Manned guarding offers significant benefits when employed as part of an organisation’s security strategy. A security guard, (or security officer) is usually a privately and formally employed person who is paid to protect property, assets, or people.

Often, security officers are uniformed and act to protect property by maintaining a high visibility presence to deter illegal and inappropriate actions, observing (either directly, through patrols, or by watching alarm systems or video cameras) for signs of crime, fire or disorder; then taking action and reporting any incidents to their client and emergency services as appropriate.

MANNED GUARDING DUTIES

Before examining the services and advantages offered by Stone Security, it is worthwhile to examine the roles and responsibilities of the manned security guard:

- Many security firms and proprietary security departments practice the 'detect, deter, observe and report' methodology. Security officers are not required to make arrests, but often have the authority to make a citizen’s arrest, or otherwise act as an agent of law enforcement at the request of a police officer, sheriff, and others.

Some of the advantages of a manned guarding presence on site are:

- A visible and reassuring presence
- SIA licensed personnel offering assured competencies and skill levels
- Flexibility of duties
- A human touch
- Easy defusing of difficult situations
- An immediate solution to problems
- No better deterrent to theft or malicious damage

RESPONSIBILITIES AND TRAINING

In addition to the methodology mentioned above, a private security officer’s primary duty is the prevention and deterrence of crime. Security personnel enforce company rules and can act to protect lives and property. In fact, they frequently have a contractual obligation to provide these actions. Security officers are often trained to perform arrest and control procedures (including handcuffing and restraints), operate emergency equipment, perform first aid, CPR, take accurate notes, write detailed reports, and perform other tasks as required by the organisation they are serving. Security personnel may also perform access control at building entrances and vehicle gates; meaning, they ensure that employees and visitors display proper passes or identification before entering the facility. Security officers are often called upon to respond to minor emergencies (lost persons, lockouts, dead vehicle batteries, etc.) and to assist in serious emergencies by guiding emergency
responders to the scene of the incident, helping to redirect foot traffic to safe locations, and by documenting what happened on an incident report.

Armed security officers are frequently contracted to respond as law enforcement until a given situation at a client location is under control and/or public authorities arrive on the scene.

Patrolling is usually a large part of a security officer’s duties. Often these patrols are logged by use of a guard tour patrol system, which require regular patrols. The most commonly used form used to be mechanical clock systems that required a key for manual punching of a number to a strip of paper inside with the time pre-printed on it. Many security officers are required to go through additional training mandated by the law for the carrying of weapons such as batons, firearms, and pepper spray some officers are required to complete police certification for special duties.

In recent years, due to elevated threats of terrorism, most security officers are required to have bomb-threat training and/or emergency crisis training, especially those located in soft target areas such as shopping centres, schools, and any other area where the general public congregates.

**FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES**

One major economic justification for security personnel is that insurance companies (particularly fire insurance carriers) may give substantial rate discounts to sites which have a 24-hour presence; for a high risk or high value venue, the discount could exceed the money being spent on its security program. This is because having security on site increases the odds that any fire will be noticed and reported to the local fire department before a total loss occurs. Also, the presence of security personnel (particularly in combination with effective security procedures) tends to diminish “shrinkage”, theft, employee misconduct and safety rule violations, property damage, or even sabotage. Many casinos hire security guards to protect money when transferring it from the casino to the casino’s bank.

Recently, electronic and CCTV systems have risen in popularity due to their light weight, ease of use, and downloadable logging capabilities. Regular patrols are, however, becoming less accepted as an industry standard, as it provides predictability for the would-be criminal, as well as monotony for the security officer on duty. However, random patrols are easily programmed into these systems, allowing greater freedom of movement and unpredictability. Global positional systems are also easing their way into the market as a more effective means of tracking officer movement and patrol behavior. All this leads to greater effectiveness, increased efficiency, ultimately contributing to the commercial performance of the organisation.

**SELECTION**

So, we have seen how guarding personnel are often the face of your business. Here at Stone Security, our security guards are selected for their personal competency as much as for their skills; as a result, you benefit from having on-site security guards who operate in a courteous, intelligent and professional manner, enhancing your company’s image and providing that all-important immediate impression to clients.

The wide variety of security options available means that selecting the right product on which to spend your security budget wisely can be tricky. It is essential therefore...
that you consider a professional security company such as Stone Security, who will be able to advise on and supply solutions specific to your requirements. With regard to commercial and industrial security, theft is a huge problem, and one which can only be thwarted by putting tailored security measures in place.

**STONE SECURITY SERVICES**

Manned security guards provide an invaluable service in providing on the spot security and the manned security service we provide from Stone Security is the best. With over twenty five years of experience, Stone Security Services has a unique vision within the security industry:

Starting as a family-owned business primarily specialising in manned guarding, the company has grown considerably and now benefits clients by providing a one stop security solution. We are proud to offer offer the highest level of service at very reasonable rates. The services we offer are by no means limited to manned guarding however, and we offer a host of other services such as CCTV monitoring and patrols to name just a couple. The significant level of repeat business we receive, in particular with regards to our manned security guards who provide only the highest level of service, illustrates the quality of the solutions we provide and the satisfaction of our customers. By placing the customer at the centre, we can ensure you receive the perfect security package, whether that be unmanned security monitoring or manned guarding, but we never proceed without full customer satisfaction that they are receiving good value for money. As specialists in manned guarding services, you would be hard pushed to find a company more suitable for the job. At Stone Security, through rigorously monitoring our business techniques, we are continually seeking to improve and innovate our processes, in order to guarantee the most efficient and appropriate service to our clients whilst also offering unparallalled value for money. We understand the criticality of the time and resource factors, hence we monitor our leading competitors in order to make sure we remain at the forefront of the security market.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Stone Security Services operates using a ‘ground-up’ based approach, as security is not a one size fits all operation. Undertaking a full pre-risk assessment allows both Stone and the client to plan the necessary steps in fulfilling the individual security requirements. We have seen a sharp rise in the demand for manned guarding services over recent years and are pleased to be able to meet this growing challenge for one and all. Security is key to the success of any commercial organisation, and whether you are an individual looking for some peace of mind or the head of a large multi-national company looking for additional employee security, we are here to help. Our manned security guarding service offers a very comprehensive security package, but the best news is it doesn’t cost an arm and a leg!

**SERVICE CALCULATOR**

In order to ensure we provide a security solution that meets your needs and your budget, we have designed a unique service calculator to assist businesses in preparing their security budget. Simply input what you would like the officers pay to be or what you want to pay per hour to a supplier and the calculator will provide the expected hourly charge rate and officers pay rate, along with both monthly and annual costings. The calculator can be viewed on our website:

www.stonesecurity.co.uk

Working with a myriad of different clients from a variety of industries including retail, construction and education, Stone Security Services strive for long-lasting, mutually beneficial relationships with each client.

Recruiting a team of hand picked, highly experienced individuals, Stone Security Services prides itself on the dedication and commitment to excellence demonstrated by each member of staff. Trained to the highest industry standards which are complimented by ongoing support programmes, each team member is fully equipped to deal with the ever-changing industry and most importantly the client’s needs.

For more information on Stone Security Services, please contact a member of the team on 0151 329 2054 or email caroline@stonesecurity.co.uk

Turn over now to take advantage of our ‘Spring’ Special Offer!
**STONE SECURITY ‘SPRING’ SPECIAL OFFER!**
**12 MONTHS MANNED GUARDING FOR THE PRICE OF 11!**

*(this offer is exclusively for all new assignments from June 1st 2010)*

* How much will I save?*

A typical example to show you how our ‘one-off’ offer can make you a substantial saving:-

If you utilise 24/7 guarding x 1 Officer at a competitive charge rate of £10 per hour x 168 hrs per week this will result in an annual cost of £87,360.00.

Our offer will save you £7,280.00!!! - **PLUS**
**TUPE** will naturally apply so the Officer’s remuneration and employee package will not be compromised.

So, Regardless of your weekly guarding hours, **THIS OFFER WILL SAVE YOU MONEY!**

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