

LA County Installs Dual-Lite PG LED Emergency Lighting Units in Juvenile Detention Center

The County of Los Angeles operates two dozen juvenile detention centers for kids awaiting trial on various felony charges. It's a "hazardous" location for anything breakable or not nailed down. It's an incarceration area for kids in trouble with the law, and, at times, the population can become a bit unruly. Anthony "Tony" Morris, an electrical supervisor for the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Division, is responsible for five of those facilities. He certainly had his hands full in repairing the damage done to lighting fixtures and other electrical equipment in the "camps"



The wall-mounted twin-head emergency lighting equipment was especially prone to attack. The lightweight, thermoplastic emergency lighting "wall warts" became favorite targets for those occupants that tended to express their displeasure with their surroundings and the system. Using whatever means of destruction was available to them, including their bare hands, they wrecked havoc with the thermoplastic plastic emergency lighting equipment.

In order to ensure continuous compliance with the County's emergency lighting requirements, Tony was constantly sending out electrical crews to replace the damaged or missing equipment.

Seeking a solution, Tony contacted Darren Acuesta, Sales Supervisor with Norton Electric Wholesale in Los Angeles. Tony and Norton Electric Wholesale have a 30+ year relationship, and he looks to them for product recommendations. In this case, it was a product that would put an end to the continuous replacement of the emergency lighting equipment.

Darren told Tony that the local Dual-Lite Regional Sales Manager was giving a presentation to Norton Electric Wholesale that week on the new Dual-Lite PG Series emergency lighting unit, and Tony should sit in on it to determine if this new product might be the answer he was seeking.



When Tony saw the rugged, cast aluminum enclosure and mounting base, his interest was peaked. And, when he noted the lack of external lighting heads that could be easily yanked off, he knew he had found the solution. The vandal resistant construction, long life LED light engine, superior emergency light output and design optimized illumination pattern (no heads to aim, no adjustments to make) convinced Tony to place his first order there and then for the PG Series emergency lighting unit in all three colors; white, platinum silver and dark bronze.

Tony reports, "The PG units are installed and doing just fine and ably withstanding the usual punishment. We've installed them in walkways and corridors to provide a source of emergency pathway egress illumination." He plans on replacing every existing thermoplastic emergency lighting unit in all of the juvenile detention facilities with the new PG Series cast aluminum model.

He further stated that when Dual-Lite introduces the AC-powered PGN Series LED wall pack with remote DC backup capability in the first quarter of 2009, "I'm going to purchase some of those units as well for general area illumination."

Thanks to Tony's investigation, Norton Wholesale Electric's support and the Dual-Lite PG Series cast aluminum emergency lighting unit, the County of Los Angeles has dramatically reduced their need for replacement emergency lighting units in the juvenile detention facility.

Whether it's an indoor or outdoor application, Dual-Lite PG Series emergency lighting units can provide the solution to almost every emergency lighting challenge.