

On March 1, 2007 Monitor Controls, Inc. president John W. Yusza, Jr. who serves as the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association (CASIA) gave testimony before the Connecticut Public Safety and Security Committee regarding S.B. No 1295 An act concerning licensing and training of private detectives, guard services and security personnel.

John, along with CASIA's president, was interviewed by Mike Hydeck of WFSB Channel 3 news in our Wallingford facility. The newscast was seen on March 1, 2007 on Channel 3. Channel 3 then proceeded to video one of our administrative assistants, Ann Osborne along with two of our technicians, performing installation work were also seen in the broadcast.



Background Checks Considered For Alarm Workers

Most Alarm Companies Do Own Checks

HARTFORD, Conn. -- A public hearing in Hartford addressed whether employees of alarm companies should have to submit to background checks before getting hired.

Alarm installer Kamal Wilson said he knows every exit and entrance to the building he works in.

Channel 3 Eyewitness News reporter Mike Hydeck reported that because the information alarm installers work with is so sensitive, some state legislators think alarm companies should perform background checks on all employees.

Hydeck reported that although they are not required to, most alarm companies do their own comprehensive checks, often times getting potential employees' information within hours.

"If we go through the state process, it could take up to six weeks, which is very difficult when you are trying to hire someone and have someone wait that long to get a background check," said Harvey Clark of Connecticut Alarm Systems Integrators Association.

Experts in the alarm industry said they want to consult with the state to make the process more efficient as it passes through the Legislature.

"A lot of jobs now do it anyway, so I think it's built into the timeframe as far as the process of getting hired," Wilson said.

Alarm representatives that attended Thursday's hearing said that they understand that background checks are important, but that they just want them to be done efficiently.

"We have a lot of trust given to us by the public, we accept that trust, and as professionals, we don't want to do anything to ruin that trust," said John Yusza of Monitor Controls Inc.