



REST ASSURED WITH A HI-TECH ALARM SYSTEM

Honeywell Gamewell-FCI S3 Series®

The Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites located near the University of Missouri, Columbia, is a 121-room hotel with 5,000 square feet of conference space. The four-story high steel structure is the newest property of the Puri Group of Enterprises, which owns and operates six hotels in Missouri and takes pride in its reputation of proven quality and reliability.

The Needs

- Clean, minimalistic design that is unobtrusive and aesthetically pleasing
- Modern interface that is intuitive for all staff to use and quick to respond
- A survivable system that continues to function even if one area is compromised
- Meet smoke alarm codes for multi-story buildings and the strict system requirements of Holiday Inn
- Expandable architecture to grow with the hotel and support potential expansions

The Solution

The hotel's fire alarm system consists of a Honeywell Gamewell-FCI S3 Series® fire alarm control panel. The panel's intuitive touchscreen simplifies its use for the hotel's staff, minimizing response times to improve overall building protection.

The Puri Group sought a system with clear, concise operation to ensure a fast and appropriate response during any emergency fire event. The modern touchscreen design with step-by-step menus ensures straightforward operation by eliminating the rows of confusing buttons and cryptic text displays typical of other fire alarm control panels.

"We take life safety very seriously in our properties and feel that any technologically advanced solution in this regard is well worth the expense for the good of our clients," said Dr. Raman Puri, CFO and Vice President of Development for Puri Group of Enterprises.

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Benefits

- All detectors in a room can be programmed to trigger a single sounder base – reducing cost and installation complexity
- Ease of use means the hotel staff can understand why the system has gone into alarm and respond quickly and appropriately, using the integrated mass notification feature, if required
- In the event of an emergency, the overall system continues operating, even if one zone is compromised
- An alarm triggered in an individual suite only requires evacuation of that suite – reducing the impact of nuisance alarms



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“We have been in hospitality for 20 years and always invest in current technology, which can help keep our clients safe while they are under our roof.”

Dr. Raman Puri, Puri Group's CFO

Strict system requirements

While the Honeywell Gamewell-FCI S3 Series® meets alarm codes for multi-story buildings, Holiday Inn's requirements go over and above what is required by local fire code. In addition to smoke detectors and local sounders in each suite, the system includes manual pull stations at every first-floor exit and stairwell exit. Detectors and horns/strobes are in all common areas, corridors, meeting rooms and bathrooms too.

Larger guest rooms cannot be covered by a single smoke detector, so two or more are used. However, only one detector in each room includes a sounder base, which emits the in-room alarm. The S3 system's unique ability to program all detectors in a room to trigger the single sounder base saved equipment, wire and labor costs. Without this functionality, each detector would need to be hard-wired with its own sounder base.

“The cost savings help offset the expense of the S3 panel compared to less expensive options,” says Ralf Nasic, President, Midwest Electronic Systems, which installed the Honeywell Gamewell-FCI system.

In addition, the Honeywell Gamewell-FCI System features an expandable architecture that will grow with the hotel and accommodate any plans for expansion.

Intuitive use for all operators

Ease of use is a big advantage of the Gamewell-FCI S3 system. In the event of a fire, staff must understand why the system has gone into alarm and respond to it quickly. However, a “trouble” event, such as a low battery, dirty smoke detector or broken device can also cause chaos for facility managers unfamiliar with the operation of a fire alarm system.

For a “trouble” event, the S3 panel emits a loud buzz and clearly indicates how the operator should respond. The touchscreen displays a virtual “trouble acknowledge” button, and clear messaging guides the operator quickly and efficiently. Honeywell's Gamewell-FCI S3 system enables hotel staff to easily respond to an alarm without having to wait for a building engineer to arrive – critical in the event of an emergency.

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