



Elevator Emergency Communications – Video Messaging System Update

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ASME A17.1 – Previous Requirements

Prior Code Years

- Push Button with "PHONE" symbol to begin two-way communication between elevator and authorized personnel
 - Onsite communication if over 60 ft of travel
- Answered 24/7 by live authorized personnel without automated answering
- Operators must answer within 45 seconds
- There must be an automatic location identification on demand to authorized personnel
- Operators must be able to identify the cab's location without any occupant assistance
- Local telephone line status monitoring (Communication Failure Alert)

Reasons For Change



Safety



Monitoring Failures



Financial Implications



VIDEO MESSAGING SYSTEM CODE UPDATES

ASME A17.1 2019 Code – 2.27.1.1.1

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A communications means between the car and a location staffed by authorized personnel who can take appropriate action shall be provided.

ASME
2019 Code

What this means

The person answering the phone needs to be able to take appropriate action. As a result, the voice and video monitoring must be handled by the authorized personnel.

ASME A17.1 2019 Code – 2.27.1.1.3

- d) On the same panel as the phone push button, **messages shall be displayed** which permit authorized personnel to communicate with and obtain responses from a trapped passenger(s) including a passenger(s) who cannot verbally communicate or cannot hear.
- k) A means to **display video** to observe passengers at any location on the car floor to authorized personnel for entrapment assessment shall be provided.

ASME 2019 Code

What this means

The messages must be in a format for authorized personnel to receive responses from passengers who cannot hear.

Video streaming from elevators to authorized personnel is now required.

HOW TO ADDRESS VIDEO-MESSAGING CODE

Advancements Due to Code Updates

Hardware

- Elevator Phone
- Video Camera
- Text Display
- Internet Connection

Software

- Video Feed Access from Hardware Manufacturer
- Messaging Platform

Monitoring

Authorized Personnel Need to:

- Review Video Feed
- Send Yes/No Questions

Elevator Internet Options



Building INFRASTRUCTURE

-  NOT ALWAYS CODE COMPLIANT
-  DETERIORATING INFRASTRUCTURE
-  ENCRYPTED/SECURE



Building/Provider VoIP *

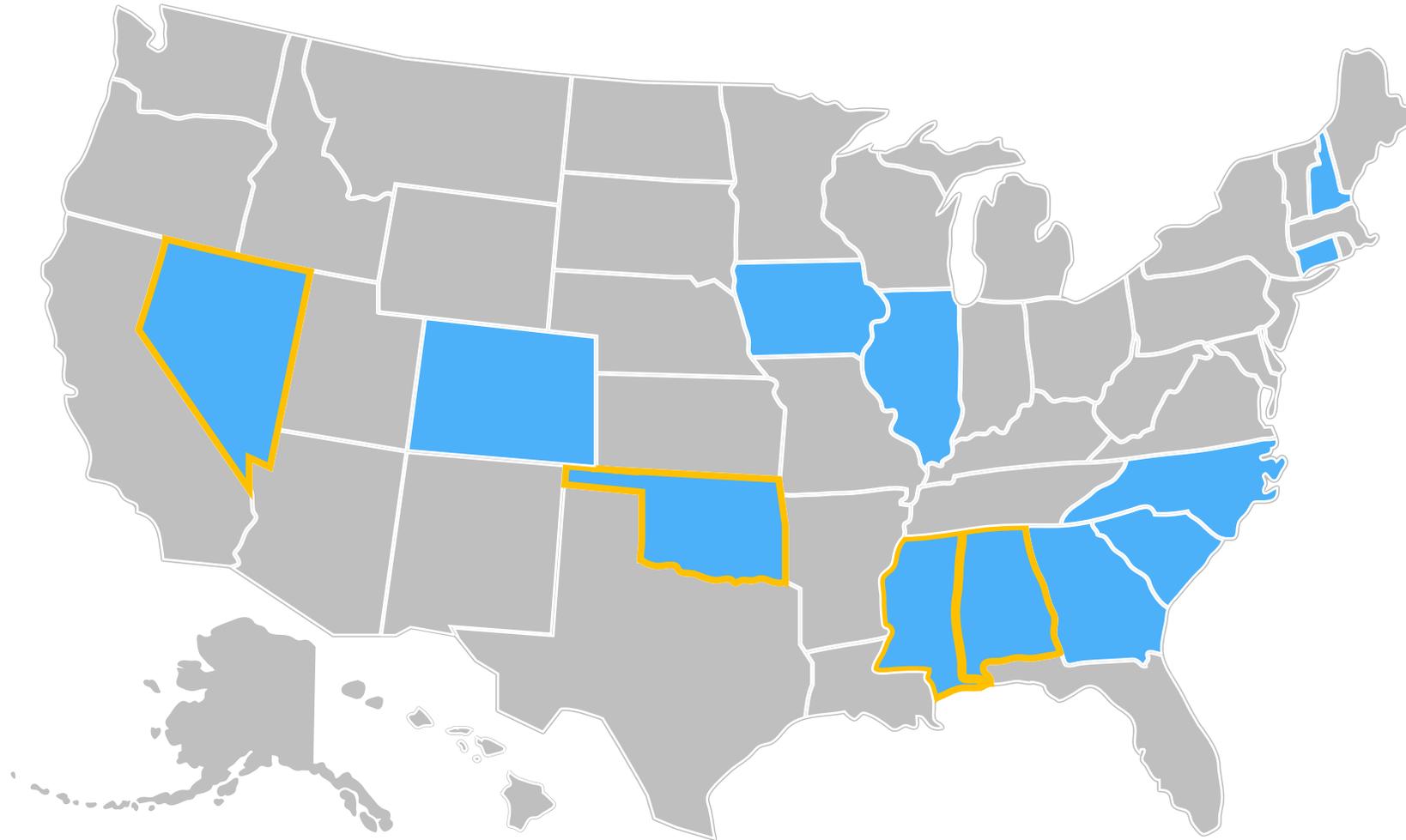
-  NOT ALWAYS CODE COMPLIANT
-  INCONSISTENT DTMF
-  FAILS DURING POWER OUTAGES



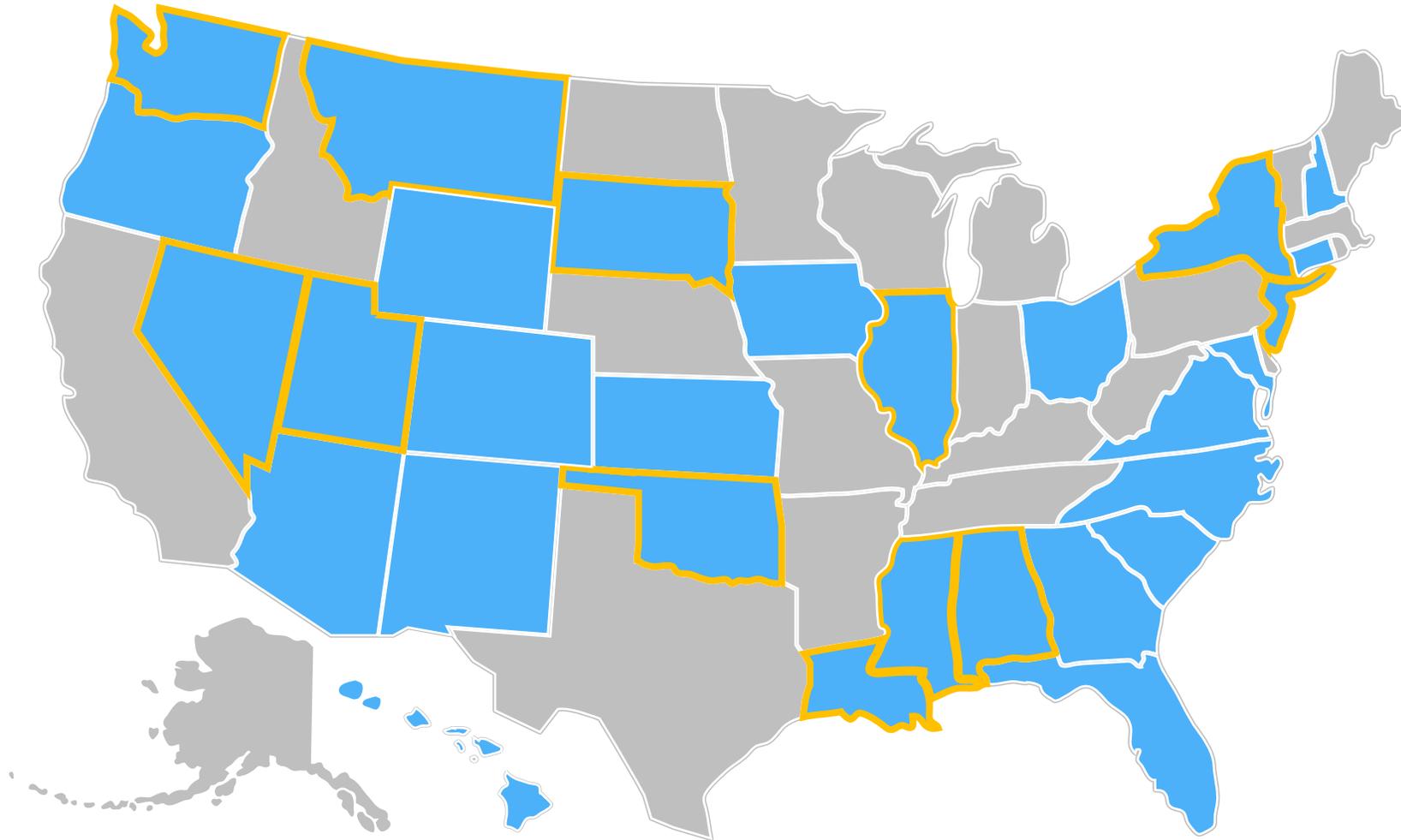
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-  CODE COMPLIANT
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-  ENCRYPTED M2M TRANSMISSION

Initial State Adoption 2021



State Code Adoption as of 2024

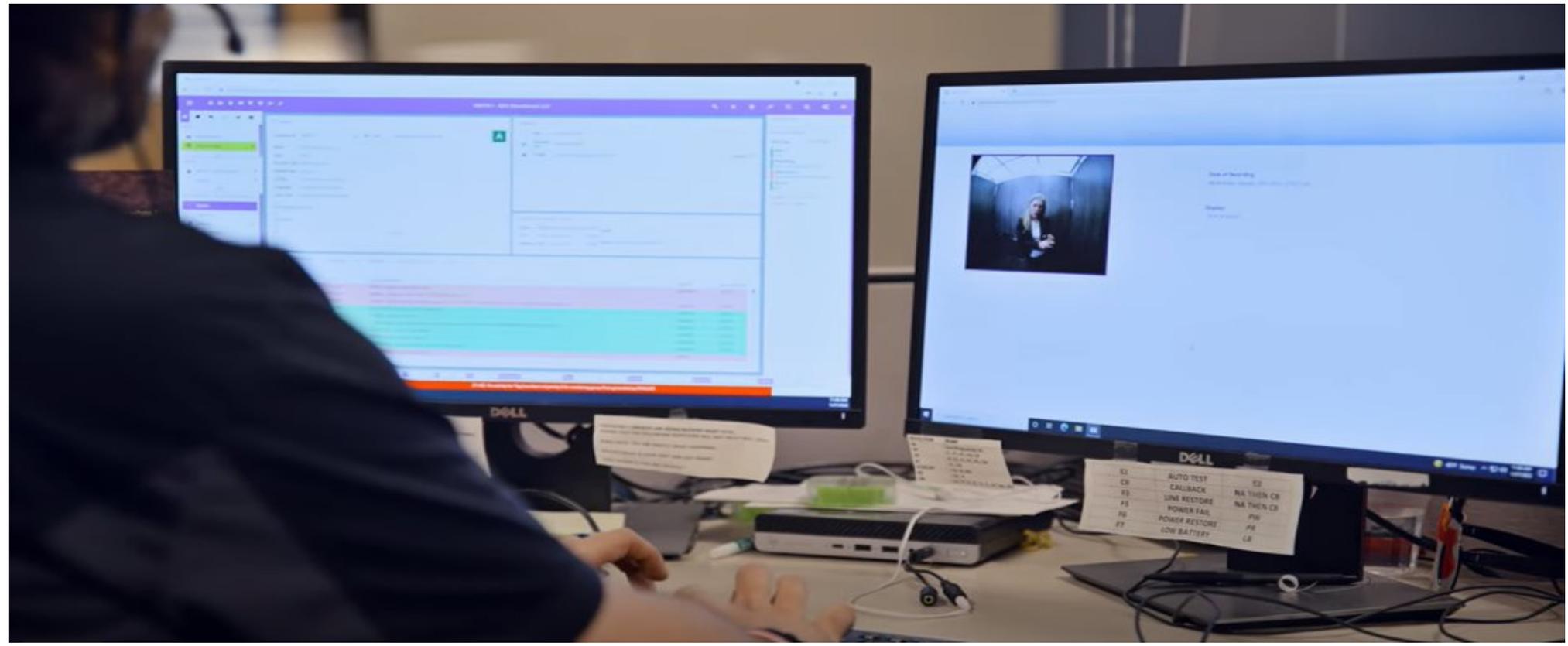


VIDEO MONITORING EXAMPLE

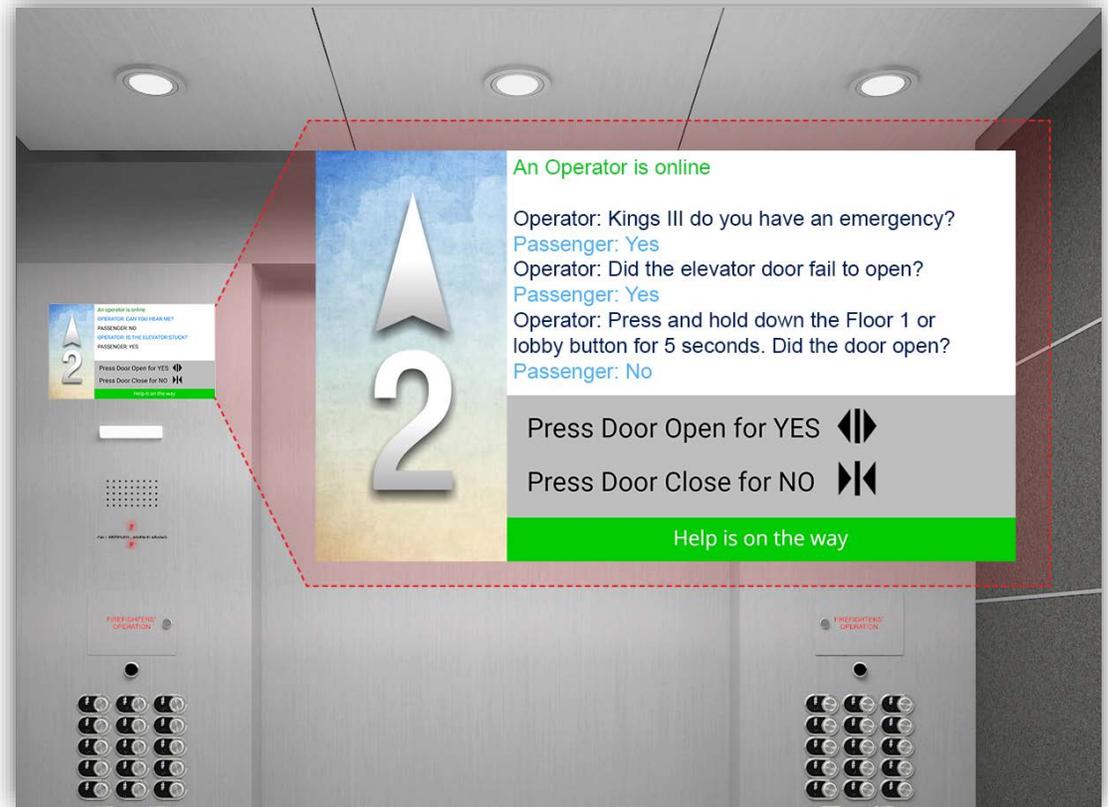


Code Compliant Monitoring Solution

VIDEO MONITORING EXAMPLE



ASME 2019 Emergency Dispatch





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- A **means to display video** to observe Passenger(s) at any location on the car floor to Authorized Personnel.

Passengers at Any Location

Any Location on the Car Floor

All Corners of the Car Floor

Key point: Authorized Personnel need to see the video of someone anywhere on the elevator floor.

Reasons For Change



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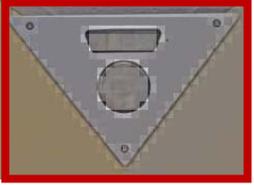
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HARDWARE OPTIONS

What It Looks Like



Things to Consider

Hardware Matters

The installer will provide the necessary hardware components. You have a say in what hardware you will receive.

Choose Flexibility

Not all hardware is easily transferable. Be sure to choose a Video Messaging System that is compatible and transferable with multiple companies and monitoring providers.

Many solutions are available and allow for transferability between maintenance and monitoring providers that continue to address the code challenges.

Key Takeaways

- Manage your video feed through cellular connectivity
- Request easily transferable video messaging system (VMS)
- Bring Kings III in early and often throughout the process

CALL FOR HELP!



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