



ENGINEERED PROTECTION  
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## PLEASE ROUTE TO CHIEF OF SECURITY

### GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

When we think of security systems, most of us think of our businesses or homes. However, **EPS** works closely with Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) and has alarm systems at over 80 various GRPS locations; including all of their schools, service/support buildings, and administration buildings.

In 1965, **EPS** installed the first electronic alarm system in a GRPS building. Petty theft and vandalism was becoming a problem in their high schools, especially during the weekends and over the summer months. The success of this early alarm system led to the installation of similar systems in all of the GRPS high schools. By 1979, alarm systems had been installed in all school buildings, including the middle and elementary schools.

Although the primary purpose of the alarm systems was to curtail intrusions by kids, the alarm systems were also capable of monitoring other parameters, such as power and boiler failure, minimizing downtime from school sessions.

Larry Johnson is presently the Director of Public Safety for GRPS. He assumed these duties in 1997. Larry is responsible for a staff of 40 people including school security officers, certified police officers, investigators and administrative/clerical staff. Larry is a graduate of Grand Valley State University with a degree in criminal justice. He was previously with the Grand Rapids Police Department, his initial duty was as a vice officer. His last assignment prior to heading up the GRPS program was supervisor of a neighborhood patrol unit.

It was 35 years ago that **EPS** installed the first alarm system in the local Grand Rapids school system. We now have alarm/supervisory, CCTV and card access systems in over 130 buildings in 31 different school districts. Our continuing relationship with these school districts, as with businesses and homes, providing cost effective service is typical of the **EPS** style which has made us the #1 company for alarm systems in western and northern Michigan.

### COMMERCIAL

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV  
CARD ACCESS SYSTEMS  
HEAT & SMOKE DETECTION  
FIRE SYSTEMS MONITORING  
INTRUSION DETECTION  
HOLDUP ALARMS  
SAFE & VAULT MONITORING  
POWER MONITORING  
INDUSTRIAL PROCESS MONITORING  
FURNACE & BOILER MONITORING  
GUARD TOUR MONITORING  
FIRE TESTING  
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE  
MANDATED INSPECTIONS

### RESIDENTIAL

HEAT & SMOKE DETECTION  
INTRUSION DETECTION  
FURNACE, SUMP PUMP, AND FREEZER  
FAILURE MONITORING  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT  
PANIC & CO<sub>2</sub> ALARMS

### EPS GETS INVOLVED

As one of **EPS's** many endeavors to help the community, Leann D. Arkema, Executive Director of the Gilda's Club writes "Thank you for your most generous contribution of a security system to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids. We are thrilled for this gift and are deeply grateful for your partnership on this project."

"A group of dedicated people have been working diligently to begin a Gilda's Club here in Grand Rapids in order to have a place where no one has to experience cancer alone. Gilda's Club will be a free support community to men, women and children with cancer and their families and friends. It will be located at 1806 Bridge NW and housed in a wonderfully restored farmhouse and newly constructed barn. Although people will not reside at Gilda's Club, we will be open six days a week, morning, afternoon and evenings, to provide support groups, lectures, workshops, social activities and a children's program. We hope to open our 'signature red door' in the late fall of this year."

"We are honored to add you to our growing list of company's from within the community who have stepped forward to support our efforts. We look forward to our continued relationship and hope you will be there to celebrate with us when we open."



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### 24/7 SERVICE - WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

EPS has always been a leader in the alarm industry. One large advantage that EPS has is the ability to service 24 hours a day. This service is available in many departments.

The EPS central station is a 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 day a year monitoring facility located in GRAND RAPIDS. The operators and supervisors are on duty monitoring your security, fire, holdup, boiler, industrial process and supervisory alarms as well as card access. There is always a friendly and knowledgeable person for you to talk to.

The EPS service department is another department that is on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Grand Rapids area service teams are physically working day and night, including weekends, to serve our customers. They handle service calls and can assist local municipalities with alarm response. The western and northern Michigan areas are covered by on-call technicians.

EPS is proud to be one of the few alarm companies in Michigan that can provide this 24 hour service. The phone numbers to reach the 24 hour services that EPS provides are (616) 459-1282 or (800) 632-8767.

### EPS OFFERS E-Z PAY

EPS is now offering automatic bill payment. Once setup, your monitoring payment will be withdrawn directly from your checking account on the first of every month. No more postage, invoices or statements, and no more writing checks. All we need is a voided check and a signature to get you started. It is easy and convenient. Please give Karen a call at (616) 459-0281 ext. 149 for more information and an enrollment form.

**JUST SAY E-Z PAY !**

## TRAVERSE CITY BRANCH REMODELED

The Traverse City Branch of EPS is getting a new look. As of this writing we are completing a major renovation. If you have been to our office in the past you probably wouldn't recognize it now. Starting from the ground up, we have significantly updated the decor.

We have opened up the office by taking out a few walls, added new lighting, and installed glass doors to the front and back entrances. In addition to being light and bright, we added new flooring and a fresh coat of paint and wall paper.

The new look is lively and creative. It has achieved the distinctive image that our Gaylord and Harbor Springs offices present. Everyone is welcome to stop by and check out the "new" EPS office in Traverse City.



## HOLLAND OFFICE MOVES

In January, Our Holland office was moved and expanded. Two sales people and three technicians will work out of this new location. With a stock of parts in Holland, and technicians working out of that office, we will have faster response time to take care of your needs.

Jeff Bos is the new commercial representative for the area. Jeff brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Holland from his experience in the Grand Rapids office.

Cathy Vredevoogd is the new residential representative for the area. She will spend all her time in the Holland, Grand Haven, and Spring Lake area.

The phone and fax numbers remain the same, so give Jeff or Cathy a call, they want to work with you.