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Community safety boosted by new alarm system

A new fire alarm signalling system developed specifically for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) by electronic security solutions provider ADT Security will be installed in around 6,400 premises across the State.

Mark Norton, Managing Director, ADT Security Australia and New Zealand confirmed the company had been awarded a five-year contract worth \$16.5 million to upgrade thousands of alarm signalling units and provide a monitoring service for these units. For the QFRS, this represents the most significant alarm equipment upgrade in more than a decade and will bring unprecedented reliability and new efficiency to fire alarm response.

“This upgrade ensures premises throughout the State - such as office buildings, apartment complexes, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, shopping centres and restaurants - are fitted with the most up-to-date and reliable fire alarm signalling equipment available,” Mr Norton said.

To help ensure community safety, the new alarm signalling units feature a dual carrier path, transmitting signals via a wireless broadband network and back-up PSTN fire line. In the unlikely event that one of these carrier paths fails, the alarm signal will continue to be received and monitored by fire communication centres. The system achieves network reliability of greater than 99.98 percent.

It is also expected that the new system, which monitors fire indicator panels as well as the alarm device, will result in fewer unwanted alarms through improvements in the communication system used and enhanced monitoring of alarms.

QFRS Commissioner Lee Johnson said the upgrade was an exciting initiative in the advancement of community safety.

“In emergency situations, response time can be the difference between life and death. This fire signalling equipment is the most efficient way for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service to be notified of a fire – and has the potential to save lives and property,” Commissioner Johnson said.

More follows

“Therefore, together with ADT Security utilising their alarm monitoring and technical expertise and QFRS with our operational frontline Officers, we will create a world-class emergency response service for a safer community and a better quality of life in Queensland.”

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