

Phoenix Sky Harbor selects Morse Watchmans key controller

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Key control systems from Morse Watchmans are in place at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to maintain strict security procedures for the safekeeping and access of facility keys.

Installed throughout the airport complex for use in all back of house operations (i.e. mechanical, fleet pool, maintenance, etc.), the various KeyWatcher Illuminated key control cabinets enable controlled access to keys and provide forensic capabilities such as automated tracking, alarm and reporting functions.

"In today's airport reality, whether it's passengers, cargo or equipment, it's all about security," said Fernando Pires, VP Sales and Marketing, Morse Watchmans. "Our key control systems provide Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with the most reliable, effective and efficient means for securing and tracking large numbers of facility keys."

The automated Keywatcher cabinets can be used to hold keys needed for access to secured areas of facilities that are restricted from the general public. Authorised users who have permission to enter these restricted areas can access keys which they have been pre-programmed to use by entering their PIN code and swiping a pre-issued badge. If the criteria entered matches the information stored in the system data base, the key cabinet will unlock and the necessary key can be removed or returned.

As an added safety measure, alarms can be triggered for certain predetermined circumstances such as the use of force to gain access or remove a key, invalid user codes, a door left open for more than 10 seconds after use, power failure, a key missing or not returned on time or a key returned by the wrong user.

The Keywatcher system offers an increased level of security and control by preventing unauthorized key access and reducing the incidence of lost or misplaced keys. All activity at Sky Harbor Airport is automatically recorded including user, date and time of key access/return. Scheduled email reports of what keys are in or out and who has/had them keeps security management informed and up to date. Requested reports can trace key movements by time, date and user code as well as audit reports that track keys in use, overdue keys and inconsistent key usage. When time is of the essence, the up-to-date and reliable information provided by a key control system can be accessed quickly, allowing personnel to proceed with established procedures regarding secure areas. Keywatcher systems used at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport were configured and installed by Genesis Resource, Inc. a leading provider of Morse Watchmans electronic key control systems.

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