

## CHICAGO BROOKFIELD ZOO

is wild about IP video surveillance for protecting people and animals

### Challenges

Crowd control, accidents, and other security-related incidences are all issues that this big metropolitan zoo has to handle. Widespread areas have to be covered, and the old analog surveillance system was not practical for planned expansions.

### Solution

Milestone XProtect Enterprise IP video surveillance software is installed on a standard PC running Microsoft Windows, managing Sony model SNC-DF70 network cameras, installed and supported by Current Technologies Corporation. Axis, IQEye and JVC network cameras can be easily added in future.

### Advantages

The zoo has a full network backbone with the right IP-based software that allows easy scalability and flexibility to move cameras around for different exhibits and events. Crowd control is easier with more virtual eyes from the cameras helping the zoo's police squad handle incidences faster. Integration with access control, the ticket booths, and retail shops' cash registers is now possible, as well as the option to use Milestone's PDA Client for mobile access to the images.

*The Brookfield Zoo just outside Chicago has 2 million visitors yearly, coming to see more than 3,000 animals. 450 employees work there full-time, and another 1,000 are hired every summer to handle the upswing in attendance at that time. Special events are held throughout the year that bring especially big crowds, like winter holiday celebrations, Halloween, or catered events. A busy day can have 20-25,000 visitors on the property, which covers a total of 216 acres.*

*"The main selling point was the flexibility to add new cameras anywhere and be able to easily move them around. It's also good to have the recorded images for resolving any issues that could come up."*

*- Jack Howe, Captain of Security and Emergency Medical Services at Brookfield Zoo.*



**Ready for expansion and integration**

The Brookfield Zoo will be getting a new access control system, which can be integrated with the Milestone IP video surveillance system for better identification of authorized people coming and going from the grounds. Attendants at each of the gates can be given remote access to the surveillance system for this purpose.

“We’re always adding new exhibits and holding events, so the new video surveillance solution is really good for being able to grow along with us,” concludes Captain Howe.



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