

# ComTec Solutions at Work: Bridgeton Commons

## Background

For over two decades, The Ingerman Group has been developing, building and managing premium, low-cost housing in the Mid-Atlantic region. Built upon the central goal of delivering housing of the highest quality through hard work, strategic planning and attention to detail, The Ingerman Group has expanded rapidly and is now one of the fastest growing real estate developers in the area.

Bridgeton Commons is one of Ingerman's most impressive affordable housing projects. This multi-site, public housing authority provides affordable twin and single family homes in historic Bridgeton, New Jersey. Bridgeton Commons has a wide variety of floor plans that give residents unmatched convenience, comfort and value.



*ComTec's Video Management System provided Bridgeton Commons with a state-of-the-art, cost-effective solution to its security and surveillance needs.*

## The Challenges

Bridgeton Commons sought improvements to their campus-wide security infrastructure, especially around its streets and public gathering locations, with the end result of improving the protection of the community. The first challenge was deciding whether to wire the city with cameras to relay information back to a cen-

## Challenges

- add wireless connectivity
- improve security capabilities
- work within an environment with no electric or cabling from camera locations back to the core site

## Solution

ComTec's Video Management System

## Results

- cutting-edge, superior, video surveillance equipment
- minimum maintenance requirements
- substantial cost savings

Project Snapshot

tralized administrative center or to hire more security personnel. The extensive wiring was cost-prohibitive and functionally, was virtually impossible, due to city right-of-ways and distance limitations. Hiring more security personnel meant incurring additional on-going expenses and provided no real time event recording or post-event capturing. Another issue was the need to cover many areas, as this campus is spread out over 10 miles of independent houses. If cameras were to be used, they had to be part of an easy-to-use system that could be centrally managed and easily expanded.

## The Solution

ComTec was engaged to employ a wireless video solution. ComTec's VMS (Video Management System) enables public agencies and private businesses to use video surveillance to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from security attacks on both people and property.

Using ComTec VMS's remarkable proprietary wireless technology, ComTec was able to strategically place cameras and video security devices city-wide, with information transported via microwave across the city

to a central command center. There, a single person can monitor the safety and security of all residents and properties throughout the community.



Wireless technology enables cameras and video security devices (right) to quickly relay images to a central command center (above) for monitoring.

### **The Results**

Bridgeton Commons now has comprehensive storage of post-event occurrences and live vision from a centralized command center of some of the most troubled neighborhoods and streets in the city.

Residents of the community now have a deeper sense of security, knowing that there is a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week security system in place, protecting their families. In addition, police and local authorities have the ability to log in and download data from any site on the network, both remotely and from patrol cars.

ComTec's VMS was the right solution to give Bridgeton Commons the latest video technology to distribute the right information to the right people at the right time.

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*“Our staff has the capability to deter violence, vandalism and other illegal behavior with the ability to capture and retrieve high-quality images that can be used to validate these transgressions and to promote peace of mind among Bridgeton Commons’ residents and staff.”*

- Ms. Nancy Marconi, Ingerman Group

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