



Physical Security And Safety Post-Covid At The World Trade Center

Editor's note: ISC and the ASIS NYC Chapter recently announced a partnership to ensure we are reaching readers in security and public safety for the Tri-State area and covering the topics they care most about. As part of that new collaboration, ISC News is producing a series of interviews with ASIS NYC chapter members and industry leaders.

For our debut interview, we recently caught up with George Anderson, Director of Security at World Trade Center for The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, to find out where he is focusing his efforts lately, and where he has addressed challenges in recent months.

ISC News: Obviously the New York metro has been one of the hardest hit areas in the U.S. when it comes to Covid-19, especially in the first few months of the emergency. How has that impacted your day-to-day work? Where have you focused?

George Anderson: At the beginning of the pandemic in NYC and the region, we initially saw a significant withdrawal from the workplace by staff that was capable of working remotely. And, that has caused a cascade effect—all the support jobs such as restaurants, barbershops, etc., were dramatically affected. As companies have learned, remote work is feasible. The numbers of staff returning to the lower Manhattan area has been minimal and is expected to continue that way for some time to come...

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