ISC WEST RETURNS AS A LIVE (AND DIGITAL) EVENT

ISC West made its return as a live event this week in Las Vegas. Thousands of security and public safety professionals—many who had been waiting for 28 months since the last time the show happened in person in Las Vegas—attended the three-day expo and conference dedicated to the business, people, technology and trends in a physical and converged security industry that faced massive Covid-induced changes.

Despite being the first security-related show to return after pandemic restrictions postponed most large live events for more than a year, exhibitors and attendees flocked back to the Sands Expo Center in Las Vegas. More than 400 companies braved mid-July desert temperatures solidly in the triple digits to join a kinetic expo floor that included the biggest names in security and startups alike showing off the latest technology in access control, drones and robotics, video surveillance and analytics, biometrics, smart home and other sectors.

“It’s been very exciting to re-engage with the industry in person here this week,” said Will Wise, group vice president of RX’s Security Portfolio. "ISC West is the first major physical and converged security event to take place in the U.S. since 2019. Attendees, exhibitors and speakers have been raving about the quality of audience and the collective energy of the community taking a big step forward for the market.”

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In the wake of the pandemic as businesses make investment decisions that reflect a changed environment, some organizations are prioritizing and investing in the security function and others are slashing security budgets and staff. In a Day 1 keynote address at ISC West in Las Vegas this week, Dave Komendat, chief security officer of Boeing Company, explained why, and that it isn’t too late for security teams in the latter category to reverse course.

The vital difference, Komendat told ISC News, is between security departments that were able to effectively...
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