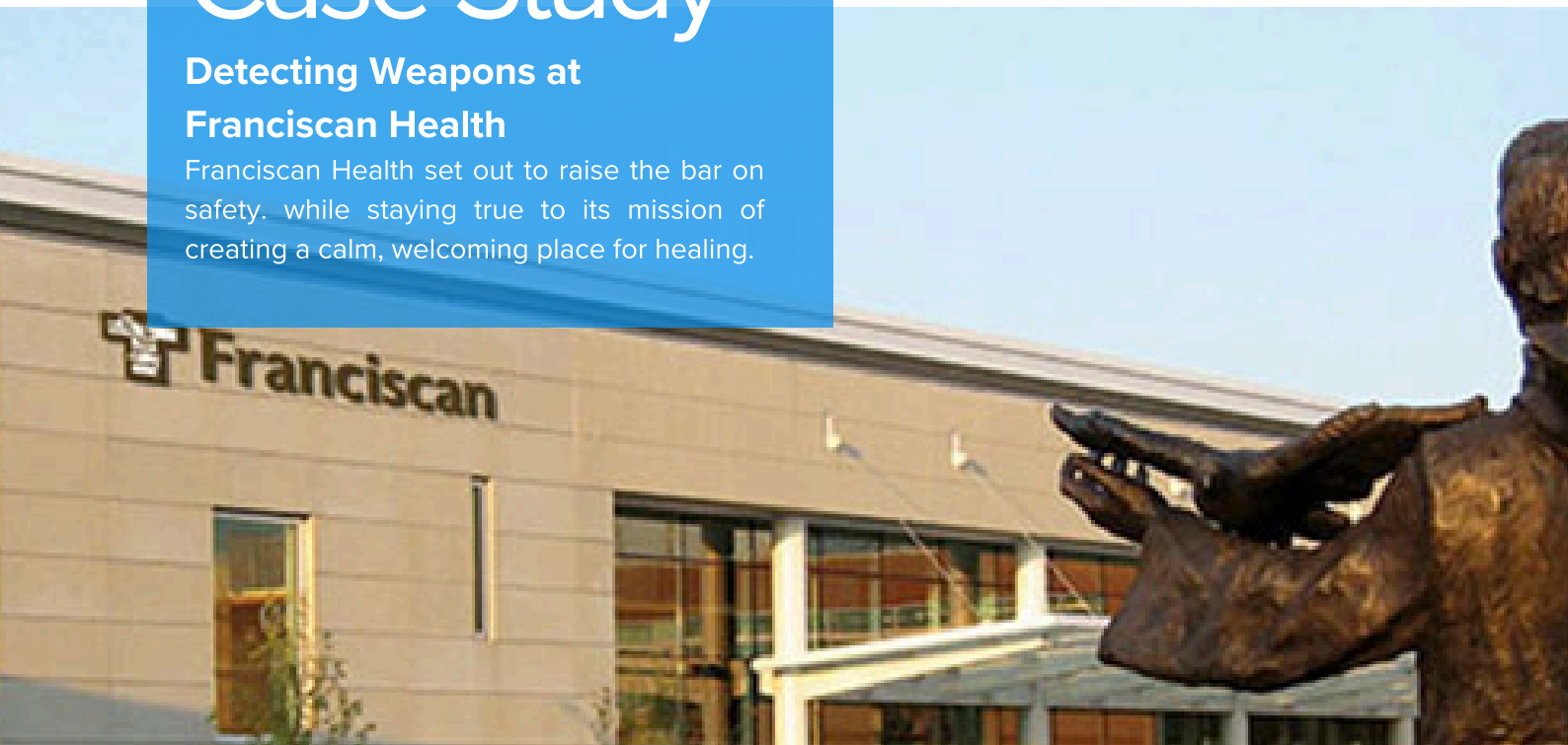


ATHENA Case Study



Detecting Weapons at Franciscan Health

Franciscan Health set out to raise the bar on safety, while staying true to its mission of creating a calm, welcoming place for healing.



CLIENT

Franciscan Health -
Olympia Fields

IMPLEMENTATION YEAR

2025

LOCATION

Olympia Fields, Illinois

CAPACITY

65,000+ ED Visitors per year

UNITS IN USE

1 Screening Location

WEBSITE

www.franciscanhealth.org

KEY FEATURES

- **Emergency Department Screening:** Threat items, both prohibited and legal, are securely stored and cataloged for return upon departure. Strategically placed lockers near screening stations reduce officer response times, supporting a secure and trusted Emergency Department environment.
- **Customized Weapons Log:** Threat items, both prohibited and legal, are securely stored and cataloged for return upon departure. Strategically placed lockers near screening stations reduce officer response times, supporting a secure and trusted Emergency Department environment.

IMPLEMENTATION

In June 2024, Athena partnered with Franciscan Health to design and implement a custom safety solution for the Emergency Department. By December 2024, the system was fully operational and had caught 9 firearms in the first 30 days. Given the unique demands of the ED, Athena tailored its installation and screening procedures to fit the fast-paced, high-stress environment. Staff received in-depth training and real-time guidance to ensure consistency and confidence with the new system. Athena's AI actively monitors the screening area, automatically re-screening individuals when needed to maintain compliance and enhance safety for patients, visitors, and staff alike.



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RESULTS SNAPSHOT

The deployment of Athena's system led to notable safety improvements:

AI and Automation: By replacing manual screenings with smart, automated detection, the system creates a smoother entry experience from the moment someone walks in. It helps staff stay focused, reduces bottlenecks, and supports a more reassuring environment for everyone in the hospital.

Customizable Design: The technology was thoughtfully integrated into the space, prioritizing subtlety and design that fits naturally within the hospital setting—preserving the calm, inviting feel patients and families expect.

Operational Efficiency: The system adapts to the unique protocols of the entry point, helping teams stay consistent and aligned. With AI actively overseeing the screening zones, there's an added layer of oversight that keeps the process secure and prevents anything, or anyone, from slipping through unnoticed.

Staff Training: Hands-on training equipped staff with the confidence and knowledge to carry out every security protocol seamlessly, ensuring nothing was left to chance.



RESULTS OVERVIEW

The implementation of Athena's concealed weapons detection system at Franciscan Health in Olympia Fields led to noticeable improvements in both safety and day-to-day operations. Staff and visitors responded positively to the streamlined process, appreciating its speed, accuracy, and unobtrusive design. The system's flexibility to adapt to different entry protocols within the Emergency Department made it especially effective. With real-time updates and robust reporting tools, the platform continues to support a secure, responsive environment—keeping Franciscan at the leading edge of hospital safety.



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CONCLUSION

At Franciscan Health, Athena's integration of AI and advanced security technology has raised the bar for hospital safety. By adapting to the specific needs of emergency department entry points, the system has enhanced overall security without compromising the compassionate, welcoming atmosphere that defines Franciscan's care. This successful implementation offers a strong example for other healthcare facilities seeking to improve safety while staying true to their patient-first values.

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Deploying a weapons detection platform that works out of the box with software and analytics and is low profile from a perception standpoint, are all critical components to achieve the balance that we were looking for as an organization.

- Raymond A. Martinez
Director, Public Safety & Security

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DETAILED FACTS AND FIGURES

Healthcare Facilities Supported	Security Officers	Outpatient Visits
1	35	65k/yr
Total Threat Items Detected	Firearms Detected	Threat Items Detected Increase
154	14	+22%

