

***NEW* INSTITUTIONAL SHUTGUN IS SAFE ALTERNATIVE FOR CORRECTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES**

BOSTON (August 7,2016) Shutgun will be on hand at the 146th Congress of Correction trade show in Boston, MA from August 7th and 9th displaying a brand new product that should provide Facility managers of **prisons, mental health facilities** and **juvenile detention facilities** with some peace of mind.

“Detention and correctional facilities pose unique fire protection design and installation challenges,” said Greg Patterson, President of Shutgun. “This prompted us to develop a new Shutgun model that will maintain fire protection, while shutting down any extensive water damage due to accidental sprinkler head activation.”

Accidents involving fire sprinkler heads can be a costly reality facing institutional and correctional facilities today. The “institutional” model sprinkler heads used by these types of facilities have been designed to be “tamper resistant” as well as to reduce the likelihood of attaching heavy loads to the device.

“These unique heads are better to prevent vandalism and other concerns, but they are harder to shut off in case of an emergency,” said Patterson.

Enter, the new **Institutional Shutgun** specifically engineered with these types of unique characteristics in mind, while maintaining the functionality of the building’s sprinkler system.

“Also, many correctional facility employees are not familiar with the workings of sprinklers and how they operate, a high level of confusion exists when the sprinkler head activates,” he said.

Shutgun has solved this problem with their trademark, one handed squeeze. As an added safety feature, Shutgun’s unique fusible link allows it to be left in place with the sprinkler system charged until the pipes can be drained and the head replaced – thus giving you full building fire protection despite the activation.

Shutgun product line includes the original Shutgun for standard sprinkler head models, Sheared Head Shutgun, Recessed, Semi Recessed, Concealed Head and the Institutional Shutgun. “It’s insurance for these facilities and their staff, and it has proven its value in real life situations.”

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More than 30,000 Shutguns have been sold worldwide and have become a toolbox staple for facilities, hospitals, laboratories and commercial buildings worldwide. Developed with a Toronto District Fire Chief of 35 years, Shutgun models are engineered to shut off most types of sprinkler heads including pendant, wall mount, upright, sheared or broken, semi-recessed, concealed and now Institutional models.

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