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Modernize Third Party Blue Light Stations with Verkada

Overview

While smartphone usage is widespread today, blue light stations remain an important fixture on large higher education and healthcare campuses.

Blue lights are often a better emergency response tool compared to smartphones for the following reasons:
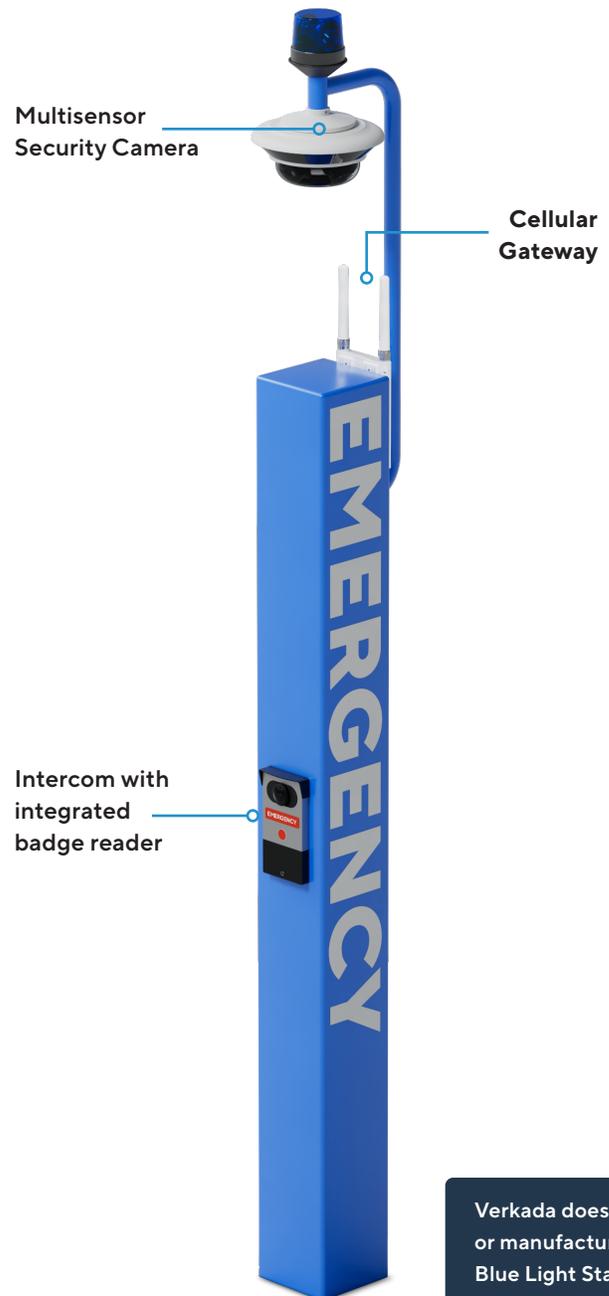
- Unlike smartphones, they are not at risk of being misplaced, out of signal range, or low on battery
- Blue lights automatically route calls to the right emergency response teams
- With blue lights, emergency responders immediately know the location of a distressed caller

Blue lights are a powerful visual reminder to stakeholders – like parents and students at universities – that campus security is taken seriously. They can also act as a deterrent to on-campus burglaries or other crimes. Increasingly, they are also being used to provide assistance in non-emergency scenarios, like providing directions or assisting people with disabilities.
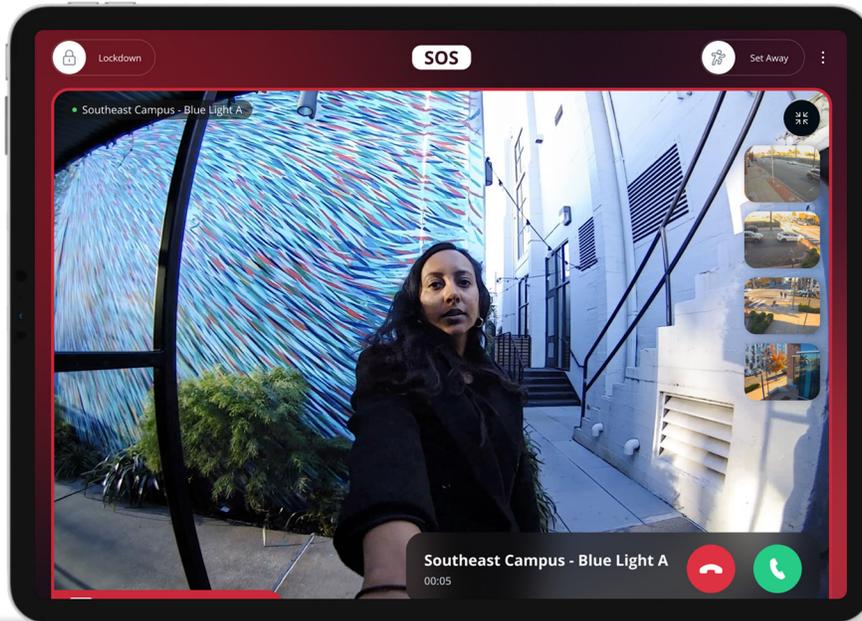
Despite their critical role, many blue light stations are outdated and cumbersome to maintain. Campus staff must typically visit each blue light in person and manually test it to know if it is operational.

With Verkada Intercom and other platform solutions, like Video Security and Connectivity, organizations can bring valuable visual context and system reliability to their third party blue light stations.

Security teams can also harness the strategic cross-campus placement of their blue lights to proactively use these stations for ongoing monitoring.

Multisensor Security Camera

Cellular Gateway

Intercom with integrated badge reader

Verkada does not offer or manufacture finished Blue Light Stations

Key benefits

Faster emergency response

- Accelerate emergency response by routing calls directly to 911 with the intercom's address included
- Provide responders with instant visual context during emergency calls using the intercom's built-in camera and other context cameras
- Flexibly receive calls from Verkada applications to access visual context, or from SIP/VoIP phones for offline functionality
- Intuitively name and organize blue light intercoms within Verkada Command to help responders quickly understand where on campus calls are coming from

Improved system reliability

- Configure a SIP/VOIP phone as an offline fallback receiver in case of internet disruptions
- Resist damage and vandalism with an IP66/IK08 rated design and a replaceable lens cap
- Know immediately if an intercom is tampered with or goes offline with automated alerts
- Provide a backup source of connectivity by pairing intercoms with Verkada Cellular or Wi-Fi Gateway
- Easily check if intercoms are fully operational with remote call testing

Extended security

- Gain visibility into new areas of a campus by leveraging the intercom's built-in camera or context cameras
- Proactively detect threats with automated camera alerts for unusual loitering, and deter unwanted activity with the intercom's talk-down feature
- In case of evacuations, leverage blue lights as a muster station by using the intercom's built-in access reader

Disclaimer

The Emergency Intercom feature in Command enables you to receive video and audio alerts from third party Blue Light Emergency towers or wall mounts in the platform. Customers are solely responsible for ensuring that their Blue Light Emergency towers or wall mounts comply with all legal and regulatory requirements, including the ADA accessibility standards. Verkada makes no representations or warranties regarding accessibility of emergency communication services or tools, and is not liable for accessibility compliance or functionality issues arising from customer's feature configurations. In addition, Verkada makes no representations or warranties that the feature will be error free, and Verkada disclaims all liability for any harm or damages which may result from the feature's failure to function properly. Customers are encouraged to make any necessary installation adjustments and incorporate appropriate signage that makes explicit disclosures regarding emergency use and/or notice.
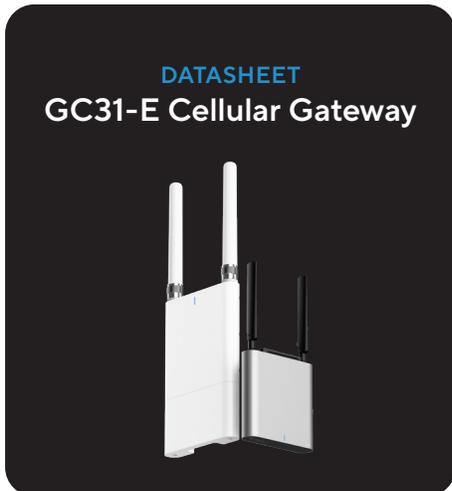
Additional resources

DATASHEET
TD53

TD53 Video Intercom

OVERVIEW
CH52-E Multisensor

CH52-E Multisensor
Security Camera

DATASHEET
GC31-E Cellular Gateway

GC31-E Cellular Gateway

DATASHEET
GW31-E Wi-Fi Gateway

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