

footage of the 160-acre site. Universal security staff can store video clips in high-definition display (HDD) as well as transferring data to removable media. With many large facilities employing a mix of analogue and IP-addressable cameras, the cards facilitate a hybrid solution.

The resort works closely with the Orlando Police Department, which uses the CCTV images for evidential purposes when securing convictions.



### Target Field

Target Field — the new home of Major League Baseball's Minnesota Twins — opened in April 2010 with stainless steel portable SLT turnstiles and Quick Queue retractable belt stanchions from Alvarado.

The facility had two requirements for its crowd control equipment. First, it wanted turnstiles to control entry, but the turnstiles needed to be moved out of entryways in the middle innings to create larger exit paths for fans leaving the ballpark. Second, once fans entered the stadium, Target Field needed stanchions to manage concession lines.

Another major requirement was that the products needed to be portable. Target Field needed the ability to move turnstiles and stanchions to match fan traffic during the course of the game.

The turnstiles are designed for high-traffic use, but are light enough to allow staff to easily move the turnstile. The SLT controls patron entry. Local and computerized remote entry counting is available.

The Quick Queue's 4-way head supports belt connection in any direction, and tight fitting sign holders are available.

### 2010 Tour de France

The T3 i-Series electric stand-up vehicle (ESV) from T3 Motion Inc., was in prime position at the finish line for this year's 3,642-km Tour de France cycling competition. The Paris Prefecture of Police deployed two of the vehicles to assist with crowd control and public safety at the conclusion of the race on the famed Champs Elysees in the French capital.

The CE-certified T3 i-Series ESV provides significant advantages to public safety agencies including a strong command presence, increased force factoring, visibility over crowds for the rider, a zero-degree turning radius, and a configuration that allows movement through crowds as well as access to constrained spaces like walkways and elevators.



## Compliance Scorecard

### Event Venues Best Practices and Guidance

By Marleah Blades

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and independent security leaders agree that stadiums and event facilities in the United States could serve as attractive targets for terrorism. These facilities also face unique risks such as hooliganism, stampeding, and a higher likelihood of disorderly behavior affecting safety on a large scale. Yet, event venues have largely avoided regulation. The United Kingdom has several national laws and best practices impacting this space, but the United States has not followed suit.

Individual event and sporting organizations maintain their own sets of standards for safety, as do the venues themselves. But U.S. legislators have not seen fit to mandate security for public events and facilities. Instead, the DHS has spent the last six years working with industry organizations to provide training and tools that give these facilities and their managers a better shot at meeting best practices.

In 2005, DHS, in partnership with the International Association of Assembly Managers ([www.iaam.org](http://www.iaam.org)), launched an online tool intended to help stadiums with large seating capacity assess and address their own vulnerabilities. It takes an all-hazards approach and includes such topics as information security, physical assets, communication security and personnel security. This tool was built on best practices guidance developed by IAAM. DHS has also provided grants to organizations to provide training to venue managers on security and safety issues.

Other organizations to turn to for best practices, training and guidance include the National Center for Spectator Sport Safety & Security ([www.ncs4.com/about.php](http://www.ncs4.com/about.php)), otherwise known as NCS<sup>4</sup>, which is a project of the University of Southern Mississippi. NCS<sup>4</sup> offers a certificate program in sports security management, regular workshops, and the Sport Event Security Aware program, which presents venues with a Seal of Approval upon completion.

In the absence of regulation, venues and their managers should take advantage of all the guidance and training offered to them. If they don't, and a major event occurs, it's certain that new rules will be right around the corner. ■

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