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Bring new life – and features – to an older security system

If your security system is older, it's probably lacking the latest features of new systems. But, just because your home security system is older doesn't mean it's not salvageable. Most systems can be upgraded to include the newest technologies and provide the "bells and whistles" that provide added security and convenience.

There are several ways your system can be upgraded:

UPGRADE 1: UPDATE OLD PANEL BOARD

Many security systems can be added on to without replacing all of the nuts and bolts. Changing out your control panel for a newer model can give your system far greater capabilities.

For example, some older systems can't be controlled via smartphone. Upgrading the panel gives you the ability to control your home remotely, anytime, from anywhere. Upgrading the security control panel will still allow the old devices – such as sensors and detectors – to work

with new, upgraded boards.

UPGRADE 2: SWITCH TO WIRELESS MONITORING

Upgrading to wireless monitoring is how a large majority of people choose to upgrade older systems. Nearly all systems, even the very old ones, can be monitored wirelessly. Traditionally, alarm systems have been connected to telephone lines and when the alarm was tripped the signal was sent via the phone line.

Recent technological advancements now allow security systems (even old ones) to be monitored by sending signals via radio signal or internet instead of phone lines. By sending signals this way it eliminates the possibility of burglars cutting phone lines before breaking and entering. The upgrade to wireless home monitoring takes an old system and really brings it into the 21st century by improving the technology and making the system even safer than ever.



UPGRADE 3: INSTALL NEW KEYPAD

A new keypad may be all the facelift you need for your existing home security system. Gone are the days where the only option is old clunky keypads with a few buttons. CIA Security offers modern touchscreen keypads that have many additional display features such as weather forecasts, time, date and much more.

UPGRADE 4: ADD SMART HOME FEATURES

By swapping out an old panel, moving to wireless monitoring, you are then able to make it smart home compatible. Now all that is left to do is add door locks, smart thermostats and other smart home features to your newly updated system!

For more ideas or information on how to upgrade your alarm system, contact CIA Security.

GPS trackers secure vehicles

CIA Security can provide security for more than just your home and business. We now provide GPS vehicle trackers. Keep track of routes, speeding, traffic altercations, stops, and more to ensure that you know where your property is at all times.

A GPS vehicle tracker is an inexpensive solution that can easily make the difference between a car stolen and lost forever, and a quick recovery. Used by parents, businesses and everyday drivers alike, a dedicated car GPS tracker can do everything from providing pinpoint location assistance to monitoring speed and engine condition.

Whether you're the owner of a single family car that is occasionally shared by family members or a fleet of vehicles driven by an entire team of mobile employees, GPS trackers are a valuable tool for helping you keep track of your assets. These real-time



trackers for cars are designed to provide you with updates about the location of the vehicle, the speed at which it's traveling, and customizable programming to suit your individual needs, depending on the specific device.

GPS vehicle trackers are designed to allow you to track the location of your property over a cellular network, ensuring that the updates are accurate and frequent.

CIA in Action

CIA dispatched the fire department after a hallway smoke detector activated in a Poughkeepsie apartment building. When fire crews arrived on scene, they found a kitchen fire which began when food was left on the stove unattended. No injuries were reported.

Papers left too close to the stove started a kitchen fire at a group home in Poughkeepsie. Fire crews were dispatched within 19 seconds of CIA receiving the alarm. Crews reported no damage to the home.

An evening alarm activation at a Hopewell bank sent fire crews to the location of a bank where they found smoke in the structure. Crews reported that there was a problem with the HVAC system.

Expanding radio communications

Traditional phone lines are being phased out of existence and new digital phones require a modem and are dependent on a two- to six-hour battery life. Cellular communications are faced with the "last Mile issue" and have planned obsolescence making it expensive to maintain.

CIA realizes the limitations of communications technology and has invested in a robust radio network with all the approvals for security and fire alarm communications. The AES radio network uses the latest in Intelligent Technology and provides immediate transmission of alarm signals to CIA's Monitoring Response Center without the use of telephone lines.

Radios are the best primary means of communication and are not effected when phone lines are cut or down.

These radios are rated for residential and commercial use. If you are interested in adding an AES radio to your security or fire alarm system, please contact our offices for details.

CIA now sending emails to confirm appointments

CIA Security is now sending emails to confirm appointments.



When a client schedules an appointment, we will ask for an email address and immediately send a confirmation of the appointment. If the appointment is in the future, a reminder email will also be sent the evening before the appointment.