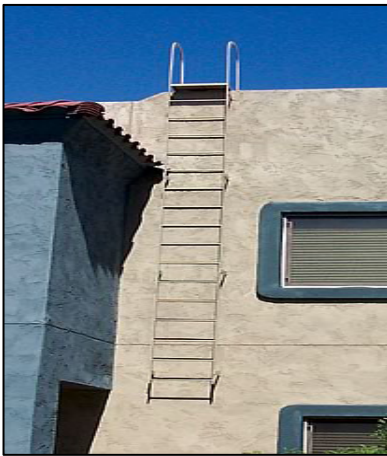


Best Practice: Ladder at Guard House to Augment Vehicular Surveillance



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Description: The port facility created an innovative and inexpensive surveillance system at its mail vehicle/train entrance gate. Romanel security staff use a movable ladder affixed to the guard house at the gate, which is used to station a guard who visually inspects the vehicle/train car tops. This process is repeated every time when operations are taking place or when any vehicle/train approaches the main entrance gate.

Discussion: This procedure provides excellent visibility of all vehicle/train cargo car tops, areas that are difficult to view even with good closed circuit television (CCTV) camera systems. Also, the procedure enhances the effectiveness and deterrent value of the guard force at the gate.

Potential Down-side: No potential downside identified.

Conclusion: The ladder provides a cost-effective way of enhancing security in a port facility. Care must be taken to coordinate its use placement with security guards on duty and cargo operation managers.

Cost: The cost to acquire a basic ladder is minimal.