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Why Agencies Are Embracing
Integrated Security

The Shift

Government facilities face threats across three fronts — physical, technology, and cyber. Agencies are moving away from siloed approaches and toward integrated security programs that align officers, technology, and cybersecurity.

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5 Trends to Watch

Securing Smart Building Systems

Heating, cooling, access control, cameras, and elevators are increasingly connected to networks. These systems now represent new entry points for threats that impact both daily operations and safety.

Implication: Agencies are prioritizing stronger controls and monitoring for smart building systems as part of their security planning.

Hybrid Guarding with Remote Monitoring

With staffing shortages continuing, more agencies are blending onsite officers with remote monitoring and video analytics to maintain coverage.

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Vendor & Partner Security

Contracts are starting to include requirements for how vendors handle building access and sensitive data.

Implication: Agencies are looking more closely at vendor practices and expecting security standards to be built into agreements.

Unified Reporting

Auditors and regulators increasingly expect one consolidated report that ties together incidents, access logs, video, and cyber activity.

Implication: Agencies are prioritizing partners who can deliver integrated, audit-ready reporting across systems.

Privacy & Transparency Requirements

State privacy laws and public records requests are expanding, placing new pressure on how agencies manage video retention and data access.

Implication: Security programs must adopt stronger retention policies and access controls to meet legal and public expectations.

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Looking Ahead

These trends highlight how government security is shifting from siloed services to integrated programs that combine people, technology, and cyber protections. Agencies that take a proactive approach in 2026 will be better prepared for compliance demands, resource challenges, and rising public expectations.

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