



Towering CCTV for Ryder Cup

BACKGROUND

The Ryder Cup is a biennial golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States. It is one of the world's greatest sporting attractions.

Topher Ltd are providers of complete event security, from crowd management through to car park marshalling. Their clients have included the Royal Horticultural Society, John Lewis Partnership and Next Retail Ltd.

“The challenges posed to secure the compound 24/7 was vital to the success of the event. The Smart Tower® CCTV systems had to cope not only with the security provision to protect the site from intruders, but the open field area also meant they could be subject to intense conditions of rain and wind. The VPS Site Security risk assessors and installation team used their expertise brilliantly, and the Smart Tower® CCTV delivered on all aspects of the project.”

Chris Haywood, Managing Director,
Topher Ltd

OVERVIEW

SECTOR	Events Management
CUSTOMER	Topher Ltd
CHALLENGES	Site was a temporary location specially created for the event; it was awkwardly shaped, with two entrances and an open field along one side. Hundreds of thousands of visitors plus thousands of temporary staff would be in close proximity. The location is known for strong winds and wet weather
SOLUTION	Smart Tower® CCTV





DETAILS

Topher Ltd experienced working with VPS Site Security when they had chosen them to support their protection facilities at a music festival in the summer of 2014. From the success of that event, when Topher won the opportunity to manage the TV and media compound at the prestigious Ryder Cup, they again chose to work with VPS Site Security.

VPS Site Security carried out an inspection and risk assessment of the site; there were two key entrances and exits to the compound, plus an open field behind it which posed significant risk. The compound was a temporary tented site, awkwardly shaped, without symmetric or neat perimeters, with open areas, and specifically created for the event. Not only that, but 250,000 visitors were expected to attend the event, plus 7,500 staff and a further 900 television and media personnel from around the world.

The proposal to meet the challenges for protecting the compound centred on employing two Smart Tower® CCTV systems incorporating 14 sensors – the facility to combine white light, audio warnings, intruder sensors and cameras, and where external power may not be available, were particularly useful features. It also needed to be robust and weather proof.

The Smart Tower® is specifically designed for use in remote, vulnerable or temporary sites. It can be deployed in any terrain, with built-in stability, wind resistance, and wet weather capability. It can be powered by AC power, wind, solar or hydrogen fuel cell, and so can operate even if energy utilities are not easily available.

“This is the first time the Ryder Cup in Europe was broadcast live in its entirety to America and globally over 544 million households in 185 territories tuned in. Being chosen by Topher as a security partner for this, one of the major sporting events in the world, demonstrates that VPS Site Security is recognised as a world leader in specialist site protection. It was vital that the TV and media compound did not suffer from any incidents that could have led to an interruption of the TV coverage, and the Smart Tower® CCTV system did just that.”

Anthony Owen, Managing Director,
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