

Eighth Annual

Tribal Security and Surveillance

CONFERENCE

October 21-22, 2026

Pechanga Resort Casino

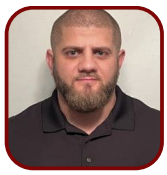
Temecula, California

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 - 9:00 AM | **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

9:00 - 9:10 AM

Welcoming Remarks



Joe Baranello
Sponsor Sales Director
Native Nation Events

9:10 - 9:15 AM

Opening Prayer



Andrew Masiel
Vice President
Pechanga Development Corporation

9:15 - 10:30 AM

Modern Threat Preparedness: Training, Communication, and Decision-Making

Threats are evolving faster than ever, making preparedness, training, and communication essential to protecting employees and guests. Attendees will learn how to strengthen threat response, prepare personnel to act before first responders arrive, and improve communication during critical incidents.

- Are your teams being trained adequately to respond to a threat?
- Does your training account for factors such as law enforcement response time? Have you provided instructions for employees to self-sustain until first responders arrive?
- How up to date are you and your employees when it comes to modern and emerging threat dynamics?
- Communication is key. What are the best methods to initiate communication and ensure it gets to the right person?

MODERATOR:



James Mosieur
Founder/Director
911 Cell Phone Bank

SPEAKERS:



Christopher Stehr
Director of Security
Lenape Entertainment LLC



Steven Gomez
Chief Physical Security Officer
Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation



Terri Lewis
Corporate Director of Security & Surveillance
Gila River Resorts and Casinos



Clint Johnson
Executive *Director of Public Safety*
Chumash Enterprises

Wednesday, October 21

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Morning Networking Break

11:00 - 12:00 PM

Integrated Security Platforms and the Future of Threat Management

Effective security starts with accurate information, strong identity verification, and seamless communication. Attendees will learn how security technologies are improving threat detection, operational awareness, and collaboration across security, surveillance, and operations teams.

- What information should every incident report capture to improve investigations?
- What role does ID authentication play in preventing fraud, underage gaming, and excluded individuals from entering the property?
- What practices have you implemented to maintain and update watch lists?
- How are security platforms improving communication between surveillance, security, and operations?
- How are security platforms enhancing proactive threat detection and operational awareness?

MODERATOR:



Sheryl Stering
Vice President of Presales
Omnigo

SPEAKERS:



Ashley Enstad
Sales Director
Veridocs



Michael Johnson
Director of Surveillance
Palms Casino Resort



Dave Vialpando
Executive Director
Pala Gaming Commission



Mark Badal
Executive Director of IT and InfoSec
Chumash Enterprises

Wednesday, October 21

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Stopping Problems Before They Start: A Proactive Security Approach

Frontline employees are often the first to encounter disruptive behavior, making situational awareness and de-escalation critical components of a safe gaming environment. Attendees will learn strategies, training methods, and technologies that help prevent incidents, improve response decisions, and enhance overall security operations.

- What situations most commonly lead to confrontations in tribal gaming environments?
- What de-escalation techniques have proven to be the most effective?
- When should staff stop attempting to de-escalate and transition to a security response?
- What makes an effective on-site situational awareness program?
- What technologies or simulation tools have enhanced your training programs?

MODERATOR:



Dr. Richard Bistline
Master Trainer
Nightlife Security Consultants

SPEAKERS:



Neil Lillie
Director of Public Safety
Black Oak Casino



Brian Dooley
Consultant
Sacred Hoop LLC



Doug Simpson
Chief Security & Surveillance Officer
Gila River Resorts and Casinos



Rob Bell
Security Manager
Three Rivers Casino Resort

Wednesday, October 21

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Crisis Communications: Delivering the Right Message at the Right Time

Effective communication is critical during an emergency. Attendees will learn how to evaluate communication systems, close communication gaps, and ensure critical information reaches the right people when it matters most.

- What capabilities should organizations prioritize when selecting a communication system?
- What communication gaps commonly emerge during emergencies, and how can technologies help close those gaps?
- How can organizations balance speed and accuracy when distributing critical information across multiple communication channels during an emergency?
- What metrics should organizations use to evaluate the effectiveness of their emergency communication strategy?
- What questions should leaders ask vendors when evaluating communication systems for their organization?

MODERATOR:



Grace Stevens
Enterprise Sales Development Representative
Relay

SPEAKERS:



Josh Keliikoa
Public Safety Manger
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians



Trevor Trachsel
Director of Compliance
Chinook Winds Casino Resort



Justin Preble
Director of Security
Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises



Chris Watkins
Technology Sales Manager
Whelen Engineering

3:00 - 3:30 PM

Afternoon Networking Break

Wednesday, October 21

3:30 - 4:30 PM

What Keeps Casino Security and Surveillance Directors Up at Night

- What is the biggest challenge you're facing in recruiting and retaining qualified security professionals today?
- What metrics or data resonate most with executive leadership when requesting additional funding?
- What advice would you give security directors who struggle to gain executive support?
- How do you communicate enhanced security measures to guests without creating unnecessary concern?
- How do you coordinate emergency response planning with local law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services?
- What technologies are proving most effective in identifying and preventing these emerging threats?
- Looking ahead, what challenge do you believe will keep security and surveillance directors up at night over the next five years, and how should the industry prepare for it?

MODERATOR:



Sheryl Stering
Vice President of Presales
Omnigo

SPEAKERS:



George Jenkot
Vice President of Security & Surveillance
Firekeepers Casino Hotel



Juan Baca
Senior Vice President of Non-Gaming Operations at Sycuan Casino Resort



Josh Keliikoa
Public Safety Manger
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians



Robin Clarke
Director of Surveillance
SIGA

4:30 PM

Day One Concludes

Thursday, October 22

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration and Networking Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM

Built Right from the Start: Security and Surveillance in Casino Expansion

Casino expansions bring new security, technology, and operational challenges. Attendees will learn how to secure construction projects, manage access risks, and build security systems that support long-term growth.

- What considerations should be addressed during the planning stages of a casino expansion project?
- What factors should be considered when evaluating and selecting new security technologies for an expansion project?
- How can organizations effectively monitor and secure temporary entrances, restricted areas, and high-value assets during construction?
- What strategies can be used to manage increased traffic flow, including employees, contractors, vendors, and guests—during a major expansion project?
- How can the right integration partner help reduce costs, improve efficiency, and future-proof a casino's security infrastructure?

MODERATOR:

Scott Jacko
Business Development Manager
Global Surveillance Associates

SPEAKERS:



Brandon Jones
Vice President
Yaamava' Resort &
Casino at San Manuel



Pary Compton
Director of Surveillance
Red Hawk Casino



Doug Simpson
Chief Security & Surveillance Officer
Gila River Resorts and Casinos

Thursday, October 22

10:00 - 10:45 AM

eConnect: Unifying Casino Operations with Real-Time Intelligence and Facial Recognition

- Examine how unified platforms improve visibility across casino operations.
- Explore the role of facial recognition in security, compliance, and guest experience.
- Discuss how real-time intelligence supports faster operational decision-making.
- Identify ways integrated systems create safer and more efficient gaming environments.

SPEAKERS:



Matt Carrier
Vice President of Sales
eConnect



Henry Valentino
President and CEO
eConnect

Thursday, October 22

10:45 - 11:15 AM

Morning Networking Break

11:15 -12:00 PM

Lessons Learned: Strengthening Security After a Cyber Incident

With U.S. cybercrime losses exceeding $20.9 billion in 2025, enterprises face growing cybersecurity threats. Attendees will learn how to strengthen cyber defenses, improve incident response, and prepare for emerging risks.

- In the first 24 hours of a cyber incident, what priorities have the greatest impact on containment and recovery?
- How have past cyber incidents reshaped your approach to risk management, incident response, and business continuity?
- What strategic investments in cybersecurity, workforce development, and operational resilience are most critical for defending gaming enterprises against emerging threats?

MODERATOR:



Chris Bono
Director of Customer Care
ESET - North America

SPEAKERS:



Ivan Devitt
Advisory Board Member
Native Nation Events



Marc Epp
Surveillance Manager
Swinomish Casino & Lodge



Patrick Tinklenberg
Vice President of Information Technology
Sycuan Casino

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

Thursday, October 22

1:00- 2:00 PM

Strategic Security Innovation: Harnessing Technology to Reduce Risk

Technology is reshaping the future of security and emergency response. Attendees will learn how AI, communications systems, and emerging technologies are improving threat detection, situational awareness, and incident response.

- How is A.I. changing the way your organization detects threats and responds to incidents?
- What communication technologies are most critical during a large-scale emergency?
- How do sirens and emergency lighting systems improve communication and decision-making during critical incidents?
- Looking ahead, what technologies should organizations invest in today to prepare for the future of security and emergency response?

MODERATOR:



Ashley Enstad
Sales Director
Veridocs

SPEAKERS:



Justin Preble
Director of Security
Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises



Chris Watkins
Technology Sales Manager
Whelen Engineering



Mason Lienhart
Surveillance Manager
Cliff Castle Casino Hotel



Andrew Little
Director of Security
Fortune Bay Resort Casino

Thursday, October 22

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Combatting Active Shooter Incidents – Training, Response, & Technology

Active shooter incidents remain a growing concern across the country. In 2025, the FBI reported 34 incidents that resulted in 166 casualties, representing a 42% increase from 2024, while the FBI and ALERRT Center documented 223 active shooter incidents between 2020 and 2024. This session will show how you can strengthen preparedness, training, communication, and response capabilities to better protect your enterprise.

- How can you assess whether your team is prepared to respond?
- What scenario-based exercises are most effective?
- What qualifications and training should armed security personnel possess?
- What legal liabilities are faced following an incident, and what proactive measures can reduce those risks?
- What technologies are being used to prevent and respond to active shooter incidents?

MODERATOR:



Eddie Ilko
Safety and Occupational Health Manager
National Indian Gaming Commission

SPEAKERS:



Daryl Canard
Security Training Manager
Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprises



Kim Pound
Director of Security
Cliff Castle Casino Hotel



James Gillam
Director of Guest Safety
Pala Casino Spa Golf Resort

Thursday, October 22

3:00 - 3:30 PM

EXHIBIT RAFFLE DRAWING

- **Winners Must Be Present To Win**

3:30 PM

Conference Concludes