

# Law Enforcement Property and Evidence Improve Efficiency and Compliance with SAM RFID

Solving crime is no easy business. It involves disciplined law enforcement, a thorough investigation, a collection of data and evidence to back up those facts. Maintaining the integrity of evidence is critical to any case and providing a clear Chain of Custody is essential. When a court case is riding on a key piece of evidence, losing any evidence could mean the difference between a conviction or an acquittal. SAM RFID gives you the confidence that all property and evidence are properly tracked and documented, regardless of age. Only RFID can find items, even inside a closed container. SAM RFID is Fast, Accurate and Efficient, making your department more productive.



#### Chain of Custody

From crime scene to forensic laboratory to courtroom, all evidence must be inventoried and secured to preserve its integrity. Evidence admissibility in court is predicated upon an unbroken chain of custody. SAM RFID provides the controls and documentation to prove the evidence introduced at trial is the same evidence collected at the crime scene. SAM RFID also tracks the access to the evidence. If an item is removed without the proper clearance, an alarm can be activated and an email immediately sent alerting of an item leaving the area.



#### **Evidence Retention**

As DNA and forensic testing becomes more prominent, local laws and policies detailing standards for preserving evidence are increasingly important. Compliance with these individual laws and regulations are critical. Using the local guidelines, SAM RFID gives the user the ability to create their own unique Evidence Retention Schedule. The retention schedule can be based on type crime, case closed date, etc. Reports are generated as needed to identify the evidence eligible to be purged. With SAM RFID, the purged evidence is scanned and recorded, thus creating Audit Trails and Chain of Custody documentation.

# Quickly Locate Property and Evidence

Unlike Barcodes, RFID is more efficient because the RFID tags can be electronically read without having to actually see the tag. Barcode based tracking systems require you to locate the Barcode label and then scan it. With RFID, the tag can be read without seeing the item's tag. This allows more flexibility in placing tags, such as imbedding tags inside equipment covers, under handles, inside covers, etc. When you are looking for a piece of evidence, you simply enter or download the ID number and pull the Trigger on the Mobile RFID Reader. As you walk around, scanning boxes of evidence or inside drawers, etc., it will beep when the item is found. There is no better way to find a specific piece of evidence inside a box than with SAM RFID. With Barcodes, boxes are opened and the barcode scanned. If you can see the barcode, then you already have the item in your hand, which shows how Barcode technology is not useful in finding Evidence. What used to take hours manually, will now only take minutes with SAM RFID.

#### Attach Pictures to the Evidence



SAM RFID allows pictures to be added to the Main Database. This feature provides clear identity of the item.



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#### Standard SAM Features



#### Single Evidence Screen

You can create a new evidence record in just minutes with SAM RFID and its single input screen and auto-fill feature, making entering new data or finding existing items on screen much easier.

### Easy Search

When you want to look up an item, simply enter the information on the appropriate field or multiple fields and press FIND. All the related items matching your criteria will instantly be listed. Narrow your search easily by sorting on the appropriate field column and as you type your criteria, the list will become more defined.

# Check In/Out with Optional Purpose

As evidence is pulled, those pieces can be scanned as "Out" of the warehouse along with who took them. The purpose as to why the item was moved (returned to owner, pretrial work, etc.) can be recorded as well. Items can be Checked In/Out via SAM RFID on the computer or via a the SAM Mobile RFID Reader. When the items are delivered, the User, using the SAM Mobile RFID Reader, can scan the Person or Location and scan all of the evidence received. When docked, SAM will update the newly deployed location.

#### Tracks Evidence

SAM RFID is the most efficient way to accurately track evidence going in and out of the Evidence Room and documenting the chain of custody. Unlike Barcodes, RFID can electronically see items within containers or stacked items in a pile. With SAM RFID, all evidence movements are tracked throughout



their active cycle and each movement is documented for future reporting requirements. Evidence and Property can be tracked throughout the facility by placing RFID readers and antennas at doorways and zone areas.

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- Over 20 Text Fields plus Date and Memo Fields
- Field Titles can be Customized by End User
- Multiple Databases Supported
- Works as Client Server or Internet/Intranet
- Seamless Color Label Printing Program Included
- SQL Backend
- Predefined Standard Reports Included
- Export Feature
- Auto Populate Data Fields
- Request Feature
- Allows Pictures of Items to be linked to Data
- Allows Pictures of Employees to be linked to Data
- Tracks Employee's Certifications and Qualifications
- Imaging Feature of Certification Paperwork linked to Employees
- Built in RFID Writing or Linking Capabilities
- Enterprise-wide License
- Multiple Ways to Search/Find Data
- Email Notifications for Overdue or Non-certified Items
- Optional Purpose field for Check In/Out's
- Built in Retention Scheduler
- Tracks Active Items and Archive/Destroyed Items
- Optional Monitoring Screen Displays Items
  Moving Thru Portals
- Optional Portable Reader Allows Easy Physical Inventories
- Optional RFID Portable has Search/Find Feature

