-TEL, which is located on a traffic light pole at the intersection of Broadway and Haverhill Street, a noted crime hot spot. The city officials declared the public safety initiative to be a key to a new era of crime-fighting in Lawrence.

In the project’s first phase, 75 cameras are being installed and maintained by the NECA Boston contractor at various sites throughout the city. Approximately 35 additional cameras will be installed in a second phase. All camera box locations are publicly visible, with camera housing blue in color. “We often say if you see a blue box on a pole, it’s LAN-TEL security at work,” said Eric Johnson, Security Project Manager for LAN-TEL Communications.

Cameras are aligned and focused to cover the areas of interest, and the integrated wireless antennas transmit video signals back to Lawrence police headquarters. Some of the security cameras offer a fixed 180-degree view of a site, while others have pan, tilt and zoom features. The system is designed and modeled to work in a similar capacity to other successful video security installations LAN-TEL has provided in other communities throughout New England.

“We have attended many community meetings in Lawrence, and are pleased to have been selected to provide state-of-the-art security for this great city,” said Joe Bodio, CEO of LAN-TEL Communications. “It is our goal at LAN-TEL to become your public safety partner, and this integration is the same as many other systems we manage and monitor within the Greater Boston area, including the Homeland Security and Coastal Camera system. Technology is an important tool in fighting crime, and we are thankful to be able to provide the most advanced security capabilities to many cities, including Lawrence.”

“There is a huge urgency and there is a huge problem when it comes to not just violence and crime, but drugs in our city,” said Councilor Pavel Payano during the council discussion regarding the project. “We see these cameras as an opportunity to stem the tide.”

LAN-TEL Communications is a prominent low-voltage contractor for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The company is the security systems provider for the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) and other Greater Boston-area municipalities, having provided hundreds of wireless video security system installations throughout the region and integrating them into respective area headquarters.

NECA 2019 Project Excellence Awards Program Now Open

The National Electrical Contractors Association has begun accepting entries for the Project Excellence Awards (PEA) program. These prestigious awards recognize NECA member companies for their outstanding commitment, professionalism, and ingenuity in delivering an electrical project across 12 different market sectors:

- Commercial/Institutional
- Design Build
- Educational
- Energy Solutions/Green Building
- Health
- Industrial
- Low Voltage/Integrated Systems
- Overhead Transmission
- Residential
- Street Lighting/Traffic Signal
- Substation/Interconnection
- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. NECA National must receive entries and project photos by April 30, 2019.

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NECA Boston Chapter Confirms 2019 Board of Directors

WEST NEWTON, MA – The Boston Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) confirmed its 2019 Directors and Officers (see photo) at its Annual Chapter Meeting in January. Michael McDonald, president of McDonald Electrical Corp., is serving his second year as the Chapter president.

NECA 2019 Board of Directors

Seated (l to r):
Michael McDonald, President – McDonald Electrical Corporation
Alan Scharfe, Vice President – John A. Penney Company, Inc.
David Noon, Secretary – J. & M. Brown Company, Inc.

Standing (l to r):
John McLaughlin, Director – Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies
John Quinci, Director – Cruz Electric, Inc.
Kathleen Guinee, Director – Aetna Fire Alarm Service Co., Inc.
Matthew Guarascine, Director – J.M. Electrical Company, Inc.
Thomas Driscoll, Director and Chairman, Maine Division – E.S. Boulos Company
Brian Murphy, Director – A. Murphy, Inc.
Joseph Bodio, Director – LAN-TEL Communications
Dan Venezia, Director – T&T Electrical Contractors
Glenn Kingsbury, Executive Manager – NECA Boston Chapter

Kathleen Guinee, Director – Aetna Fire Alarm Service Co., Inc.

Board Members (not pictured):
Stephen Scarponi, Director and Chairman NH Division – Scarponi Electric, LLC
Joseph McCluskey, Jr., Governor – E.G. Sawyer Company, Inc.

Stalker Electric Completes Fjällräven Store Fit-out in Seaport District

NECA contractor teams with GC: Trinity Building & Construction Management Corp., Wilmington, MA; Architect: BKA Architects, Boston, MA

Stalker Electric, Inc., based in Woburn, MA, has recently completed the electrical fit-out of the new Fjällräven store, located at 70 Seaport Boulevard in the Seaport District. The fast-track, eight week project entailed Stalker's installation of electrical distribution, specialty lighting, security, and tel/data systems. The Scandinavian retail outdoor clothing outfitter opened its newest Greater Boston location in fall 2018.

Stalker Electric is a 25-year NECA Boston member that has recently expanded its services to include tenant fit-out work. The contractor also specializes in fire suppression system services and solar installations in the Greater Boston area.

In Memory of NECA Executive Richard Parenti

Richard Parenti, former Executive Director of the Eastern Region of the National Electrical Contractors Association, passed away on December 29, 2018.

Rich’s 43 year career with NECA began in 1976 as a staff associate in the Midwest Region. He then worked for the Minneapolis Chapter for 11 years, six as Chapter Manager. He rejoined National NECA in 1986 as Executive Director of NECA’s Midwestern Region before serving as the Eastern Region’s Executive Director from 2001 to 2018.

Rich was a great advocate for the union electrical industry and a devoted friend of the members of the Boston Chapter. He was honored for his contributions to the industry with induction into the Academy of Electrical Contracting in 2015.

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