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Security

Governor Supports Quality Security For Business

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has wasted little time making an impact for California businesses during his first months in office. In fact, records show he has rejected, sent back or vetoed outright more legislation threatening the economic business climate in this state during his tenure than any California governor.



A significant result of this economic benefit has been directed to companies that require security. The governor and his administration have identified security as a high priority of the administration. In fact, businesses using private security for protection of their facilities, operations and personnel received an early holiday gift this year.

More Control of Protection

The gift came when Gov. Schwarzenegger returned State Assembly Bill 2850 without signature. The bill, which was proposed by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas in February 2004, would have required contractors and subcontractors to provide a minimum 90-day job tenure during any change in operations. During this 'provisionary period', security employees of the previous security supplier could be offered continued employment, granted they abide by the numerous restrictions and guidelines. Employees who were not retained in accordance with the bill's provisions would have been authorized to bring enforcement action into court.

This proposal posed significant potential problems due to the fact that security requirements have dramatically changed over the past few years.

Today, it is essential that private security companies have the freedom to select individuals who will provide the best possible service and protection to their clients, especially during crucial transition periods. Besides that, it's also necessary for private security officers to establish relationships and familiarity with the people and places they protect. Providing the best protection to clients becomes problematic if the security personnel are constantly changing.

Raising the Security Bar

There's no question that reputable security companies continuously strive to provide the very best security officers to their clients. As such, it's mandatory for any operating guard in California to successfully pass a state mandated training program before they are permitted to protect others professionally.

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Security Quality Supported

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Without the numerous restrictions included in this legislation, these trained professionals will now have the ability to give their full attention to what matters most – protecting us.

When Gov.r Schwarzenegger returned Assembly Bill 2850 without his approval, he also provided the following statement:

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

“I am returning Assembly Bill 2850 without my signature.

This bill requires private security service contractors to retain employees employed by the previous contractor for a period of at least 90 days. Since security concerns, particularly in California’s high rises and government buildings, are higher than ever before, it is imperative that security service contractors are able to make the necessary staffing decisions that best provide the security their clients demand. In many cases, a new contractor will call upon the knowledge and expertise of the existing employees in order to provide that protection. This is even more likely considering the amount of training required for private security guards under current law. Retaining current employees would not only provide the contractor this expertise but also save the contractor the costs of the training. A statutory mandate is not needed for contractors to appreciate these incentives.”

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Shield Passes Test Airport Security

Airport security is an issue which has received increased attention since the terrorist attacks on New York on September 11, 2001. Various security systems are employed within airports to identify anyone or anything which might jeopardize the safety of an aircraft or the airport itself such as:

- Every passenger must walk through a metal detector before boarding an aircraft.
- X-ray baggage inspection systems screen baggage for weapons and explosives.
- Airport security cameras and CCTV watch passengers and their baggage.
- All airport personnel must display employee identification badges.
- Security access control makes areas inaccessible for those without authorization. Federal Aviation Regulation 107 gives the airport the responsibility of providing security identification badges for each employee who must work unescorted in airport security areas.

As a test of quality and protection, FAA undercover agents routinely attempt to breach airport security systems. If successful, airports, their vendors and contracted services such as cargo transportation companies can be fined, temporarily shut down, or prohibited from operating from the airport entirely.

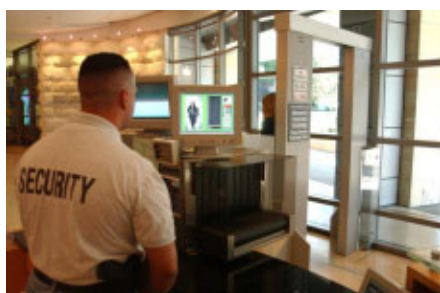
On Sept. 22, 2004, at Los Angeles International Airport, DHL LAX/LTR Shield Security Officer Manuel Torres observed a non-badged, unidentified person attempting to enter a restricted area and board a DHL Cargo Aircraft. Without hesitation, Officer Torres challenged the individual and notified Airport Authorities, thus preventing a possible security breach/terrorist threat.

Subsequently, it was discovered that the unidentified person was a member of the Federal Aviation/Homeland Security Department conducting security breach evaluation operations throughout the airport. They commended Officer Torres for acting promptly and following Federal Aviation/Homeland Security guidelines.



Terrorism has been a problem for airlines and air travelers since the 1970s, when hijackings and bombings became the method of choice for subversive, militant organizations around the world. Although security at airports has always been tight, the 9/11 attacks woke many people up to a harsh reality - it wasn't tight enough.

Shield Security, Inc. strives everyday to improve all aspects of the security services we provide. Through a combine effort of client interaction, our diverse security management team and our most important asset – the on-site Security Officer – Shield continues to remain atop the list of preferred Southern California premier security providers since 1964.





Shield in History

Did you know that Shield Security Officers have been a part of California's history?

Since our founding in 1964, our Officers, management and talented support staff have been 'in the thick of it'... from the Watts riots to this year's devastating wildfires. As we celebrate 40 years of protecting our valued clients, their facilities, personnel and property, we are proud of our legacy and our contribution to Southern California.

And, it's interesting to look back at the milestones that we have seen. Call it nostalgia. Call it pride. Join us in a look back.

Here is a brief 'Headline History' of our experience. Can you think of other milestones?

- 1965** Watts riots break out and last for six days. The same year the LA Dodgers win the World Series.
- 1968** Sen. Robert Kennedy, Democratic candidate for President of the United States is assassinated in L.A. while celebrating his victory in the California Democratic primary.
- 1970** Anti-Vietnam War Chicano Moratorium march erupts into a riot.
- 1971** Sylmar Earthquake.
- 1972** Lakers win first championship.
- 1975** Emperor Hirohito of Japan visits Los Angeles.
- 1977** The Oakland Raiders (future Los Angeles Raiders) win the Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl.
- 1978** Los Angeles fires.
- 1979** Severe flooding & mudslides produce looting. Lakers win championship again.



- 1981** Los Angeles celebrates 200th anniversary
- 1982** Lakers win championship again.
- 1984** The XXIII Olympiad summer games are held in Los Angeles.
- 1985** Lakers win championship again.
- 1986** First Los Angeles Marathon is held.
- 1987** Los Angeles Lakers win championship again.
- 1988** Stray bullet fired by gang members kills Long Beach woman bringing gang violence to the city's forefront.
- 1992** Rioting erupts for a week after four LAPD officers are acquitted.
- 1993** Wildfires hit Los Angeles County; Malibu is declared a disaster area.
- 1994** Northridge Earthquake hits. World Cup Soccer games are held at Pasadena Rose Bowl.
- 1995** The Unabomber makes threat to blow up an airplane at LAX.
- 1998** El Nino storms batter Southern California causing tremendous damage and loitering.
- 2000** Democratic National Convention is held at Staple Center. Metropolitan Transportation Authority begins a 32-day strike. Los Angeles Lakers win championship after twelve years.
- 2001** 9/11 Changed the World.
- 2002** Los Angeles Lakers win second championship of century.
- 2003** Wildfires destroy thousands of acres.

As day-to-day events turn into history, Shield's Security Officers will be there. These men and women are, and will continue to be, the "Back-Bone" that builds any good security program. Their dedication and commitment serve as the conduit through which Shield Security, Inc. has been able to provide premier security service for the past 40 years. And with their help, Shield will continue to do so for the next 40 years.



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