

APPLICATION REPORT

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

QUOTE:

"Since replacing our handwritten inspection sheets with TISCOR's system, we have cut down substantially on the amount of time that we're spending inside of each building conducting inspections. We no longer have to sort through pages and pages of paperwork to search for details. The computer system does it all."

-Larry Zentz, Kansas State University
Fire & Safety Officer

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY USES SEVERAL POCKET PCS WITH TISCOR'S SYSTEM TO CONDUCT MONTHLY INSPECTIONS ON ITS 8,000 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, EMERGENCY LIGHTS, AND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.

PROFILE:

- ▶ 8,000 Extinguishers, Emergency Lights, and Sprinkler Systems
- ▶ 4 Fire & Safety Employees
- ▶ 5,000 Total Faculty & Staff
- ▶ 100 Buildings
- ▶ 20 Routes
- ▶ TISCOR customer since 1996

PRODUCT BENEFITS:

- ▶ Kansas State University's Environmental Health and Safety department relies on TISCOR's system to totally automate its inspection procedures. The system has eliminated the paperwork that was once associated with the monthly inspections. Rows and rows of filing space have been reclaimed by the department since implementing the system. Now, instead of holding onto each handwritten inspection sheet, all of their information is immediately available at their fingertips when needed. All they have to do is enter a few keystrokes on the computer. The State Fire Marshal's office is especially pleased with the university's well-organized inspection process that includes such detailed information as the inspector's name, the date, and the time of the last equipment assessment.

- ▶ Incident reports that record such information as missing equipment, broken equipment, or equipment in need of recharging, are instantly printed out and sent directly to the maintenance department with all of the specific details. Once the incidents are fixed and the incident reports are closed out, the maintenance department alerts the Environmental Health & Safety Office to confirm that the required items have been taken care of.
- ▶ On the few occasions that the safety officers have contacted TISCOR's Technical Support department, they recall a remarkable turnaround time and very helpful technicians. Mr. Zentz notes that while the system required a small investment of time to set up the information at the beginning, the benefits have far outweighed the installation costs. He also comments that any software system that ultimately increases productivity initially requires some amount of time investment to accurately set it up.
- ▶ With such a large volume of inspection equipment, the Environmental Health and Safety staff keeps busy conducting daily inspection tasks to make sure that all of the 8,000 pieces of equipment are accurately accounted for in the monthly reports. Before using the TISCOR's system, it was very difficult to account for all of the equipment on a monthly basis. Now, the department is planning to expand its database by adding fire alarm pull stations to its database in the near future.

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