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Blaenau Gwent

Project:

Design, supply, install, maintain and upgrade

Client:

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Value:

£750,000+ (over contract period)

Overview:

The main towns of Blaenau Gwent county, south Wales, were all lagging behind in terms of public space security technology. The county borough council, who in 2010 is hosting the national Eisteddfod, selected CDS to consult on and implement a wide-ranging upgrade and expansion to the CCTV services in Brynmawr, Bleanau, Ebbw Vale, Tredegar and Abertillery.

The scheme was designed to enhance public safety and aid in crime prevention, and involved the upgrade of CCTV technology throughout town centre public spaces, local schools, council buildings and surrounding areas. CDS was also appointed to an eight-year service contract, which is to involve maintenance and ongoing upgrading/expansion of the system.

Project description

This substantial security scheme called upon CDS' technical know-how and up to date product knowledge, as the aging analogue CCTV systems throughout Blaenau Gwent were updated to digital.

CDS utilised a mixture of fibre optic, IP network and wireless technology to upgrade and add to the system, which involved over 80 town centre cameras and a further 60 throughout the area. The key to CDS' solution was integration, with all of these cameras being monitored and directed from a large central state-of-the-art control room in Brynmawr.

The scheme involved the upgrade of the area's CCTV from black and white to colour, and the development of a digital recording system to replace the old analogue one – the new system enables far easier timeline navigation for CCTV operators and police.

In addition, the client appointed CDS to undertake an ongoing eight-year service contract, and the system was deliberately designed to be flexible, with future expansion in mind.