



EPS

**ENGINEERED PROTECTION
SYSTEMS, INC.**

Volume 7, Issue 3

Summer 2006

PLEASE ROUTE TO CHIEF OF SECURITY

Where you and your money belong!

Lake Michigan Credit Union (LMCU) was founded in 1933 by Lloyd F. Hutt as Grand Rapids Teachers Credit Union. Mr. Hutt operated the credit union out of his home until 1959 when the first branch was opened.

In 2001, they consolidated Alliance, Healthcare, Grand Rapids Teachers and St. Mary's Credit Unions to become Lake Michigan Credit Union. LMCU also received a community charter to offer services to everyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Kent, Ottawa, Allegan, and Muskegon counties. Lake Michigan Credit Union now has 19 branches and over 50 ATMs, with assets that exceed \$1 billion and serve over 100,000 members.

LMCU recently expanded their services by adding three new subsidiaries: LMAuto Center, Lake Michigan Home Mortgage and Lake Michigan Insurance Agency, which provides life, home and auto insurance. Having strong community ties is important to them and they participate in many activities as well as giving 10 scholarships a year, each for \$1,500.00.

Mark Herro joined the credit union over 7 years ago, after a job auditing credit unions, and has been the Director of Risk Management for three years. Mark is a truly devoted father to his 2 girls and 1 boy. He not only coaches hockey, baseball, and softball, but is a brown belt instructor at his kid's Kung Fu School. He takes security seriously!

Lake Michigan Credit Union has been an **EPS** customer for over 14 years. **EPS** supplies security, fire, card access and camera systems for them. Mark says "**EPS** is my one-stop shop for all my security needs, we really like working with them."

For more information on Lake Michigan Credit Union visit www.lmcu.org. For information on security and life safety visit **EPS** at www.epssecurity.com.

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 ALARMS



Mark Herro, Director of Risk Management

ENGINEERED PROTECTION SYSTEMS, INC.

750 Front Avenue, N.W.
Phone: (616) 459-0281

Grand Rapids, MI 49504
Fax (616) 459-0553

1117 Carver Street
Phone (231) 946-6590

Traverse City, MI 49686
Fax (231) 929-9099

2200 E. Mitchel Street, Unit B
Phone (231) 487-1868

Petoskey, MI 49770
Fax (231) 487-1870

2450 VanOmmen Dr., Suite A
Phone (616) 399-4760

Holland, MI 49424
Fax (616) 399-2934

1999 Walden Dr., Suite #3
Phone (989) 705-7878

Gaylord, MI 49735
Fax (989) 705-7879

1960 W. Houghton Lake Dr. Houghton Lake, MI 48651
Phone (989) 366-7535 Fax (989) 366-0535

219 N. Westnedge Ave.
Phone (269) 388-9600

Kalamazoo, MI 49007
Fax (269) 388-9615

Email: sales@epssecurity.com
Web: www.epssecurity.com

Since 1955



Smoke Alarms

Did you know that the National Fire Alarm Code states that smoke alarms in one and two Family Dwellings “**shall be replaced when they fail to respond to operability tests, but shall not remain in service longer than 10 years from the date of manufacture**”?

Most manufacturers state that the residential smoke detectors should be replaced at 10 years and the failure rate increases dramatically ever year thereafter.

Between now and September 30, **EPS** is offering a special price on smoke detector replacements. Call our service department today. Don't take a chance on a failure when dealing with Life Safety and your loved ones.



Online predators: What parents can do to minimize the risk

- Talk to your kids about sexual predators and potential online dangers.
- Young children should not use chat rooms—the dangers are too great. As children get older, direct them towards well-monitored kids' chat rooms. Encourage even your teens to use monitored chat rooms.
- If your children take part in chat rooms, make sure you know which ones they visit and with whom they talk. Monitor the chat areas yourself to see what kind of conversations take place.
- Instruct your children to never leave the chat room's public area. Many chat rooms offer private areas where users can have one-on-one chats with other users—chat monitors can't read these conversations. These are often referred to as “whisper” areas.
- Keep the Internet-connected computer in a common area of the house, never in a child's bedroom. It is much more difficult for a predator to establish a relationship with your child if the computer screen is easily visible. Even when the computer is in a public area of your home, sit with your child when they are online.
- When your children are young, they should share the family e-mail address rather than have their own e-mail accounts. As they get older, you can ask your Internet Service Provider (ISP) to set up a separate e-mail address, but your children's mail can still reside in your account.
- Tell your children to never respond to instant messaging or e-mails from strangers. If your children use computers in places outside your supervision—public library, school, or friends' homes—find out what computer safeguards are used.
- If all precautions fail and your kids do meet an online predator, don't blame them. The offender always bears full responsibility. Take decisive action to stop your child from any further contact with this person.

