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Following the re-acquisition of Sherman+Reilly in 2019 by Mr. Dunn and his business partner Douglas Diamond, the company has gone through a period of accelerated revenue and profit growth, operational refinement, and product line expansion. "We have an outstanding management team" stated Dunn. "The addition of Dave Ring as the new CEO of Sherman & Reilly will ensure that the Company continues to be a leader in the electric utility industry in the years ahead."

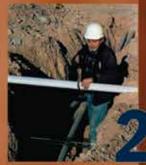
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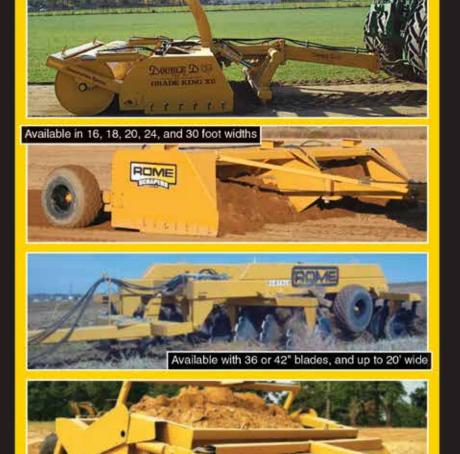
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Last year, there was a 71% increase in physical attacks on critical U.S. infrastructure, according to a U.S. government report. For utilities and telecom providers, operational continuity is paramount. Yet, the alarming increase in the number of physical attacks that target these facilities – which could include theft or damage to expensive equipment – is putting uptime in jeopardy.

When it comes to protecting these facilities from an attack, a range of options from CCTV systems to 24hour security guards are often deployed. However, CCTV security installations have typically focused on

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"inside the perimeter" protection and often lack the teeth needed to be a deterrent. That is changing with new mobile security trailers, loaded with advanced artificial intelligence (AI) monitoring capabilities which can greatly expand the scope of on-site security. Plus, these smart systems are also proving to add operational efficiencies.

On top of the surge in criminal activities targeting industrial operations is the nationwide shortage of law enforcement. This has the potential to increase response times and puts additional pressure on facilities to fortify their security practices.

"As a solution to this issue, the introduction of mobile security trailers presents a timely opportunity to proactively detect potential security threats before they escalate into more severe situations," explains Cameron Simon, Senior Vice President of Industrials, Technology & Services for Stallion Infrastructure Services, a leader in mobile security, video surveillance and communications services.

#### Smart Security

Mobile security trailers, which have become common in retail parking lots in recent years, are now increasingly the go-to equipment for utilities and the telecom industry as well. Made up of a trailer armed with high-definition cameras attached to an extendable mast and powered by solar panels, these systems can be quickly deployed and set up in minutes. They can also be repositioned as threat profiles change.

Mobile security trailers are not new, but sophisticated data analytics is changing how these intelligent systems operate and is enabling a more efficient approach to securing a facility.

According to Simon, the current trend for utilities

is reminiscent of the retail industry's surveillance practices. While it has been a customary practice to install numerous cameras inside stores, businesses are now equally keen on monitoring the activities of individuals in the parking lot perimeter or access points before they even enter the premises.

The latest AI-enabled technology provides an opportunity for utilities and telcos to have real-time, continuous monitoring of their projects, people, assets, and environment. This may include identifying whether or not someone is brandishing a weapon which is now possible with advanced AI systems. These systems can also alert on vehicles, people and motorcycles as well as spot smoke and fire – which are always a concern.

#### Uptime

For utilities and telcos, stopping a potential attack, theft or property damage is a real concern, yet it is the potential loss of uptime or business continuity that keeps operators pushing out more security trailers onto their properties.

"Recently, we deployed at a remote facility where some expensive assets were staged for an upcoming project. Someone came in attempting to steal some electronics," explains Simon "It was a couple of hundred-thousand-dollars-worth of equipment that we prevented from being stolen.

Stallion's advanced analytics detected the intruder before he entered the property, then the virtual-guard monitoring team took over, coordinating with the on-site customer team to proactively apprehend the thief, preventing the crime and potential losses.

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ing some expensive equipment, it is much more about keeping the power on or the tower in operation," explains Simon.

#### Deterrence

The way in which security monitoring trailers are rolled out is in stark contrast to that of traditional CCTV which was built and designed to be fixed installations that often blended into the surroundings.

Simon emphasizes the significance of deterrence as the primary defense against potential security threats. Traditional CCTV cameras often act as passive observers, but with the introduction of mobile security trailers, the situation is different.

These trailers are highly visible, sending a clear

message that they are actively monitoring the area. The aim is to make people aware of their presence, ensuring that potential wrongdoers are discouraged from carrying out any illicit activities.

Popular deterrent features include motion-activated strobe lights and talk-down speakers that can announce that police or security has been alerted to someone's presence.

"At the same time those on-trailer features take action, an alert gets sent to a central monitoring center where trained professionals take over for AI," says Simon. "They can then quickly review the incident and determine actionable next steps in real-time."

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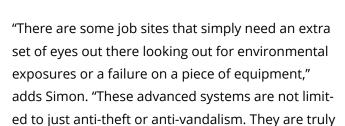
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facility and may include contacting security guards, local police, or customer representatives.

#### Operations

Beyond just security, the AI systems on the advanced monitoring trailers can also provide operational efficiencies. For example, it could be as simple as alleviating congestion from multiple deliveries that occur at the same time. It can also be heatmap-



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In addition, mobile monitoring trailers offer another notable advantage: the ability to swiftly exchange them in case of maintenance issues. For example, Stallion has strategically positioned nationwide operational facilities and can quickly provide replacement trailers with high-end commercial-grade cameras and software infrastructure, if needed. To ensure maximum uptime, the company also conducts a daily virtual "pulse check" on each system within its extensive fleet across the country to guarantee uninterrupted operation.

"Is the unit charging adequately? Are the batteries working optimally? Are the cameras and the system working and free of visual obstructions?" asks Simon. "If your systems aren't working properly, that's a potential failure point we intend to proactively manage and prevent."

Another common failure point is connectivity. Trailers should be



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According to Simon, there is a consistent demand for security equipment, both during times of prosperity and adversity. During busy times, companies seek to acquire surveillance systems to manage multiple projects and alleviate the burden on their staff.

However, during tough times, incidents of theft and equipment loss tend to increase, making security measures all the more essential. Hence, the issue of security is a persistent concern that cannot be overlooked, regardless of market conditions.

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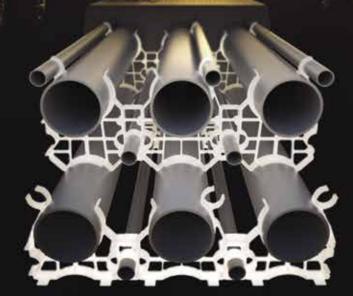
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