



SAFE, STYLISH AND SIMPLE TO INSTALL

Honeywell Gamewell-FCI E3® Series

The Courtyard® Marriott®, Buffalo, New York is a stylish five-story hotel in a newly renovated historical building that was previously occupied by the CIA. This landmark project set the ball rolling for a much-needed regeneration program in the Downtown/Canalside district, and the hotel was designed to impress. Therefore, a fire alarm system complementing the hotel interior's aesthetically-pleasing qualities was essential.

The Needs

- Clean, minimalistic design in line with the flagship building's architecture and décor
- A dependable system ensuring reliability and survivability
- Ability to meet smoke alarm codes for multi-story buildings
- Modern interface, intuitive for all staff to use, and quick to respond
- Integrated fire/smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in each room

The Solution

The hotel's fire alarm system consists of a Honeywell Gamewell-FCI E3® Series Network Voice Notification System with low frequency sounder bases. It includes a smoke control system and an Advanced Multi-Criteria Fire/CO Detector (MCS-COF), which is an addressable device that provides both fire and carbon monoxide (CO) detection.

Adhering to state code, the hotel has a fire command center, which houses the Honeywell solution components and includes a city master box that directly ties in to the Buffalo Fire Department. This solution allows for fast notification of the local fire department should an emergency arise.

"Renovations of historical buildings can make things tricky for us," says Darryl McLaughlin, Solution Integrator, U&S Services Inc. "Fortunately, installation of the Honeywell Gamewell-FCI E3 Series was completely straightforward and caused no major issues whatsoever."

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Benefits

- The solution continues to operate effectively, even when components in one part of the system have suffered damage
- The components' stylish good looks complement the hotel's stunning interior design
- The system is intuitive to use for hotel staff and requires minimal maintenance
- The solution is easy to install, even in newly renovated historical buildings



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“When it comes to Gamewell-FCI products, I believe the response time of the E3 Series Network Voice Notification system is better than all competing systems out there.”

Darryl McLaughlin, Solution Integrator, U&S Services Inc.

Safety First

While the Honeywell Gamewell-FCI system met state smoke alarm codes for multi-story buildings, the Marriott also had its own stringent requirements. For added protection, the hotel equipped all guest rooms with detectors designed to sense both smoke and carbon monoxide.

In addition, the contractors carried out extensive safety tests, such as filling an entire hotel floor with smoke under controlled conditions to ensure that the smoke purge system functioned to the hotel's exact requirements. And the E3 Series passed the test with built-in reliability and survivability features designed to ensure continuous operation, even when components have suffered damage due to fire or tampering.

Aesthetically Pleasing

The E3 Series offers a clean, minimalistic design, which was crucial for the hotel. After all, this was a flagship building in the newly renovated Canalside district of Buffalo, which would set the benchmark and entice other organizations in to revitalize the area.

“The system looks amazing,” explains McLaughlin. “Gamewell-FCI panels are available in red or black and we chose the latter because, of course, black goes with everything. In addition, a stylish network graphic annunciator with a touch-screen interface is more intuitive and a great deal easier for hotel staff to use compared to an LCD annunciator.”

Minimal Maintenance

Following the system installation and the initial bedding-in period, U&S have only ever carried out routine inspections.

“With most new systems, you expect a certain amount of trouble, even if it's just a dirty smoke head. But with the Gamewell-FCI solution, we've had no post-installation issues whatsoever. This makes life easier for everyone, while minimizing maintenance costs for the hotel,” McLaughlin added.

Ease of Expansion

The hotel occupies the basement and first four floors of the nine-story building, which is shared with prestigious law firm, Phillips Lytle LLP. In theory, if the law firm moved out, the Gamewell-FCI fire alarm system's expandable architecture would allow the Marriott to expand to the upper floors with ease.

“This was an exciting project for us,” adds McLaughlin. “Especially because the hotel was the first step in what was to become a major revitalization of the Canalside area.”

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