

# VESDA by Xtralis Protects Colleges and Universities

## Reduce Fire System Maintenance and False Alarms

In a respected survey\*, half of the responding schools noted that fire system maintenance is one of their top fire protection challenges. False alarms came in a close second. Other challenges mentioned by respondents include lack of carbon monoxide detection, incomplete coverage, renovations compromising the original system design, and staff compliance with fire code policies.

## The Challenges

Most college and university campuses face the following fire prevention challenges:

### Smoke dilution because of:

- Large, open spaces – atriums, theaters, gymnasiums, stadiums
- High air-change rate and HVAC scrubbing – ducts, laboratories, datacenters, service areas

### Unpredictable air flows due to:

- Thermal stratification – glass and un-insulated ceilings

### Areas that are difficult to access such as:

- Ceiling spaces and beam pockets
- Elevators, escalators, tunnels and ducts
- Inclined floor spaces and atrium ceilings
- Dormitories and secure areas
- Laboratories, hazardous technical spaces

### Reliability

- Tampering and abuse

### Aesthetics

- Hidden sampling for architectural freedom

\* Source: Campus Safety, January/February 2009



## The Advantages of VESDA

The VESDA air-sampling smoke detection (ASD) system is the optimal fire prevention solution for colleges and universities.

- VESDA detectors can be located centrally to **provide easy maintenance** from outside busy lecture halls or secure areas.
- Multiple alarm levels **reduce nuisance alarms** and their associated costs.
- The optics of a VESDA detector are protected from contamination for an **increased detector life**.
- High sensitivity enables **reliable detection of diluted smoke** in large, open spaces or the high airflow of a data center or laboratories.
- VESDA detectors constantly monitor airflow to ensure reliable sampling — **it can't be fooled by contamination, blockage or tampering**.
- Sampling holes can be hidden virtually anywhere for **improved aesthetics**.

VESDA provides very early warning fire detection and integrates seamlessly with mass notification and voice-alarm systems to provide an effective and reliable total solution for fire prevention in colleges and universities.

## Campus Areas Protected by VESDA

- Atriums, gyms, theaters and corridors
- Residential halls and dormitories
- Common areas, classrooms and staff offices
- Computer rooms and laboratories
- Libraries and museums
- Hazardous areas such as mechanical and electrical rooms

High-quality products and years of experience in protecting people and property means that Xtralis solutions have earned their reputation for lowest total cost of ownership in a wide range of applications.

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