

Revel chooses Axis IP network cameras.

Axis network dome cameras incorporated into city's daily life for citizen security and heritage protection.



Organization:
City of Revel

Location:
Haute-Garonne, France

Industry segment:
City surveillance

Application:
Safety and security,
heritage protection

Axis partners:
Scopelec, CASD

Mission

About 45km from Toulouse, the city of Revel in France is coping with a problem well known to many French cities: protecting its 9,800 citizens and 120,000 annual visitors from vandalism and theft while preserving the visual beauty of its architectural heritage.

Solution

After sending out a call for bids, the city of Revel's choice was Scopelec, who offer both technical display capabilities and fast turnaround maintenance with cameras that fulfill various requirements. The constraints of the structural network, along with the cameras need for discretion, led logically to the choice of the AXIS Q6032-E and AXIS P3344 Network Cameras.

Result

Three months after the call for bids, 10 cameras were installed. This new system has already resulted in two arrests and no further property damage has been witnessed. The populace and shop owners are satisfied, and the latter consider these cameras a supplement to the services that they offer. The Revel city council plans to expand installation of the cameras.

"We have opted for Axis because they're the only manufacturer who offers PTZ dome cameras powered by PoE. Thus, the structure of the project meets the technical needs at an attractive cost."

Mr. Pascal Pujol, market coordinator for Groupe Scopelec.

Protecting the residents and their heritage

For some time, the city of Revel has been dealing with acts of vandalism. These incidents have been detrimental not only to the citizens and shop owners but also to the many tourists who come especially to admire its medieval fortress, with its market and belfry, surrounded by arcades that house businesses. To put an end to thefts and damage, the Revel city council chose to arm itself with a new tool by installing an IP video surveillance system. This of course should have a deterrent effect, but it should also give city law enforcement the power to respond rapidly when necessary. To this end, the city of Revel engaged a research firm, who identified the city's needs in terms of both technical criteria and with respect to the architectural heritage of the city.

A turnkey solution

Based on the suggestions and the providers who responded, Scopelec quickly became the obvious choice. In fact, this company, with 30 years in the business, offered complete urban video surveillance services, allowing for response to "full IP" setup, from installation to network administrator training. In offering its skills and Axis network cameras, Scopelec offered the city of Revel a solution with an excellent return on quality/price. "Scopelec responded to our demands at every level by offering an efficient and discrete IP video system, in accordance with the wishes of the French building architect, but also a quality technical offer by rapidly installing the cameras, as well as protecting the identity of the town," explained Mr. Etienne Thibault, Deputy Mayor of Revel.

Ten Axis network cameras were installed in Revel: 6 AXIS Q6032-E PTZ Dome Network Cameras intended for outdoor use. This model meets the most rigorous criteria for quality video products, has a powerful zoom for detailed inspection and offers rapid and precise panoramic/angle capabilities. 4 AXIS P3344 Network Cameras: stationary cameras, equipped with HDTV quality video and the unique ability to focus and zoom from a distance. These cameras are adapted specifically for simple installation in demanding outdoor environments. This compact and resilient model assures very discreet surveillance and is a deterrent to every act of vandalism.

The images from these cameras are sent to the police station, which is equipped with a recording device. The 3 officers who use these cameras and handle the images are trained in their use. The city's video surveillance system has resulted in two arrests and no further damage is expected.

"Since the cameras have been in operation, the populace and the shop owners have been satisfied, they feel more secure. They perceive the cameras as a supplement to the services they offer." Mr. E. Thibault, Deputy Mayor of Revel. For the sum of 80,000 euros excluding tax, the city of Revel uses an IP infrastructure and Axis network cameras guaranteeing satisfaction to those in Revel and perfectly incorporated into the architectural heritage constraints of the city. To beef up this equipment, the city foresees the acquisition of new cameras.

Scopelec – www.groupe-scopelec.com

Based in Revel, the Scopelec Group, since its creation in 1973, has developed its network and telecommunications expertise serving operators, equipment manufacturers, businesses, community groups and the general public.

CASD – www.casd.fr

A company in Grenoble, stemming from an industrial vision (image processing), created to develop high performance digital video surveillance solutions.

