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# **Chapter 1 - The Software**

### Introduction

AlphaEntry™ is a computerized directory display system that provides resident information and communication ability <u>literally</u> at your fingertips. There are different ways to configure AlphaEntry™ depending on your building's specific needs.

As a lobby panel, AlphaEntry™ provides features for visitors to call a resident or commercial resident through an interactive touch screen panel and can be buzzed in by the resident. Visitors are assisted through multi-lingual voice and screen prompts. AlphaEntry™ will also allow quick resident access with personal entry codes.

When used by a Concierge, AlphaEntry™ adds additional features to allow a Concierge or Doorman to easily obtain contact information and place a call to the desired resident's intercom, telephone, cell phone, or work number using either a touchscreen or a conventional flat screen monitor and mouse. As a concierge station, emergency numbers, frequently called numbers at off premises locations, and facility staff or locations can also be immediately accessed. You can have the ability to control lobby lights, taxi lights, gates, elevator calls, cameras, or any other device that uses a momentary or latching dry contact closure to operate (for safety considerations this feature is not recommended for unsupervised garage door opening or closing). Calls to the concierge telephone (if equipped with caller ID and a CID capable modem) features on-screen QwikID™, which not only displays the calling number, but also will search the resident database to show the residents name and apartment. QwikID™ allows handy one touch call back and automatic received call logging.

AlphaEntry™ also enables you to manage your resident's package deliveries, logging both delivery and pick up time/date, and notifying your residents at the lobby panels, and/or by email or text messaging, depending on configuration. AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ is an optional add-on that will allow you to have displays in your mailroom(s) to let your residents know they have received packages as well as view building announcements, local weather forecasts, and more.

AlphaEntry™ can be configured to allow your residents to notify a concierge, security guard, or main office in the event of an emergency by using optional emergency voice call stations or other devices in their residence. These features are invaluable in an Assisted Living scenario.

All these available features can be enabled or disabled in the AlphaEntry™ Editor to customize the application to suit your facility's unique needs and security issues.

With a simple network and/or internet connection, AlphaEntry™ is multi-building capable, and allows a virtually unlimited number of buildings, entrances, concierges, and residents all working from a common database so that information updates and resident changes can be accomplished quickly and easily from any location. With AlphaEntry's online resident interface, residents can update their phone and contact information, change their personal access codes, see when packages have arrived for them, and change their notification options. With the optional AlphaEntry™ Client software or the AlphaEntry™ iPhone App, the residents can even watch live video from the building entry to verify a visitor before allowing them access to the building.

AlphaEntry™ software can be used as a standard dialer telephone entry system, "No Phone Bill" type telephone entry system, and interface to virtually any new or existing intercom system, ALL AT THE SAME TIME, giving you the best of all worlds and ultimate connectivity!!

### System Requirements

The following system requirements must be met to run the AlphaEntry™ application correctly.

- A Windows compatible PC with mouse, hard drive, CD or DVD player
- Pentium 4 Processor or Higher
- Operating system must be Windows XP, Vista, or Windows 7
- Color monitor or color touch screen monitor (standard or widescreen format)
- 1 GB of Ram (minimum)
- One Available USB port (for USB Dongle)
- USB Dongle (provided with AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup> software)

#### Requirements for optional features:

- One additional USB port (if Touch screen is being used)
- One available serial port or additional USB port with serial adapter (if relay boards will be used).
- Caller-ID capable Modem, Dedicated Phone Line, and Concierge Handset, Lobby Handset, or Lobby Open Voice Module are required to call to Suites.
- Camera for Optional Event Log still pictures.
- USB Grabber video converter if using a coax type camera.
- Additional equipment may be required for special customized applications. Please contact Alpha Communications for more information.
- Internet or LAN connection for remote updating and multiple entrance applications.
- Internet connection to allow residents to access AlphaEntry™ to update their information and preferences.

For additional requirement information for the optional AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ add-on, please refer to the AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ manual.

#### **IMPORTANT SYSTEM NOTES**

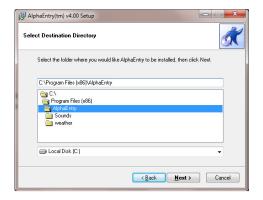
To prevent conflicts between AlphaEntry™ and other installed software, it is highly recommended that the computer be used exclusively for AlphaEntry™ and not loaded with any additional software or used for any other purposes, with the exception of additional Alpha Media products designed to work in conjunction with AlphaEntry™. In addition, all screen savers and system power management/ hibernation options should be disabled. To ensure system reliability and longevity, please check that all hardware is installed and configured as per manufacturer's recommendations and manufacturer's distance limitations and cabling requirements are observed. When planning your installation, consider distance limitations, and potential electromagnetic interference (EMI) sources. It is recommended that a quality battery backup/surge protector/ power filter be used for all devices and components connected to 110VAC power. AlphaEntry systems being used for emergency call, door monitoring, or any other critical application should have their devices tested for proper operation monthly.

# **❖** Installing the AlphaEntry™ Software

### WARNING: Do NOT Insert USB Dongle Until Prompted!!



To begin the installation of AlphaEntry™, please insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The installation wizard will guide you through the process of installation.



Alpha Media, Inc. recommends that AlphaEntry™ be installed in the default directory (C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\).



Check the box for each component you will be installing at this Entry/Master.

- ☐ AlphaEntry™ Entry/Master Software
- ☐ **Editor** For Configuring and Data entry
- ☐ **Log Viewer** To view real time event information
- ☐ **Database** This machine will be the System Server



If you selected the **Database** option, you will be prompted to create a new password. This password will be needed whenever making a new connection to the AlphaEntry database. This password can be any combination of alphanumeric characters (A-Z, 0-9), and is case sensitive.

Once the software has completed the installation process, click the "Finish" button to close the installation program.



On the initial start of AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup>, you will be asked if you wish to use the demo database or start with a clean database. In a facility installation, you will want to start with a clean database and enter real information for that facility but if using a computer for a demo, you may wish to use and/or modify the provided demo database. If you choose to use the demo database initially to acquaint your staff with the editing procedures, you may clear the demo database before entering your own information.

After the installation is complete, you will be instructed to insert the USB Dongle into any one of the USB ports on that computer. The dongle is not required for use of the Editor or Log Viewer.

### ➤ What is a Dongle?

A **Dongle** (pronounced DONG-uhl) is a mechanism for ensuring that only authorized users can use specific software applications. This is your software key that plugs into an available USB port on your computer. Like a key, no two Dongles are alike.



The AlphaEntry™ program accesses this key for verification while running. Removing this key while using AlphaEntry™ will not allow the program to run, but will allow you to use the AlphaEntry™ Editor.

If for any reason your Dongle is lost or damaged, you must obtain another from Alpha Communications®.

## **>** Starting AlphaEntry™

To start AlphaEntry™, Double Click on the AlphaEntry icon on the screen desktop.

### **>** Exiting AlphaEntry™

- Use the regular or on-screen keyboard to spell out the word **EXIT**, and click the red **Reset** button.
- If a **password** has been set, you will be prompted to enter the appropriate password.
- Enter the password and click **OK**.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT DEMO MODE AND YOUR SOFTWARE DONGLE

If a dongle is not installed, AlphaEntry™ will operate in Demo Mode, which will allow full functionality for a period of 30 minutes and then require a restart. The Demo Mode is only allowed 200 starts. When in Demo Mode, the main screen will show DEMO Mode in the upper right corner and will indicate the number of starts used.

# **Chapter 2 - AlphaEntry™ User Operation**

### The Visitor Touchscreen Interface

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

AlphaEntry $^{\text{m}}$  has many available options. The administrator's configuration determines which options are to be used at each entry. The descriptions below assume all available options are enabled.

When a visitor approaches the entrance panel, they will see a welcome message displaying the building name and address. Centered on the welcome screen is a prompt that reads: "Touch Screen to View Directory" in the default language. Below the prompt, buttons listing the other available languages are displayed. If the visitor wishes to see and hear the prompts in one of the other languages they can touch one of the language option buttons and the welcome screen will immediately change to the language of their choice. At the end of their session, the screen will revert to the default language predetermined by the administrator.

AlphaEntry™ comes with English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish languages installed to accommodate different markets. Other language modules are available at additional cost.

After touching the screen to initialize a session, the directory screen will display accompanied by onscreen and voice prompts in the requested language. Residents and/or commercial residents will display in alphabetical order; residents by last name, companies by special order determined by the administrator (ex: Dr. William Gold D.D.S. could be alphabetized by "G"). The up and down arrow buttons can be used to scroll the listing, or the visitor can touch letters or numbers to search. All listings of the last name, company, or suite number that match the entered letter(s) will display. If a match is not found, the screen will reset and the visitor can try again.

When a name is selected, the call box will display and list the available contact method(s). At this time the visitor can press the call button to call the resident or press the Cancel button to return to the Directory screen. After a predetermined time, the directory will close and revert back to the screen saver/ slideshow image(s).

When the call is placed, a countdown timer is displayed to inform the visitor how much time they have before the call is automatically ended. The administrator determines the call duration. In a large system with multiple entries and heavy traffic, this call time can be made shorter to reduce wait time. In a small single entry system a call timer may not be required. All visitors that are waiting at any entry panel for a call to go through are put in a first comefirst served queue and given an indication of approximate wait time for the system to be available. In the event of a Standard Dial Telephone Entry configuration, a heavy traffic system can use separate C.O. lines for each panel to reduce or eliminate wait time.

When the call is answered, the resident has the capability to "buzz" the door by pressing a single touchtone digit on their phone, or pressing the door release button on their intercom after which time the AlphaEntry™ session will end automatically.



### The Doorman / Concierge Interface

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

AlphaEntry $^{\text{m}}$  has many available options. The administrator's configuration determines which options are to be used at each Doorman/Concierge location. The descriptions below assume all available options are enabled.

As in the preceding section, the Doorman/Concierge can place a call to a resident and operate the interface the same as a visitor, using a touch screen or a standard flat screen monitor with mouse. A keyboard is not required unless data editing will be done at this location (an on-screen keyboard utility is available for minor changes when using the Editor). Additional resident call buttons can be made visible to allow the Concierge to contact the resident through a cell phone, home number, or work number in the event of an emergency. Buttons displayed for resident are configurable in the Editor – Setup tab (see pg. 24). Additionally, icons may also be displayed for residents. They are defined below. Icons displayed for resident are configurable in the Editor – Setup tab (see pg. 24).

	Notes	Clicking this icon will display any stored notes pertaining to this resident. These notes are read only and can only be changed in the Editor.
	Show Picture(s)	There is a picture on file of the resident, which can be viewed by clicking that icon.
	Take Picture	There is no picture of the resident on file. Click this icon to take a picture of the resident.
	Message	A text message can be sent to this staff member or resident's cell phone and/or email. Clicking on this icon will open the messaging window. Staff member paging can also be accessed here. Paging can only be sent from the PC with the paging transmitter attached at this time.
	Package	This resident has a package to be picked up. The number below the icon indicates the number of packages (see Pg. 15 for more details).
~	Key	This resident has the door monitor option (see Pg. 64 for more details).

All calls made by the Concierge through AlphaEntry™ are logged and the numbers are not displayed on screen to maintain resident privacy. The Concierge can be equipped with a phone that can dial out for calls not listed, or be restricted only to AlphaEntry™ listings.

# > Emergency, Off Premises, Staff/Other Tabs

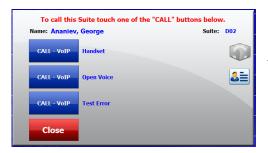
In addition to the regular directory screen, tabs can be turned on for emergency phone contacts and off premises listings enabling the Concierge to place calls from AlphaEntry™ as easily as contacting residents. The "Staff/Other" tab can be used to have call buttons for all personnel or locations (i.e.: restaurant, garage, pool, housekeeping, etc.) for quick and easy communication. All these tabs can be enabled or disabled separately in the Editor – Options tab (see Pq. 33).

### > The Switch Console

Also designed for Concierge use is the Switch Console, which enables AlphaEntry™ to control lighting, taxi lights, doors, cameras, elevator calls, or other devices. Each switch can be configured to operate a controlling relay as either a latching On/Off switch (Push On, Push Off), or a timed momentary contact switch (Push On, Shuts off automatically after a specified time from 0.1 seconds to more than 24 hours). Active switches are indicated by pilot lights. Switches are configured in the Editor − Switch Console tab (see Pg. 37).

### > Taking Resident Photos

# ➤ VoIP Calling & VoIP Group-Calling



If your system uses VoIP Devices, your AlphaEntry™ concierge stations will have the option to call up to a resident's VoIP Device just as they would with any other type of call. Simply click a resident's name, and select the Appropriate VoIP button (as configured in the editor – see pg. 59) of the device you wish to call.



AlphaEntry™ operators also have the ability to call multiple VoIP devices at once for paging purposes. These VoIP zones are configured in the editor (see pg. 51).

There are two pre-configured buttons that will always be available. Call all Zones (will call any device associated to a zone), and Call all Devices (which will call any device programmed in the system).

If you are using VoIP Zones for paging purposes, only open-voice type devices should be included in the zone.

This feature is not intended for emergency/fire alert!!

## ➤ QwikID™ Caller Identification

When the concierge is equipped as a standard dialer system and the dedicated phone line is equipped with Caller ID and a CID capable modem, any call placed from a resident (ring down) or outside caller to the concierge will display on screen with QwikID™ unless this feature has been disabled in the editor. If the caller has blocked the CID information from displaying, then QwikID™ will indicate that the information was not available.

The feature works similarly to Caller ID, displaying the number and name of the calling party (if available through the caller ID information). When a call is received, QwikID™ searches the AlphaEntry™ database. If the calling number matches a resident phone number in the database, the resident name and suite information is added. The actual resident phone number is <u>not</u> displayed to insure privacy. In addition, the call is time and date stamped. All incoming calls are added to an on-screen list which can be viewed by the concierge (to remind him of the call in case follow-up is necessary). The calls are also added to the system log. If an incoming number is not in the AlphaEntry™ database, the phone number will be displayed and recorded as well, providing Caller ID information is available.

Clicking on the green call button will automatically redial the calling number providing the Caller ID information is available. Clicking on the red "X" button will remove the call from the list. A record of the call will be added in the log. If the resident calling in has an associated picture in the system, the picture will pop up on the screen as well, to aid in concierge recognition of the resident.

- If your system has the optional STR QwikBUS™ interface, call down to the concierge will also display in the QwikID window in a similar manner, but with a unique icon and additional features. Please see Pg. 40 for more information.
- If your system uses VoIP devices, call down to the concierge will also display in the QwikID window in a similar manner, but with a unique icon and additional features. Please see Pg.13 for more information.



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

It is recommended that if a resident has blocked their outgoing Caller-ID information and uses a speed dialer to call the concierge, they preface the number with \*82 to temporarily unblock that information so their identity can be recognized by the AlphaEntry $^{\text{TM}}$  system.

To disable this feature, uncheck the Enable QwikID box located on the Editor - Communication tab (see pg.27).



## > Call Forwarding

This AlphaEntry™ feature allows a concierge to intercept calls from an entrance when they are either screening visitors or wish to prevent calls from the entries to the residents at a time when their residents would not want to be disturbed. If this feature has been enabled by the administrator, There will be a button at the top right of the concierge screen which when clicked will alternate between ON and OFF.



When this feature is on, all entries that have been enabled by this feature will operate in this manner:

- Visitor selects resident he wishes to call.
- The call is automatically routed to the concierge.
- The information pops up on the concierge screen identifying the calling entry as well as the information for the resident that the visitor wishes to contact.
- At this point the concierge can speak with the visitor, contact the resident for instructions if necessary, and can open the door through the switch console to allow the visitor access.



AlphaEntry™ will operate in its normal fashion with visitors calling directly to the residents with no intervention from the concierge.

**TIP:** If a resident wishes to always have his calls go to the concierge, then his contact button in his record should contain the concierge's phone number and the concierge can contact the resident for instructions through a second button on the concierge screen. The concierge, however, will not have an indication of whom the visitor wishes to contact, and must obtain this information from the visitor.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

This feature is designed for AlphaEntry Visitor Touchscreen stations with Standard or No Phone Bill (NPB) Telephone-Entry dialing only.

### Package Tracking Feature

One of the many headaches of building management is keeping track of incoming deliveries to your residents, notifying them, and keeping track of which packages have not been picked up yet.

AlphaEntry™ allows your doorman, concierge, or shipment receiver to manage resident packages from their AlphaEntry™ station, and maintains a log of when deliveries are received in, as well as when your resident picks up their packages.

This feature gives your designated employee(s) the ability to display package arrivals to residents through the entry panels, or at a concierge station depending on the needs of your facility. AlphaEntry™ will even send emails and/or text messages automatically to your residents when a package arrives for them!



## ➤ Tracking Packages from Your AlphaEntry™ Station



The screen to the left shows a typical entrance panel. Note the package icon indicating that the resident has a package in the system that needs to be picked up.

This icon can be configured to display or not, depending on your facility's needs. This is done through the Editor/Options tab for each entry/station. With optional AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ software, detailed package information can be displayed, along with local weather, time and building announcements, on additional monitors in your mail room or common areas.

# > To Access Package Tracking through AlphaEntry™



Select the residents name from the AlphaEntry™ call screen.

On the right side of the resident's call box, you will see a package icon. If the resident has packages in the system to be picked up, the icon will display in color as shown to the left with the number of packages shown below. If there are currently no packages waiting for pickup, the package icon will be gray but still clickable to add packages.

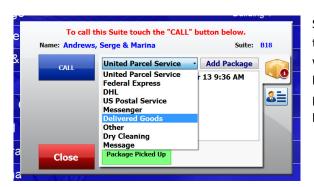
### > To Display Packages in the System for the Resident



When the package icon is clicked on, a listing of current packages for this resident is displayed as shown to the left, giving information on when the package was received and from which carrier with the most recent package at the top.

The delivery time will display just the time if the package was delivered today, show time and date if on a previous date of the current year, or just the date if received in a previous year.

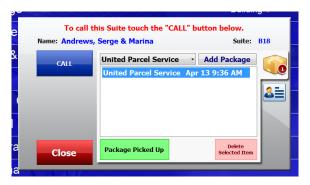
# ➤ Adding a Package



Select the delivery type from the drop down box as shown to the left, and click the Add Package Button. The system will immediately post the new package, timestamp it, and log the transaction in the AlphaEntry™ Log file. To close the package tracking window click on any other part of the call box, or click cancel to close the entire call box.



### ➤ Deleting a Package



In the event that a mistake is made when adding a package, click on the line for the package you wish to delete. Once it is highlighted, two buttons will appear at the bottom of the box.

Click the pink "Delete Selected Item" button. This will remove the package from the list.

# > To Mark a Package as Picked Up



If a resident has one package to pick up, you may click the green "Package Picked Up" button. This will remove the package from the list and log when the package was picked up.

If a resident has multiple packages but only picks up some of them, click on the line for the package you wish to mark as picked up. Once it is highlighted, two buttons will appear at the bottom of the box. Click the orange "Selected Item

**Picked Up"**. This will remove the package from the list and log when the package was picked up. Repeat for additional picked up packages.

If a resident has multiple packages and picks them all up, click the green "All Packages Picked Up" button. This will remove all packages listed for this resident and log the transaction.

### Package Filter Button

Pressing the Package Filter button at the top right of the screen will filter the directory screen to show only the residents with packages to be picked up. Typing any characters or hitting Esc will change the directory back to the unfiltered screen.

### **❖** AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™



AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ is an optional add-on module designed to seamlessly integrate with your AlphaEntry™ systems, which provides display monitors in your mailrooms or other locations to alert residents that they have packages awaiting pickup.

AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ is fully customizable to suit the unique requirements and security concerns of your facility.

### **❖** Using a Standard Keyboard on an AlphaEntry™ Station

In a concierge or staff operated station, it may be easier to use a conventional keyboard and mouse at that PC. The PC keyboard will perform the same search/filter functions as the onscreen directory keyboard. The ESC key functions as the Reset button in the main directory screens and will reset the search parameters. A subsequent press will return you to the previous screen. If no search string has been entered, it will return you to the previous screen on the first press.

The Switch Console, as well as the on-screen tabs, can be easily operated by clicking them with the mouse. For user convenience, if this station is equipped with a touch screen, AlphaEntry™ is designed to recognize both input methods simultaneously.

If this station will have a standard keyboard attached, you may wish to hide the on screen keyboard on that station's Option tab (see pg. 33 for more information). Administrator Shortcuts

Type these 4 letter codes in at an entry or master, either by the onscreen directory keyboard or a standard keyboard if equipped, and then click the **RESET** button, or Enter key, to shut down the entry/master to access other AlphaEntry™ components.

EDIT	Shuts down the entry and invokes the Editor (at this entry only, the rest of the system will be fully functional) if the Editor Software is installed on this Entry/Master.
ZONE	Change this Entry/Master to another Entry/Master or change to another database
LOGS	Shuts down the entry and invokes the Log Viewer.
VIEW	Same as "LOGS"
EXIT	Shuts down the entry and returns control to Windows.



# **Chapter 3 - The AlphaEntry™ Editor**

### Introduction

The AlphaEntry™ Editor allows persons with administrative access to configure all entries/ masters as needed to fit your specific facility. It also allows access to the resident database to add, delete, and modify your resident records.

Because AlphaEntry™ can be used with multiple entries or masters, and since each system is different in it needs, the editor is set up to allow each entry to be configured independently as required by the physical location and facility layout. Two examples of this follow:

#### A simple application:

123 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is an apartment building with a front and side entrance. There is no concierge or attendant. This scenario would require the following:

<u>Location</u>	Will Display
Front Entry	All residents
Side Entry	All residents

#### A more complex application:

Miami Luxury Towers is a gated community consisting of 4 separate buildings. There are 2 concierges located in Building 1 and there are 3 gate entrances to the facility. Gate 1 is exclusive to Bldg. 1. Bldg. 1 and Bldg. 2 have one entrance and share a second common entrance at the rear. Bldg. 3 and Bldg. 4 have one entrance each. The breakdown of this scenario would be:

<u>Location</u>	Will Display	
Gate 1	All residents in Bldg. 1 and the concierges	
Gate 2	All residents in Bldgs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and the concierges	
Gate 3	All residents in Bldgs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and the concierges	
Bldg. 1 Front	All residents in Bldg. 1 and the concierges	
Bldg. 2 Front	All residents in Bldg. 2 and the concierges	
Bldg. 1 & 2 Rear	g. 1 & 2 Rear All residents in Bldg. 1, Bldg. 2 and the concierges	
Bldg. 3	All residents in Bldg. 3 and the concierges	
Concierge 1	All residents in Bldgs. 1,2,3, and 4 with additional concierge features	
Concierge 2	All residents in Bldgs. 1,2,3, and 4 with additional concierge features	

The versatility of AlphaEntry™ enables you to configure difficult facilities in the easiest way possible.



### Programming and System Configuration

# > System Security Codes



The information displayed in the AlphaEntry™ application is maintained in a database file. This file stores resident and business names, locations, and necessary contact information. Alpha Media, Inc. has developed the AlphaEntry™ Editor to allow the administrator to input names, locations, and phone numbers as well as set administrative options easily.

To access the Editor, click the "AlphaEntry Editor" Icon on your desktop. If you are currently running AlphaEntry™, type EDIT at the on-screen keyboard then hit the Reset button or, if equipped with a keyboard at this station, type in EDIT and hit Enter (see Administrative Shortcuts). If a security code has been set, the code entry pad pops up as shown below.

Security codes can be any combination of alphanumeric characters, A-Z and 0-9, and must be a minimum of three characters in length. Security codes are not case sensitive.

Touch or click the keypad buttons to enter your alphanumeric code.

If your station is equipped with a keyboard you may type your security code and hit Enter.

Once your code is entered, the Main editor screen will appear.

Although it is not required for system operation, we recommend creating an administrator security code, if you have not already done so, to prevent unauthorized changes or viewing of data and system configuration settings. To establish your access code, you must create a record for yourself under the Staff/Other tab.



### Creating System Security Codes

From the Editor Main Screen, click the **Directory** 

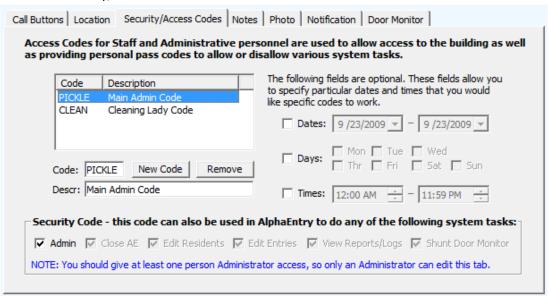
- Click on the Staff/Other tab.
- At the bottom of this screen click the 'New' button. The Person radio button is selected by default.

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• Enter your First Name and Last Name in the proper fields, and then click the Add button at the bottom of the screen. This adds your record to the AlphaEntry™ database. At this time, your name will appear under the list of Staff on the left.

Button.

- Select your name by clicking on it from the list.
- Click on the Security/Access Codes tab.



- In the section above, click the New Code button.
- In the Code box, enter the security password/code of your choice. Security codes can be any combination of alphanumeric characters, A-Z and 0-9, and must be a minimum of three characters in length. Security codes are not case sensitive.
- In the Description box, you may choose to enter an optional description for this code.
- In the Security Code section at the bottom, check the tasks you wish to allow for this staff member. Checking the Administrator Box will automatically allow all tasks (all boxes will be checked and gray out).

  When completed, click the Add Code button.
- To modify a code or its privileges, highlight it in the Code Box above and make the changes below.
- To remove a code, highlight it and hit the remove button.
- Security codes can be set up in each staff member's record for building entry as well as AlphaEntry™ system
  maintenance and restricted to certain dates and times. Descriptions of the various privileges are listed
  below. If no privileges are selected for a staff member then their code would be used just for building entry.

User Privileges		
Administrator	This level allows total access to all functions of	
Administrator	AlphaEntry™	
Close AlphaEntry	This will allow a user to close an entry and/or change	
Close Alphaethu y	zones if needed.	
Edit Residents	This privilege will allow the user to add, delete, and	
Luit Residents	make changes to the resident records.	
Edit Entries/ MailRooms	This privilege will allow the user to make changes to	
Luit Littles/ Wallhooms	entry and mailroom configurations.	
Vious Poports / Logs	This privilege will allow the user to view logs and	
View Reports/ Logs	generate system reports.	
	This privilege will allow the user to temporarily shunt a	
Shunt Door Manitaring	resident's door monitoring feature. Doing so will notify	
Shunt Door Monitoring	the system to ignore any alarms that may come from	
	the resident's suite during the shunted period.	

### > The Main Editor Screen

The Entries Editor is comprised of 11 tabbed screens. Depending on initial configuration some of these tabs may not be active. The following pages are descriptions of each screen, and information on all the questions related to them.

Each Lobby panel, Concierge station, or Gate panel, is fully configurable separately to be able to fit the needs of the facility. In the above example, you will see that "Concierge 1" has been selected. All the tabs to the right are only for the "Concierge 1" station.

# > Explanation of The Editor's On-Screen Buttons



The Directory button at the upper left corner of the Editor screen will access the AlphaEntry™ directory database to allow additions, deletions, and editing of resident, emergency, off premises, and staff/location information to be displayed. See Page 26

"Entering Contact Information" for further editing information.



**The Change Database Button** allows you to change to a different database for editing and configuration. This is usually done when editing several different systems from a remote location by Internet access. Pressing this button will open the window below.



#### **Database Selector Window**

Enter your user name, password, server address, and the port number of the system you wish to modify, and then click on the Connect to Database Button. Clear-Out Demo Database If The Clear-Out Demo Database button is visible, you are operating the system using the Demo database. To clear out the database to add new information for your system, you may hit this button. Any modifications or additions you may have made to the Demo

Database will also be deleted. Once you have removed the Demo information, this button will also be removed to prevent the inadvertent deletion of your facility database.

Add a New Entry Click The **Add a New Entry** button to add a new entry to the system. You will be prompted to enter the new building or entry/master name. When completed, the name will be added to the list of system entries on the left of Main Editor screen. See Page 7 for more detailed information

regarding configuring of entry/ masters.

Remove Selected Entry Click The **Remove Selected Entry** button to remove a highlighted entry from the system. You will be asked to confirm before the entry/master is deleted. This decision is irreversible.



Close

Clicking The **On-Screen Keyboard** button enables a pop up keyboard. This is helpful when making minor changes to the system from one of the touch screen entries when no standard keyboard is available.

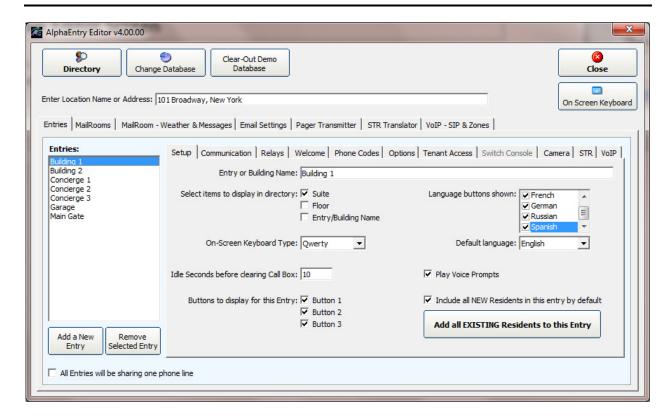
The **Close** button will exit the Editor program and prompt you to launch AlphaEntry™.

In AlphaEntry™ 4, configuring your system to your application must start by answering basic setup questions. The first two questions relate to all entries/masters for the system. As a point of clarification, "Entry" is generally a public access screen at an entrance lobby or gate and a "Master" is a Concierge, Doorman, or Administrative access screen. Other than these labels, they are synonymous and all function in the same manner dependent on individual settings.

#### **Enter Location Name or Address**

Use this field to enter the name or address of the building (if one location) or complex. This will be displayed on the welcome screen and the top of the main user screen(s). (i.e. "161 Street & River Avenue" or "Miami Luxury Towers").

### ➤ Main Tab #1 - Entries



Each entry/master may have different settings depending on your application so the editor is designed to allow separate configurations for each location.

#### To set up your first entry/master location:

- Click the Add New Entry button.
- Enter an appropriate descriptive and unique name for the location (i.e. Front Lobby, Building 2, Concierge)
- Click OK.

The name you have chosen will now appear in the list box of Entries and Masters to the left. Clicking on the name will enable the configuration boxes to the right for that specific location. The location name will be displayed at the top of the main screen for that entry.

### Entries Tab #1 – Entry Setup

#### **Entry or Building Name:**

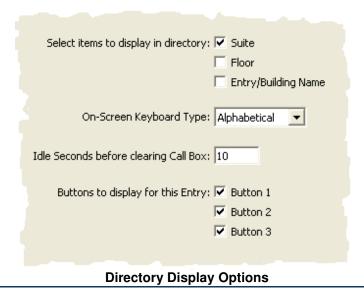
The name for this specific location will be placed in this field automatically however, if you choose to rename this location now or at a later date, you can edit it here and it will be updated in the system immediately.



#### Select items to display in directory:

Each entry/master will display just the resident/company name by default however you can list additional information for each resident if desired. The Suite number can be listed or omitted depending on your security issues or special configuration needs.

The Floor number can also be listed. If you are using this entry point for communication to several buildings, the building numbers can be listed. Please check the appropriate boxes for your needs at this entry/master.



#### On Screen Keyboard type:

The Keyboard can be set to **Alphabetical** or **"QWERTY"** keyboard style depending on preference. Default is Alphabetical. With multiple entries, each entry can be configured individually.

#### Idle Seconds before clearing call box:

Determines how long a call box will display. When a name is selected, a call box will pop up. If a call is not initialized within this specified time (between 5 to 999 seconds) the call box will automatically close and control will revert to the main directory. A recommended setting for this time is between 5-15 seconds. If the duration specified exceeds the "Idle Settings before re-displaying Welcome Screen" value, a warning box will appear after entering that value.

#### Buttons to display for this Entry:

Because AlphaEntry™ can interface with many different communication devices; the buttons can be used to connect to a resident's intercom, telephone, dummy phone, cell phone, or work phone. Up to three buttons can be programmed for each resident.

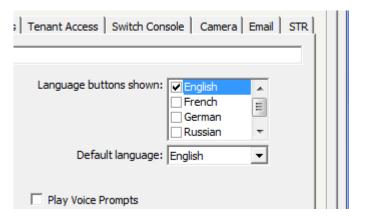
With a Concierge station, usually all three buttons would be available to call the resident. So even if the resident was not at home (1<sup>st</sup> button) you could reach them on their cell phone (2<sup>nd</sup> button) or even a work number (3<sup>rd</sup> button) in the event of an emergency or situation that would require immediate contact. On an entry panel used by visitors you might want to display the 1<sup>st</sup> button for the suite phone only. Each Entry/Master can be configured to show one, two or all three buttons, or even no buttons if you want to use that particular entry as a directory without contact capabilities. Every effort has been made to make AlphaEntry™ flexible enough to be easily configured to your facility's needs.

To configure the buttons that show at this entry, check the boxes for the buttons you want visible.



#### Default Language:

AlphaEntry™ prompts can be displayed in English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish. You can even use a different language at each entrance if you wish. Simply select your languages of choice from the drop down menu shown below.



**Language Display Options** 

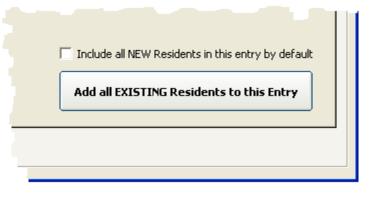
Buttons will appear on the main screen to allow visitors to select their preferred language during their session with AlphaEntry™. When their call is done, the entry will return to the default language which must be selected in the default language dropdown box.

#### Play Voice Prompts:

Checking the Play Voice Prompts checkbox will enable audio prompts as well as visual prompts in the chosen language. This is a valuable tool for those who may be visually impaired. Your entry must be equipped with speakers connected to the PC for this feature.

#### Adding Residents automatically:

If you have already entered residents into the database, this feature enables you to automatically add them to the entry/master that you are currently configuring. In some applications, such as two entrances in one building where all residents would be listed, this saves data entry time by automatically marking all resident records for inclusion in the display using the **Add all EXISTING Residents** button rather than having to change each record manually. If you have a situation where most of your residents will be listed but not all, you may still want to mark all for inclusion and then override the individual resident records by removing them from a specific entry/master using the display check boxes (shown below). Obviously, this global change must be used cautiously because it will change all the records and is an irreversible action. A warning box to this effect will appear when this button is selected.



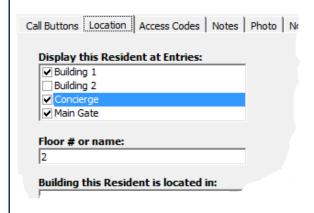
**Automatic Adding of Residents Features** 



#### Include all NEW Residents by default

This check box will automatically mark a new resident record to display at this entry/master as they are added to the database to save data entry time. Individual records can be changed at any time through the resident record editor.

Where an individual resident is displayed can be seen by accessing the individual resident record/ Location tab where all entry/masters in the system will be displayed. The picture below shows the portion of the Resident record where these changes are applied. Note in this example that this particular resident will display on the Building 1 entry screen as well as the Main Gate and Concierge screens but not display in the Building 2 entry.



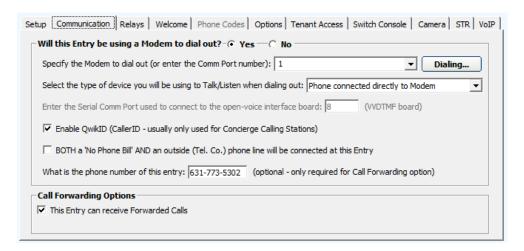
#### All entries will be sharing one phone line?

#### (Telephone Entry/ Multiple Entry systems)

Check this box if all entries will share the same telephone line. If a Telephone Entry/ multiple entry system will be used, the different entries can share the same telephone line or each has their own dedicated line. If the facility has several entrances and high visitor traffic, then it is recommended to use separate lines. If shared, when one entry is in use, the other entries, when placing a call, will display a system busy indication with an approximate waiting time. All calls placed through AlphaEntry™ will be put in a first come-first served queue and will be processed in order as soon as the system is available for the next call. If a system has one or more concierge stations then separate lines should always be used.

### • Entries Tab #2 - Communication

The settings in this area allow you to specify the modem you want to use for call-down/call-up, the type of handset/speaker-mic you're using, as well as other common features related to telephone dialing.



#### Will this Entry be using a Modem to dial out?

If your system will use a dedicated phone line or "no phone bill" equipment, the computer will require a modem to interface to those connections. Please refer to System Requirements on Pg.2 to determine the correct modem type. If the **Yes** radio button is selected, the following questions will need to be answered. If the **No** radio button is selected, the following questions will be grayed out and not required for this entry.

#### **Dialing Button**

This will open a dialog box where you can specify special dialing prefix requirements for your area. For more information about this feature, see **Appendix E** 

#### Specify the modem to dial out:

You will most likely have only one choice available unless your computer is equipped with multiple modems. If using an external modem, you may enter a Comm Port number.

#### Select the type of device you will use to Talk/Listen when dialing out:

Choices are Open Voice (Brown Box), Open Voice (Lt. Gray Box), Handset (Black Box), Handset (Brown Box), or Phone connected directly to modem. Each entry/ master can be configured independently.

#### Enter the Serial Comm Port used to connect the open-voice interface board:

If Open-Voice speaking has been selected above, you must specify which serial port will be connected to the open voice interface boards. Otherwise, this field will be grayed out.

#### Maximum number of seconds a call can last: Open Voice ONLY

At an open-voice entry, the call will end when the resident buzzes the visitor in. If the visitor is not buzzed in, there must be a way for the program to end the call. This has been done by limiting the amount of time the call will stay active before reverting back to a ready state for the next visitor. Usual suggested time is 45 seconds but you can specify 10 to 999 seconds for this function. The screen will display a "countdown bar" to the visitor to indicate when the call will be ending. The call can also be canceled by pressing the "Cancel Call" button that will appear on screen.

#### **Enable QwikID: Concierge ONLY**

Check this box if this station will be receiving incoming calls and wishes to see who is calling down or calling in from outside. Refer to Pg. 7 for more QwikID information.

#### Both a "No Phone Bill" AND an outside phone line will be connected at this Entry?

Check this box if this Entry will use this configuration.

#### What is the Phone Number for this entry?

If your system will use the call forwarding option, the phone number of this entry is required. Otherwise it is optional but recommended.

#### "This Entry can Forward its Calls to another Entry" (Visitor Panel)

When checked, all calls will be sent to the station selected in the drop box (usually a Concierge). The information of whom they are trying to contact will be displayed at the receiving station enabling the Concierge to screen visitors for their residents when required.

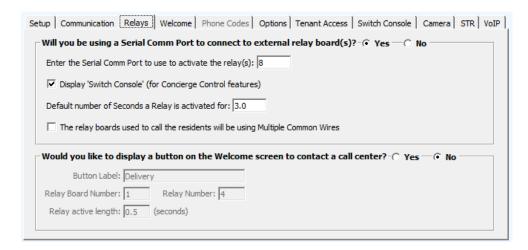
#### "This Entry can receive Forwarded Calls" (Concierge)

When checked, this location will have a button that will toggle the Call Forwarding feature On & Off. When this feature is on, all visitors calling at the forwarding panel will be forwarded to this location with on screen information on which resident they are trying to contact.



### • Entries Tab #3 - Relays

The settings in this area allow you to specify the Comm Port your relay board(s) is hooked into, as well as other common features related to your relay board(s).



#### Will you be using a Serial Comm Port to connect to external relay boards?

AlphaEntry™ can be used as a telephone entry type system and may not require use of relay boards. However if AlphaEntry™ is interfaced to a conventional intercom system or requires door strike control or special functions such as on screen concierge building controls (Switch Console) or other special applications then one or more relay boards will be required.

If Yes is selected, then you will be required to answer the remaining four questions on this tab.

If **No** is selected, the remaining answers are not required and will be grayed out.

#### Enter the Serial Comm Port to use to activate the relays:

If the radio button "Yes" is selected then you must assign which serial port will be used to connect to the relay boards. More information on available Ports can be found on your PC by the methods below:

#### Windows 2000, 2003 Server, XP

- Click the Windows Start Button
- Right-click on **My Computer**
- Select Properties
- Select **Hardware**
- Select Device Manager
- Expand (+) Ports

#### Windows Vista, Windows 7

- Click the Windows Start Button
- Right-click on Computer
- Select Properties
- Select Device Manager
- Expand (+) Ports

#### Display "Switch Console"

The Switch Console is used for Concierge control of lights, gates, cameras, elevator calls, etc. If this feature is used by your application, it will control relays providing either momentary or latching dry contact closures. Checking this box enables the Switch Console configuration tab in the Editor and the Switch Console tab on the AlphaEntry™ directory screen. This feature is usually used for Concierge controls however; it can be enabled for any entrance if special needs require it.



#### Default number of Seconds a relay is activated for:

When AlphaEntry™ is interfaced to a conventional intercom system the program presses the apartment call button using the relay board(s). To make AlphaEntry™ as adaptable to your requirements as possible, the amount of time the relay will be energized is determined here. Default time is 3 seconds. Duration can be set from .1 seconds to 999 seconds.

#### The relay boards used to call the residents will be using Multiple Common Wires

Some intercom systems use a matrix based wiring scheme and may require multiple commons. If your existing system uses this method, then this box must be checked. This will add a common wire field to the resident button fields to allow proper system configuration.

#### **Optional Relay Call Button**



In some facilities, there may be a need for a visitor or delivery person to contact a staff member, off premises call center, or even ring a bell at a location. AlphaEntry™ allows you to place a call box on the Welcome Screen which when pressed, will close a dry contact relay on the optional RY008AE board (if you use a door release controlled by at this entrance, you probably already have this board as part of your system). This call box can be easily customized for your specific needs in the editor with the fields shown above.

#### To configure this call box:

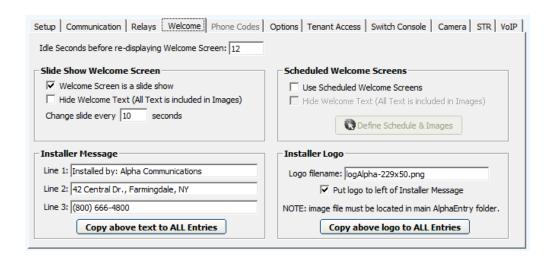
Select the YES Radio button

**Button Label:** Enter the text you wish to show on the button.

Enter the Relay Board and Relay number you wish to be energized when this button is pushed **Relay Active Length:** Enter the duration of the relay closure in seconds (0.1 to 999 seconds)

Enter an optional icon.

### • Entries Tab #4 – Welcome



#### Idle Seconds before displaying Welcome Screen

This field controls the amount of time in seconds that the active window will revert back to the Welcome screen picture(s).



#### Slide Show Welcome Screen

The Welcome Screen settings allow the administrator full customization of pictures and text.

By checking the "Welcome Screen is a slide show" box, the screen background will automatically change pictures at the interval chosen in the "Change Slide every" field. (5 –999 seconds)

When you put a check mark in the box next to "Hide Welcome Text" it will take out the text overlay leaving the Welcome Screen just with the background image. This allows the administrator to make any custom graphics with their own Welcome Screen text.

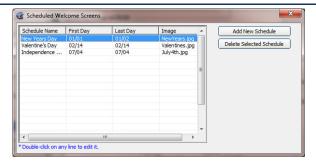
The graphics file default location is C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\SlideShowPics

#### Installer Message:

These fields allow the installer or maintenance company to display contact information at the administrator's discretion. The message will appear in the bottom left corner of the welcome screen.

As a convenience to the installer, clicking on the installer information to all existing entries automatically.

#### Scheduled Welcome Screen



The Scheduled Welcome Screens, when enabled, allows the AlphaEntry™ Welcome Screen to display alternate special images. This feature is generally used when AlphaEntry™ is used as a lobby panel for public and resident use. It allows the administrator to display a background image relating to a holiday greeting, special event, or announcement during a programmed date range. Checking the "Use Scheduled Welcome Screens" box will automatically enable the special messages to activate when the

current date is within the administrator's determined date range.

Placing a check mark in the box next to "Hide Welcome Text" leaves the Welcome Screen images only.

Clicking/Touching Define Schedule & Images will open the screen where the administrator can input and delete scheduled welcome screens and adjust date ranges.

**Please Note:** The Define Schedule & Images button is grayed out if the "Use Scheduled Welcome Screen" is not checked.

To add a special welcome screen, click the "Add New Schedule" button. A window will open where you can specify the starting and ending dates. The administrator will also specify the image name. A thumbnail of the selected image will appear on the lower right.

The graphic can be created in any graphic program in .jpg, .gif, .bmp, or .png format.

To delete a scheduled entry, highlight from the list on the left, and click the "Delete Selected Schedule" button.

When scheduled screens are used it will automatically suspend the slideshow during the date range associated with the scheduled screen.

The scheduled graphics file default location is: C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\SchedulePics

### Entries Tab #5 – Phone Codes



If you are using AlphaEntry™ as a telephone entry type system, the phone codes tab will be enabled. This screen is used to configure relays to respond to DTMF tones produced by the resident's telephone. This allows the residents to operate door releases or control other necessary devices. It is highly recommended that you enter a description to document what the relay usage will be.

#### Adding a phone code:

Enter the phone key you wish to control the device in the Phone Code field (0-9, \*, or #).

Enter the Relay you will be using to control the device. You can have up to 16 boards of 8 relays each depending on your application so you must enter the board number and then the relay number in their respective fields.

Enter the duration in seconds that the relay will be activated. The Editor will insert the previously specified global default relay time, but this can be overwritten. The duration of activation can be from 1 – 999 seconds.

#### Deleting a phone code:

Highlight the line of the relay you wish to remove by clicking on it. Press the **Remove Selected Phone Code** button to the right. **Note:** Only one relay line can be removed at a time to prevent accidental deletions.

#### Editing a phone code:

Highlight the line of the relay you wish to edit by clicking on it.

The information for that line will appear in the Add/Edit fields below and can then be modified as needed. When editing is finished for that relay press the "Add Phone Code" button and the information will be added into a new line. When you are sure your listing is correct, highlight the old line and click the "Remove Selected Phone Code" button.

#### A few notes regarding phone codes and relays:

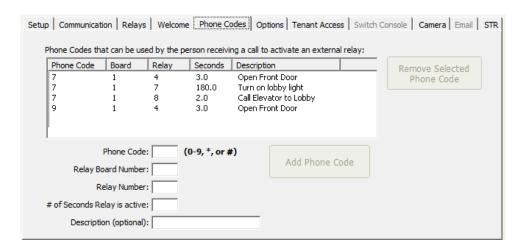
The relays provided on the RY008AE boards are factory set to be <u>Normally Open</u> but can be individually changed to a <u>Normally Closed</u> state if needed, by changing the relay's jumper on the board.

#### Setting one number to operate more than one relay:

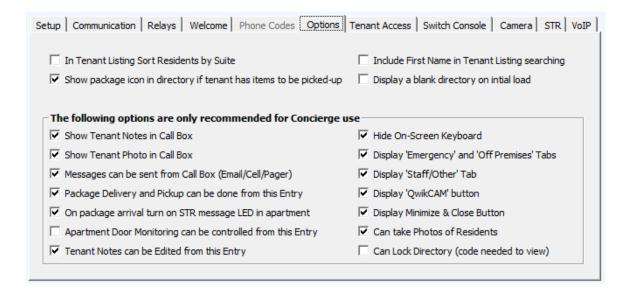
In the example below, pressing the 7 key will release the door for 3 seconds on one relay, turn on the inside lobby lighting for 180 seconds on a second relay, and call an elevator to the lobby with a third relay set for a 2 second duration (wired in parallel with the lobby elevator call button).



#### Setting more than one number to activate a relay:



### Entries Tab #6 – Options



#### "In Tenant Listing Sort Residents by Suite"

Checking this box allows an entry or concierge screen to display tenants by ascending Suite number instead of alphabetically by tenant last name. To also include First name field in the search, check the "Include First Name ..." Box also.

#### "Include First Name in Resident Listing Search"

When searching for a resident on screen, typing either the first few characters of the Last Name or the Suite Number will filter the listing until you can easily find who you are looking for. If you wish to also filter by the First Name field you can check this box.

#### "Show a Package Icon in Tenant Listing..."

If checked, this option will display an icon when a tenant has a package or message waiting for them.



#### "Show Tenant Notes in Call Box" (Concierge)

Checking this option will allows concierge station operators to view notes about the tenants from the call box. This is recommended as a concierge option and not used on a visitor entry panel.

#### "Show Tenant Photo in Call Box" (Concierge)

Checking this option will allows concierge station operators to view a picture of the tenants from the call box. This is usually a concierge option and not used on a visitor entry panel.

#### "Messages can be sent from Call Box (Email/Cell/Pager)" (Concierge)

This checkbox allows the messaging icon to be visible within the call box so that manual Staff and Tenant text messages can be sent to pagers, cell phones, or by email.

#### "Package Delivery & Pickup can be done from this Entry" (Concierge)

This checkbox allows processing of tenant packages through this entry/master. This procedure is done through the tenant call box by clicking on the package icon.

#### "On Package Arrival turn on STR message LED in Apartment" (Concierge)

Enabling this option will automatically turn on a tenant's message light when a package arrives for them and is entered into the system. **Note:** STR QwikBUS Intercom Stations are required for this feature.

#### "Apartment Door Monitoring can be Enabled from this Entry" (Concierge)

This option enables the concierge to remotely activate the resident's door monitoring feature, if equipped, from his console.

#### Tenant Notes Can be edited from this Entry

Enabling this option will allow Resident Notes to be edited by the staff manning the selected entry. This gives you the option of allowing the staff to edit the Notes without opening the Editor software.

#### "Hide On-Screen Keyboard" (Concierge)

This checkbox is usually used at a concierge station where the PC has a regular keyboard and the onscreen touch keyboard is not needed. This allows more room for resident listings.

When the keyboard is not displayed, the **Keyboard** button at the bottom right of the screen can be clicked on to display the keyboard when needed.



#### Display "Emergency" and "Off Premises" tabs: (Concierge)

If this check box is checked, the additional tabs on the Information screen will be visible and enabled. This is usually done for a Concierge or Doorman operated system if you wish your concierge to have access to these features. It is rarely done when used as a lobby panel for resident and visitor use but is available if your application should require it for special applications.



#### Display "Staff/Other" Tab: (Concierge)

If this check box is checked, the Staff/Other tab on the Information screen will be visible and enabled. This allows a Concierge or Doorman quick access to contact other staff members or locations (i.e.: office, garage, housekeeping, front entrance panel, etc.) by phone, email, or pager depending on configuration and hardware.

#### Display "QwikCAM" Button: (Concierge)

With this box checked, a concierge can easily access the cameras on the AlphaEntry system by clicking on

the 🤎

QwikCAM icon near the top right of the screen.

#### "Display Minimize & Close Buttons" (Concierge)

This checkbox allows the minimize and close button to be visible on a concierge screen to allow the PC to be used for other functions without exiting AlphaEntry™ or to close AlphaEntry™ without the "EXIT" code. The pass code is still necessary to be able to exit the program in this fashion.

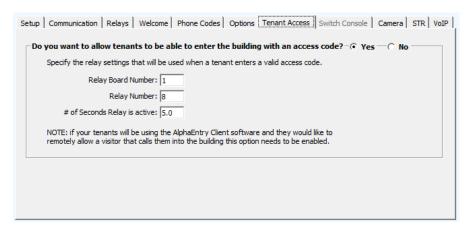
#### Can Take Photos of Residents

Enabling this option will allow the staff manning the selected entry to take photos of the Residents using a local camera. This gives you the option of allowing the staff to associate photos to residents without opening the Editor software.

#### Can Lock Directory

This option allows the directory to be locked from viewing. When this option is enabled you will see a pad lock button at the top of the AlphaEntry directory to turn the directory locking on. When the pad lock button is clicked it will ask for an access code. Then to disable the locking you will need an access code to view the directory. An access code with the admin or close AE ability will allow you to lock and unlock the directory.

### • Entries Tab #7 – Tenant Access



If relay boards are being used in your application, residents can let themselves in by entering a personal password. This screen is used to connect the relay(s) that you will use to release the door(s). The program must know which relay on which board will be activated when a resident's password is entered on the lobby screen. Each resident will

have, at the administrator's discretion, an individual password with the option to have additional passwords for special usage (*refer to Pg. 46 - Assigning Resident Access Codes*). Specify the Board number, relay number, and duration of closure in the fields provided. If a Normally Closed relay is required for a Magnetic Lock or other special device, a jumper on the relay board for that specific relay can be moved to make the relay operate as Normally Closed. Please be sure to check that amperage and voltage requirements do not exceed relay tolerances.

#### Important Postal or Service Personnel Access information

If your application requires access for a mail carrier, or other service provider requiring access and you wish to allow entry through the lobby touchscreen you must answer this question yes and follow these steps.

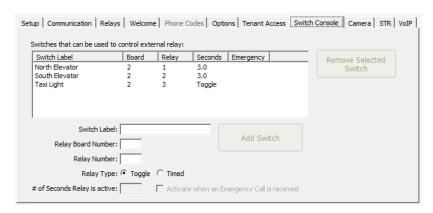
- Make a new commercial listing putting "Mailman" in the Business Name field
- Make a non-existent Suite # (Example: "M")
- Check the Hide Listing Box so "Mailman" does not show in the resident listings.
- Enter a Resident Access Code of your choice (Example: 123)

The Mail Carrier will now be able to release the door by entering "M123" at the lobby panel. This procedure can be used for other service personnel that require building entry on a regular basis. By listing each service person and their pass code separately, the event log will display time and date of access for each person.

**Note**: A standard Postal Lock can be interfaced with the system however there will be no record of access in the event log.



### Entries Tab #8 – Switch Console



If external relay boards are used, another available feature included in AlphaEntry™ is the ability to control lobby lights, taxi lights, gates, elevator calls, cameras, ADA automatic doors, or any other device that uses a momentary or latching dry contact closure to operate (for safety considerations this feature is not recommended for unsupervised garage door opening or closing).

These features are usually used only for concierge or building management masters.

Each RY008AE board has eight programmable relays. Some of the relays are reserved for system use, dependent on configuration, but others are available to be programmed to respond to DTMF tones sent by the resident telephones (when configured as a telephone entry system) or concierge operated switches. Up to a total of (8) RY008AE boards (64 relays total) can be chained on the same serial cable run if your application requires additional switches.

The relays provided on the RY008AE boards are factory set to be <u>Normally Open</u> but can be individually changed to <u>Normally Closed</u> state if needed, by changing the relay's jumper on the board. **Note**: Please be sure to check that amperage and voltage requirements do not exceed relay tolerances, and be sure to use isolation relays for 110 VAC applications to prevent possible system damage. All of these available features can be enabled or disabled in the AlphaEntry™ Editor to customize the application to suit your building's unique needs and security issues.

#### Adding a switch console activated relay:

- 1. **Switch Label:** Using the appropriate fields below the main box, enter a label to identify the switch function. This label will be displayed on the button.
- 2. **Relay Board Number:** Enter the Relay Board Number for the relay to be used. (1-16)
- 3. **Relay Number:** Enter the Relay position on the board (1-8)
- 4. **Relay Type:** Specify if this relay will be used as a latching/toggled switch (Push ON, Push OFF), or a Timed switch (after pressing the switch the relay will remain active for a specified amount of seconds). If the switch is timed, enter the time duration the relay will remain active (between 0.1 999 seconds).
- 5. Add Switch: When finished, press the "Add Switch" button.

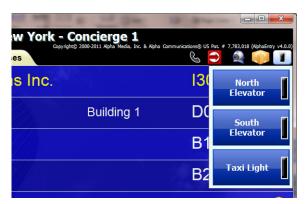
#### Deleting a switch console activated relay:

- 1. Highlight the switch to be deleted.
- 2. Press the "Remove Selected Switch" button

#### Editing a switch console activated relay:

- 1. Highlight the switch to be edited.
- 2. Edit the switch information in the fields provided below, and then press the "Add Switch" button.



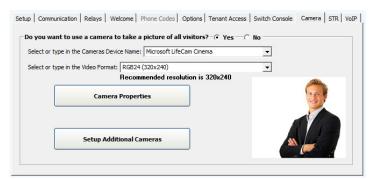


← Switch Console Tab When a switch is activated on screen, its pilot light will glow

red to indicate the switch is on. If any of the switches are active, the pilot light indicator on the Switch Console tab will also illuminate, as an indication when the Switch Console is minimized.

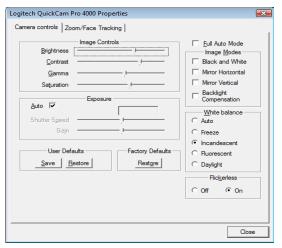
## • Entries Tab #9 – Camera Configuration

**PLEASE NOTE**: In some jurisdictions there are laws regulating video camera recording and this feature may not be permitted in some states or localities. Please check with local authorities to determine if this function can be used.



AlphaEntry ™ keeps an event log whenever the lobby panel is used. If a camera is connected to this entry, it will take a snapshot to be included in the event log. This camera should be mounted in the panel, or elsewhere in the lobby area in such a way as to see the visitor or resident using the lobby panel. For camera set up convenience, the live feed from the camera will display in the lower right side of the box if

it has been connected and enabled. In a concierge situation, some facilities mount a dome camera behind the concierge to capture visitors standing at the desk for the log. If this installation has an Internet connection, you can allow your residents to see live video on their computer or iPhone® from this camera to verify visitors.



Clicking on the open the window shown to the right. This window will vary with the camera and device driver that is chosen, but can be used to optimize and adjust the camera for the best picture results. With most cameras, a live window will open so you can view your adjustment results.

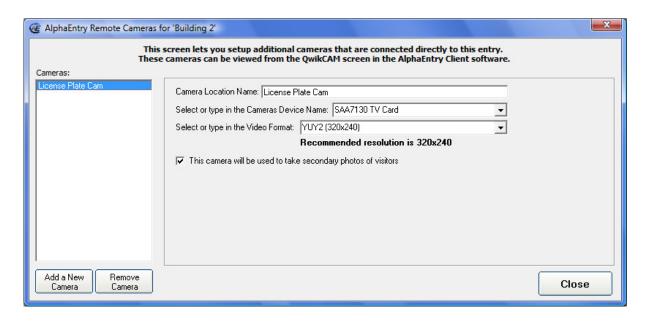
Always be sure to take variations in lighting during the day into account. **Note:** The Camera Properties button is only accessible from the PC that has the camera attached.

#### Adding Additional Cameras

Clicking on the

button will open the window shown below.





This window will allow you to add one or several additional cameras, which will attach directly to the entry/master PC you are currently configuring.

Add a New Click the Camera button and respond to the prompt giving the camera location name.

Once the location is listing in the box to the left, click to highlight it and, on the right, select the camera you will be assigning to this location. The drop down box will list all available cameras attached directly to this PC.

When the camera has been selected, the resolutions, format, or other camera specific information should appear in the next drop down box.

A live picture and a Camera Properties button will appear so that adjustments can be made in aiming and configuring the camera for best picture quality.

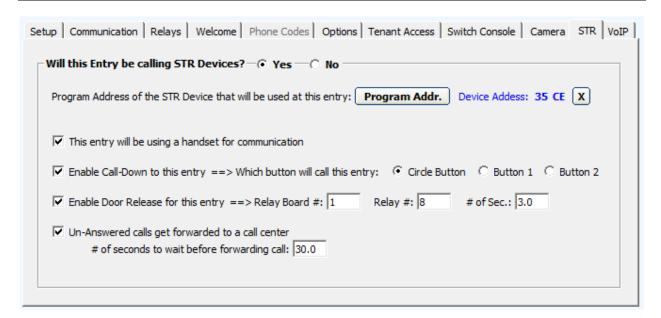
These cameras can be viewed throughout the system, by a concierge in AlphaEntry by clicking on the licon on the top right of their screen (if enabled), or by a resident in the QwikCAM™ screen of the AlphaEntry™ Client software.

This particular application displayed can be used as a secondary still shot saved in the visitor log. In a drive up gate scenario this would enable you to take a picture of the driver placing the call, take a second picture from a camera aimed to capture the license plate, and store both in the log at the time the call is placed. To store the second frame, check the secondary photo box on this screen.

Both cameras must be connected to the same PC.



### • Entries Tab #10 - STR Configuration



#### Will this Entry be calling STR devices?

If your facility will be using the STR QwikBus™ system in conjunction with AlphaEntry™, then click the Yes radio button to enable the rest of the configuring questions.

#### Programming the STR device that will be used at this entry:

Program Addr. button and then holding down the circle button on the station device for approximately 5 seconds until the station gives a confirmation beep. After successful programming the device address (in hexadecimal) will be listed in blue to the right as shown in the above example. There are over 65,000 address combinations.

To clear the device address field, click the button.

If this entrance will be using a TTE33-2 device, instead of programming through the system, you will be

#### This entry will be using a handset for communication

If this box is checked then this station will use an HTE3033 (concierge) handset. If not checked, it will use an FSE1500 style open voice station.

prompted to enter the device number set by the dipswitches at the TTE33-2 type device.

#### Enable Call-Down to this entry

In a concierge scenario, enabling this feature by checking the box will allow other FSE1500 style devices to call down to this station by pressing one of three buttons. Specify the Circle Button, Button 1, or Button 2.



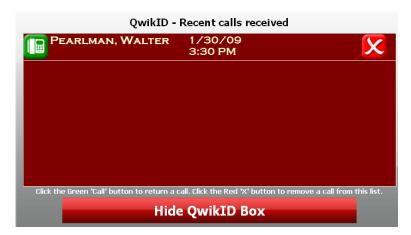
Specifying the same button for two stations (example: two concierges) would ring both stations when pressed. The first to answer it would get the call and will automatically clear the call from the other called station(s).

The three buttons can be programmed to call different QwikBus™ entry locations within the system. This is a global configuration that programs these buttons for all stations.

#### Note on setting the Concierge handset VOX sensitivity:

In a half-duplex system, the louder side of the conversation transmits and the quieter side receives. If the concierge lobby area has a high ambient noise level, the volume on the concierge phone may always be higher not allowing the apartment station to talk down without shouting. To lower the sensitivity/volume level of the concierge microphone, pick up the concierge handset and hold the Function Button (The bottom one that lights up) down for about 3 seconds and it will beep 1, 2, or 3 times. The default equal balance is 2. Setting it for three beeps is the setting that will work best in a noisy concierge environment. Setting it for one beep is the setting that will work best if the apartment noise levels are high. It will cycle through 1, 2, 3, and then back to 1 again. For each level change you must hang up the receiver to move to the next selection otherwise it will switch to the ring volume control function.

#### QwikID screen for QwikBUS Call Down



QwikID - Recent calls received

PEARLMAN, WALTER 1/30/09
3:37 PM

Click the Green 'Call' button to return a call. Click the Red 'X' button to remove a call from this list.

Hide QwikID Box

When a call down is placed to a concierge unit from a QwikBus device, the QwikID Box will pop up with an intercom icon as shown on the left. The return call back procedure is the same as the standard telephone type in that you can click the icon and then lift your handset to return the call.

Once the call has been returned and the resident has answered, the call bar will turn blue as shown in the second picture.

If you need to, you have the capability to transfer their call to another QwikBus device.

As an example, the resident you are speaking with wishes to contact the garage to have their car brought around. You can transfer their call to the garage valet by clicking on the blue transfer icon on the left and then select the device to call from the staff/location, or the main directory then hang up. The receiver of the call must have a QwikBus FSE1500 intercom to receive the call.

#### Enable Door Release for this entry

When this box is checked the fields will be visible to enter the Relay board, Relay number, and the number of seconds you want the door to be activated. This applies to open voice FSE1500 devices only.



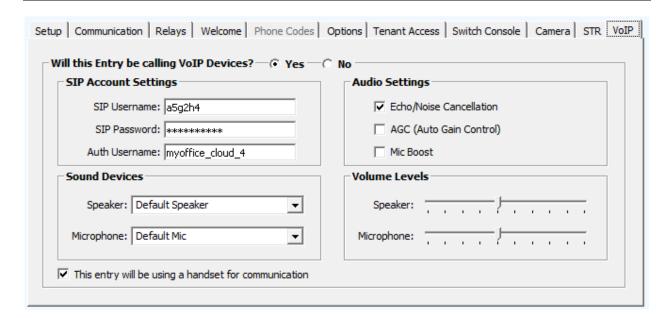
This will close the specified relay for the specified length of time, when the key button  $\stackrel{ extstyle op}{=}$  at the inside station is pressed.



#### Unanswered calls get forwarded to a call center

Enabling this option will cause any calls to an STR Device which are not answered within a preset amount of time to be forwarded to the call center you have set up under the **Relays** tab.

### Entries Tab #11 – VoIP



#### Will this Entry be calling VoIP devices?

If your facility will be using VoIP devices in conjunction with AlphaEntry™, then click the Yes radio button to enable the rest of the configuring questions.

#### SIP Account Settings

You will need to specify the SIP Username, SIP Password, and Auth Username for your SIP Server. Note: You will also need to specify your global SIP Server Address in the Main VoIP – SIP & Zones Tab.

#### **Sound Devices**

Specify which audio devices you want to use for speaker and for your microphone when communicating through VoIP technology. If you are using a handset, select the "This entry will be using a handset for communication" checkbox. This checkbox does not actually change the functionality of the software, but staff will be prompted with more accurate wording, icons, and prompts.

#### **Audio Settings**

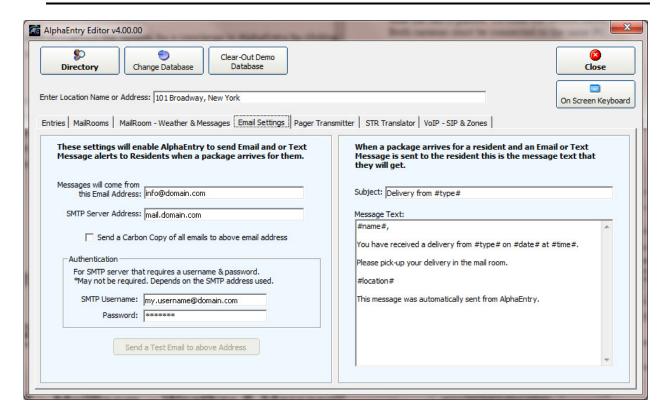
AlphaEntry™ allows for some manual editing of the audio settings used in VoIP Communication. These might come in handy for noisy lobby locations or outdoor environments. Options provided are Echo/Noise Cancellation, Auto Gain Control, and Mic Boost.

#### Volume Levels

These options are used to manually adjust the speaker & microphone volume levels.



## Main Tab #4 - Email Settings



The email configuration is used to automatically send messages to residents when a package is received for them.

The left side of this form is to associate your email address that you will be sending from and the necessary SMTP protocols if required.

The right side contains the message that will be sent. The fields between the # signs will be added from the database to provide a personalized message to your residents email and/or text message address. The message generated in this sample would be as follows:

Subject: Delivery from UPS

Tom Evans,

You have received a delivery from UPS on 05/20/09 at 2:45 p.m.

Please pick-up your delivery in the mailroom.

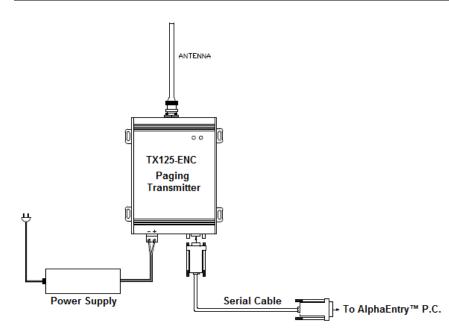
Concierge

This message can be edited to conform to your facility but be careful to place the fields appropriately. When you click on the message text to edit it to your needs, a box with field definitions will pop up on the left side to assist you in making your changes.

The preferred method of delivery notification for your residents can be specified for each resident in the Residents database record under their **Notify** tab.



## Main Tab #5 –Pager Transmitter



Being able to instantly contact staff in an urgent situation is a very important part of building communications. Whether your AlphaEntry™ system is being used in an assisted living facility to contact medical personnel, or an apartment complex where a concierge needs to get in touch with maintenance or other staff, a pocket pager system is an invaluable tool. AlphaEntry™ has these features built in and only requires nominal additional paging hardware.

This section discusses the

additional equipment needed, configuration, and installation of these additional components to enable any AlphaEntry™ master to contact any and/or all pager equipped staff members by entering plain text into the screen, and also to send automatic messages identifying calling locations and residents, in the event of an emergency, to specific staff or groups of staff depending on your facility's needs.

Due to the flexible design of AlphaEntry™, many other ways of using the paging system are easily available to you to solve communication issues unique to your facility.

AlphaEntry software has built-in pager message encoders and therefore needs no additional equipment other than the pager transmitter with power supply, and the serial cable from the PC.

#### Enabling Pocket Paging

To Enable Pocket-Paging on your AlphaEntry system, simply specify the port number that your pager transmitter is plugged into. **Note:** The pager transmitter must be plugged into the computer that has the **Hub Software** running on it, and the port number reflects the port number on that computer.



### ➤ Main Tab #6 - STR Translator

If you will be using STR QwikBUS™ Devices with your AlphaEntry system, simply specify the port number that your STR Translator is plugged into. Note: The STR Translator must be plugged into the computer that has the Hub Software running on it, and the port number reflects the port number on that computer.

#### This AlphaEntry installation will be using push button panel(s):

Because the entry/master you are currently configuring is indicated as the one to be attached to the TL333 Translator, which will read these panels and send the information to AlphaEntry™, this check box is visible and related to this particular entry/master even though this is a global decision for the entire system.

#### Disable checking of STR Devices:

This option is normally only enabled during initial installation to prevent the system from reporting STR Devices that have not yet been installed.

#### Door Monitor Enabled/Disable Seconds

If you are using Door Monitoring (see pg. 72) with STR Devices, enter the number of seconds you would like to give residents before the alert is triggered on a monitored door.

#### Optional S1 and S2 Apartment Inputs



An optional model ECD2 (see pg. 88) dual input connector attached to an FSE1500 series apartment station will allow easy connection to emergency devices, smoke detectors, wireless pendant receivers, motion sensors, or other dry contact signaling inputs.

These connections are the heart of the AlphaEntry™ emergency call system providing your facility with voice communications to a master station for regular resident/staff communication and

emergency response capabilities, as well as many invaluable features designed for assisted living, but versatile enough to be configured for any facility in a number of ways that no other system can.

The ECD2 plugs into the FSE1500 open voice apartment station and gives two connections, which can accept either momentary or latching dry contact devices, which are globally configured at the AlphaEntry™ PC that is directly connected to the TL333 Translator.



#### Configuring the S1, S2, & Button Inputs

Click the Setup S1, S2 and Button Inputs button to open the screen below.

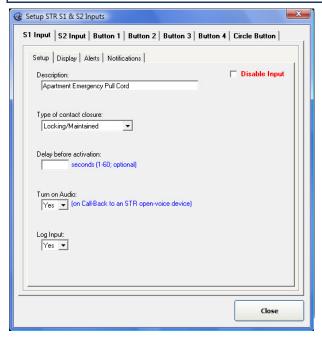
**NOTE**: These settings are global. S1, S2, Buttons 1 through 4 in all apartments will be assigned the same values. However, some customization for each apartment can be done through the Resident's individual screen. Please see Pg. 63 - Resident Restrictions Screen.

The following pages are explanations of the configuration screens for the S1 and S2 inputs and Button 1 through 4 assignments.

These settings are global for all the S1, S2, and Buttons 1 through 4 in the system. Note that all inputs/buttons have separate tabs and can be configured individually for different purposes.

NOTE: Buttons 3 & 4 are only available with the QwikBUS™ video monitors.

#### The S1/S2/Button - Setup



**Description:** Enter a label for the devices that will be connected to all S1 or S2 inputs. Enter a label for Buttons 1, 2, 3, & 4 if used.

**Disable Input:** Checking the box in the upper right hand corner will disable all S1, S2, B1, B2, B3, or B4 inputs (selected individually from their respective screens).

**Type of contact closure:** From the drop down box, select one of the two options, either a locking/maintained device, a momentary/self-resetting device, or Door Monitor.

**Delay before activation:** If a resident actuates a latching type device, this allows the device to be reset within the allowed delay time without setting an alert. If the contact is still closed after this grace period, the system will react as configured. This option is only available to a latching/maintained device and will be disabled in the

case of a momentary/self-resetting device.



There are many devices available which are compatible with AlphaEntry™. For specific needs, contact us for additional choices and customized solutions.

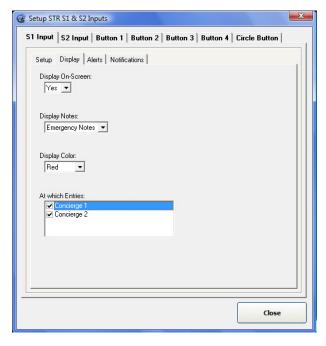
**Turn on Audio:** Normally, if resident suites are equipped with STR open voice stations, when the system receives an emergency call, the concierge will pick up their handset when alerted, and ring back the calling resident station. The resident would then press the ON button and talk. If **Turn on Audio** is enabled, when the concierge calls up, the resident station will sound a warning beep (that voice is being automatically enabled) and then the concierge or responder can speak directly to the resident through the open voice station. In a situation where a resident cannot reach the ON button due to distress this is a very important feature.

Please keep in mind that emergency devices associated with the resident's station may be located distant to the station itself, possibly even in a different room, which would hinder voice communications or the resident may be unable to reply, so the staff should be instructed to physically respond to these calls if there is no voice communication.

**Log Input:** Select **Yes** or **No** from the drop down box.

- Selecting Yes, will log date and time of closure each time the device is activated.
- Selecting No, will not log the device closure.

#### The S1/S2/Button - Display



Display On-Screen: Select Yes or No from the drop down box. When Yes is selected, activating this device will cause a box, containing resident information, to pop up with a visual or visual/audible alert, depending on configuration, on all checked entries and masters enabled to receive emergency or notification calls. If No is selected, activating a device will not cause an alarm. This option is for simple logging of a closure without notification. An example of this would be if you want to record date and time of a door opening in the event log using a normally open magnetic reed or contact switch.

**Display Notes:** AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup> can store notes for each resident that will display on screen when a device is activated. If **Resident Notes** is selected then the notes found in the Resident's Note section

of their individual record will be displayed. This is useful for sending preformatted instructions to a specific location. If **Emergency Notes** is selected, then the information found in the Emergency Note section of their individual record will be displayed (only when an emergency call is received). This may include doctor contacts, relative notifications, medical history, or other relevant information. When a device or button call is received from that resident's station, the appropriate notes will be displayed on screen. Selecting **None** will display no notes related to the device/ button.

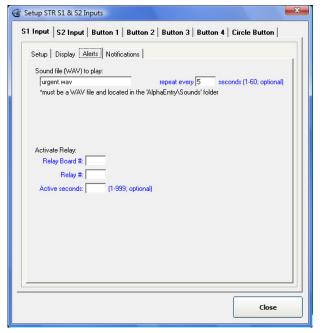
**Display Colors:** You can specify a Red, Blue, or Green notification pop up box to differentiate between different types of calls.

**At which Entries:** Device or Button calls can be displayed at selected entry/masters depending on the needs of your facility. All locations on your system will be listed here. Check each location that will receive



emergency/notification calls. Please note that entries without QwikBus™ voice devices will not be able to respond audibly through the QwikBus™ system but can still receive audible/visual notification of an emergency device being activated.

#### The S1/S2/Button - Alerts



Sound file (.wav) to play: When a closure is detected, a .wav file entered in this field will play at entry/masters that are configured to accept emergency/notification calls and will repeat every 1 to 60 seconds until the device is reset or call is acknowledged. The .wav file must reside in the AlphaEntry/Sounds folder of EACH emergency call receiving masters. Be sure that the speakers are always on for the emergency call receiving masters. Please note that you can silence the tone with an acknowledgement but you cannot remove the call from the screen until the latching device is physically reset at the location. Momentary contact device calls can be fully reset.

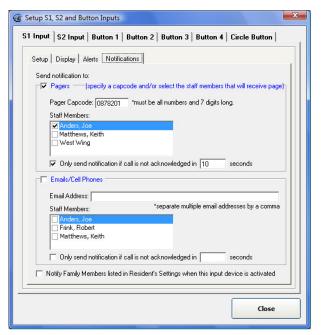
**Activate Relay:** Some facilities may need visual or audible signaling when an emergency device is

activated such as bells, sirens, or strobe lights. Some may want to trigger an auto-dialer. To set a relay to close when an S1 or S2 device is activated, enter the specific Relay Board, Relay number on that board, and the number of seconds you wish the relay to remain closed (ranging from 1 second to 999 seconds).

- If you do not put a value in the Active Seconds field, the relay will remain closed until the device is reset or the emergency call has been acknowledged. If the device is a momentary contact type, then the relay will operate until the emergency call has been acknowledged.
- If you put a value in the Active Seconds field, the relay will open even if the device has not yet been reset or the emergency call has not been acknowledged.
- If a Normally Closed Relay is needed for a specific application, the jumper for the specific relay to be used can be switched on the relay board, enabling the relay contact to open on activation (normally closed operation).



#### The S1/S2/Button - Notifications



When an input is activated, AlphaEntry™ has multiple ways of notifying the people that need to respond.

Depending on the facility type, Concierge, Security, Nursing Desks, or Management may need to receive the alarm and related information. Staff members or family members may need to be notified directly by emails, text messages, pagers, or remote signaling devices. All these notification methods are available through AlphaEntry™.

The message sent can be customized through the  $AlphaEntry^{TM}$  Editor to give appropriate information to the recipients.

#### To send Notifications to Pagers

Check the pagers box to activate this feature. You may enter a pager capcode in the field to send the notification to <u>all</u> pagers within that capcode group.

Pagers allow up to 6 capcodes so that they can be programmed to be part of several zones or groups as well as an individual receiver making this system extremely flexible for all applications.

Any staff member with a pager listed in their record will be included in the Staff Members drop down list. Their individual pager capcode is located in their staff record under the Notifications tab. Select the staff members to receive pages by checking the appropriate boxes. Please note that if a staff pager is checked to be notified and he is also part of a group to be notified, he will receive two pages for this event.

• Only send notification if call is not acknowledged in XX seconds: By checking this box and putting in a delay value, this allows time for someone at a master station that normally receives calls to respond to the call before the general notifications go out. This reduces unnecessary alarms to pagers, emails, or cell phones and, at the same time, insures that a notification will go out if a call is made and someone is not at a master station to respond.



#### To send Notifications to Email / Cell Phones

Specific emails can be entered here to keep additional parties informed. Separate multiple email addresses with a comma. These addresses do not have to be in the database but would be used to keep essential parties in the notification stream.

Remember that emails will only alert people when they check their email! For real-time notification, these contacts should be entered as a Staff record with their necessary contact information to receive text messages or pages.

For notification of parties related to a specific resident, check the Notify Family Members box. Resident specific email and text message/cell phone information can be entered in the resident's record on the Notifications tab.

• Only send notification if call is not acknowledged in XX seconds: By checking this box and putting in a delay value, this allows time for someone at a master station that normally receives calls to respond to the call before the general notifications go out. This reduces unnecessary alarms to pagers, emails, or cell phones and, at the same time, insures that a notification will go out if a call is made and someone is not at a master station to respond.

#### Resident Restrictions Screen

• This screen is located in the Directory in the resident's record under the Restrictions tab.

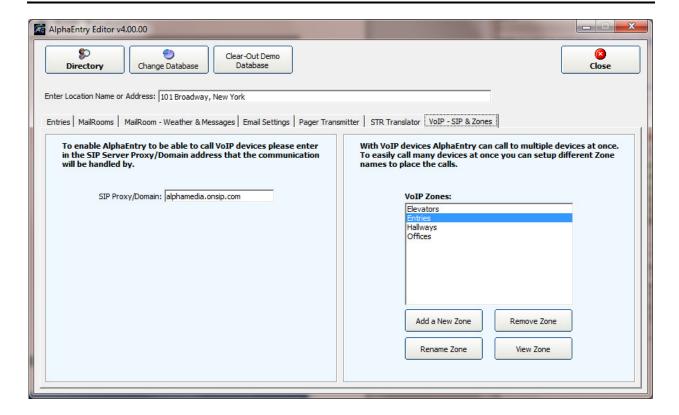
Call Buttons   Location   Access Codes   Notes   Photo   Notification   Restrictions
☐ This resident does not have access to the Door Release
This resident does not have Call-Down access ("Circle" button)
This resident does not have \$1 access
This resident does not have S2 access
☐ This resident does not have "Button 1" access
☐ This resident does not have "Button 2" access
☐ This resident does not have "Button 3" access (only on video devices)
This resident does not have "Button 4" access (only on video devices)

Depending on the type of facility and residents, you may have need to allow some residents, but not all residents, door access, concierge call down, or emergency call access. To allow the most flexible configuration for the facility needs, these features can be enabled globally, but some residents can be restricted from using them on a case-by-case basis. To establish restrictions for a specific resident use the Restrictions

tab located in that resident's record to check off the features that they will not be permitted to use.



### ➤ Main Tab #7 - VOIP & SIP Zones



SIP Proxy/Domain - This option specifies the address of the SIP Server AlphaEntry is to use for VoIP/SIP calling.

Add a New Zone - Click this button to add a new Zone to your VoIP Zones

Rename Zone - Click this button to rename the selected VoIP Zone

Delete Zone - Click this button to delete the selected VoIP Zone and its relationship to all contained devices

# Adding Specific Devices to a Zone

Zoning a VoIP device to a specific zone is done through the Residents Location Tab (see pg. 60)

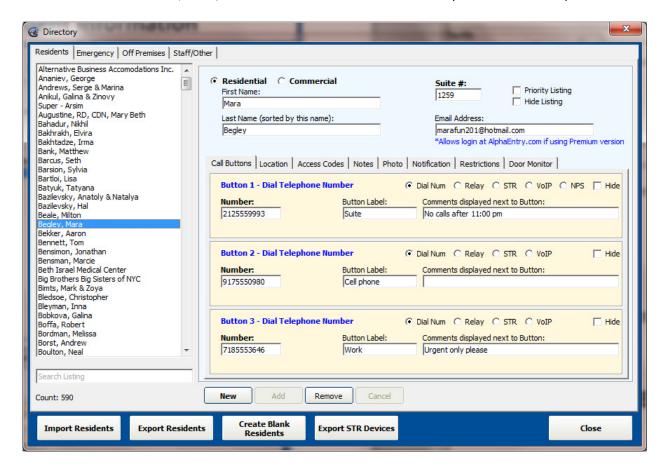


# **Chapter 4 - Entering Resident Information**

From the Main Editor Screen, touch/click on



The Directory Editor Screen will open.



### Resident Record Editing Screen

On the left side of this screen is a scrolling list of all residents in the database. From here you can highlight any existing resident to modify or delete their related information.

A search box is included below the list to make it easy to find a specific resident by first, last, or suite number, even with several thousand residents. As you enter the letters of the resident's name, AlphaEntry™ will filter the list automatically.

The count of residents entered in the system is located below the search box and will change as search filters are applied.

### > Editor Global Function Buttons

Across the bottom of the main Editor screen there are buttons for special operations to assist in adding residents to the database and extracting information from the database. These are described below.

### Importing Residents from another Data file

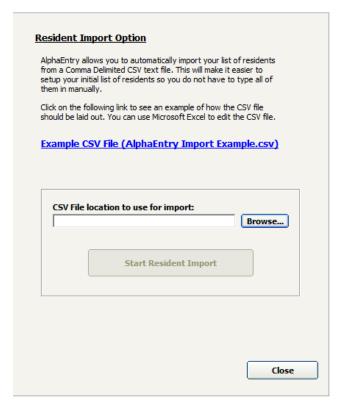
#### Import Residents

To assist in entering basic Resident information, AlphaEntry™ will allow the importing of Comma delimited files a.k.a. Comma Separated Values (.CSV). Excel files saved in .CSV format can be used providing the fields are setup in the proper order. Many

other spreadsheet programs also support this file extension.

To start this process, click the **Import Residents** button on the bottom left of the Resident Editor main screen. The screen below will appear. The blue Example link on this screen demonstrates the proper format required to move your data successfully into the AlphaEntry™ database. If you wish to use the example as a template for your data you may do that also.

The conversion program looks for the "RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS" and the "COMMERCIAL LISTING" demarcations to differentiate between the ways a commercial or residential listing is saved, so be sure to retain those between your two types of listings and enter your residential residents first.



**NOTE**: When the Resident Import Option is used, if you already have information in your resident database, it will append to the existing information and not overwrite your existing information.

**NOTE**: This option will only import Resident and Commercial listing information. It will not import any information for the Emergency, Off Premises, and Staff/Other entries.

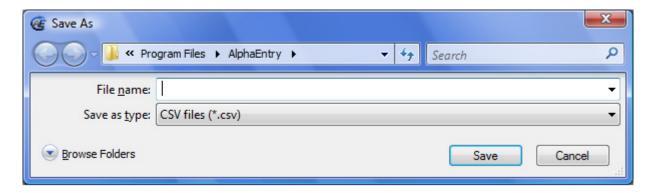


## Exporting Residents to a Data file

**Export Residents** 

AlphaEntry™ can export a copy of your resident database in a Comma delimited files a.k.a. Comma Separated Values (.CSV) so that you can use the information in a spreadsheet, such as Excel.

To start this process, click the **Export Residents** button on the bottom left of the Resident Editor main screen. The screen below will appear.



Determine the folder you wish to save it in, name your file, and press save to generate the converted file. Most spreadsheet and database programs support the .csv file format.

## Adding Blank Resident Records to the Database

Create Blank Residents Sometimes an initial set up of the database may be easier if the resident records are made first and then filled in as information becomes available. This button allows you to add X number of records to the database for this purpose which will be

temporarily labeled Res001 etc. until additional resident information is available.

# • Creating an STR device report file

Export STR Devices

This button allows you to make a .csv file of all the STR devices in the AlphaEntry™ database including their locations and related residents to assist in the physical set up and programming of the QwikBus™ system.



## Adding a New Resident

Select the New button near the bottom of the window. This will create a new blank resident record.

Using the Radio Buttons, select whether the entry is a Residential or Commercial Listing.

Near the top of the window you may enter the "Suite" number or location within the building if you wish it to be listed on the Directory Screen, or leave the suite number empty so that the number will not show for privacy and security reasons.

RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL				
Enter the first name of the resident.	Enter the Business name as you want it displayed				
Enter the last name of the resident.	Enter the Start sort position (for Alphabetizing)				
Residents are alphabetized automatically by	The "Start Sort Position" allows the administrator to				
Last Name, then First Name or Initial.	determine the sort position of the business name. In the example "Dr. William Gold DDS". If the				
(Residents can be listed by Suite Number also)	administrator wishes to sort the name under " <b>G</b> " that would be the 13 <sup>th</sup> character, so <b>13</b> would be entered in the "Start Sort Position:" text box.				

Please Note: Spaces and punctuation are included in the number of characters.

## Hiding a Listing

The **Hide** check box on the right side will make that button position invisible, preventing calling to that number or intercom but will leave the information available for system use. Hiding a listing enables you to store information that is not displayed at any of the lobby or concierge screens. Why would you want to do this?

If you create a resident record "MAILMAN" and give that record an access code of MAIL123, the mailman can buzz himself in to deliver and pickup mail. Then hide the listing so MAILMAN does not show up on the resident directory.

Creating non-displayed listings for any service personnel that come to the building frequently gives them easy access and also logs all their arrival times in the AlphaEntry™ event log.

### Priority Listings

All priority listings will display at the beginning of the AlphaEntry™ directory in Yellow on Black. You may wish to list the building super or the management office at the top of the screen for easy visitor access. The listing will also appear in its usual alphabetized location.



### Email Address

Enter this resident's main email address to give them the availability to access their information through <a href="http://login.alphaentry.com/">http://login.alphaentry.com/</a> (requires an internet connection and AlphaEntry Premium). In the package tracking section, additional email addresses and text messaging information can be added.

## Assigning Call Buttons to Residents

Up to three different phone numbers or relay codes can be entered for each resident or business. A suite can be listed but not have a call button, or a button only visible to the concierge.

On systems that interface with "No Phone Bill" hardware, the necessary information passed to the N.P.B. equipment will be dependent on the manufacturer of the equipment and their code requirements. The necessary string for the relay equipment is entered in the "Dial Num." field.

#### Dependant on configuration, available connections are:

Regular C.O. Telephone Number	Dial Num
No Phone Bill Telephone Number	Dial Num (required NPB string)
No Phone Service- Dummy Phone	Related NPS Tel Relay
Standard Analog Intercom connection	Related Relay
STR QwikBUS™ Interface	STR QwikBus intercom in Apartment
VoIP Device Interface	VoIP Devices

Which buttons are displayed at a lobby panel is determined during each lobby panel configuration.

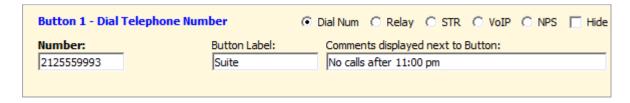
For each phone number entered, add the location and comments as needed. For example, you can enter the phone number for that suite, the cell phone number for that person, and a work number as well. In the comments, you can specify the times when each phone number should be used or other pertinent information.

As a good rule to follow, always make Button 1 the number that the visitors will use. In your system you may make a global decision to only allow visitors to see Button 1 and your concierge to view 1 & 2 or all 3.... This is variable at each entrance/master to allow for maximum versatility in configuring your facility.

Any combination of Phones and Relays can be combined. For instance, a suite with an open voice or handset intercom would use a relay, but a work phone or cell phone number for that resident, or an STR QwikBus™ intercom could be assigned to the other buttons (a dedicated phone line is required for telephone contact options).

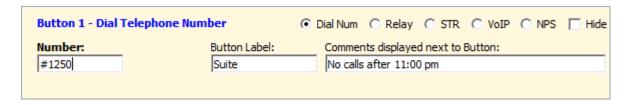


## Entering Phone Numbers (Standard Dialer type)



- 1. Choose button 1, 2, or 3, and click the radio button "Dial Num"
- 2. Enter the Number (999-9999 or 999-999-9999 format). If the phone number requires a "1" before dialing, the program will provide it automatically. If a PBX system is being used where a "9" or other prefix is required before dialing out, please refer to **Appendix E** for ways of entering dialing prefixes. In AlphaEntry™, international phone numbers can now be entered into the Number fields.
- 3. Enter a Label (such as: Suite, Cell phone, Work, Conference Room, etc.) if no label is given the button will just say CALL.
- 4. Enter optional Comments displayed next to Button (such as: No Calls after 10:00 pm., Call here 8:00 − 5:00, etc.) These comments are very important because they make AlphaEntry™ even more powerful as a concierge tool, as well as better communications with visitors to residents.

## Entering No Phone Bill Numbers



- 1. Choose button 1, 2, or 3, and click the radio button "Dial Num"
- 2. Enter the required No Phone Bill Equipment code in the Number field
- 3. Enter a Label (such as: Suite, Cell phone, Work, Conference Room, etc.) if no label is given the button will just say CALL.
- 4. Enter optional Comments displayed next to Button as required.

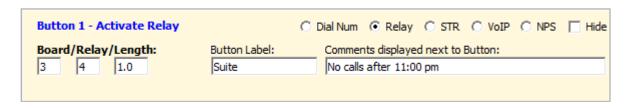
### Entering No-Phone-Service "Dummy" Codes

Button 1 - Call "No Phone	e Service" Location	C Dial Num	○ Relay	C STR	○ VoIP	NPS	☐ Hide
Board/Relay:	Button Label:	Commer	Comments displayed next to Button:				
3 4	Suite	No calls	No calls after 11:00 pm				

NOTE: NPS Available on 1<sup>st</sup> button only

- 1. Choose button 1 and click the radio button "NPS Tel"
- 2. Enter the No Phone Bill Equipment code in the Board/Relay fields.
- 3. Enter a Label (such as: Suite, Cell phone, Work, Conference Room, etc.) if no label is given the button will just say **CALL**
- 4. Enter Comments for Button (such as: No Calls after 10:00 pm., Call here 8:00 5:00, etc.)

## • Entering Relay / Analog Intercom Information



Optional relay boards are used to interface with a new or existing in-house intercom system. AlphaEntry™ can be used with most any intercom system that requires a dry contact to initiate a call.

- 1. Click the radio button "Relay". (After this is selected, the relay fields will appear.)
- 2. Enter the Board number in the first field
- 3. Enter the Relay number on that board in the second field.
- 4. The Length field, which determines the duration in seconds of relay activation, is set to the system default, but is adjustable here for each relay and its special applications.
- 5. Enter a Button Label (such as a Suite number or location.)
- 6. Enter Comments for Button (such as: No Calls after 10:00 pm., Call here 8:00 5:00, etc.)

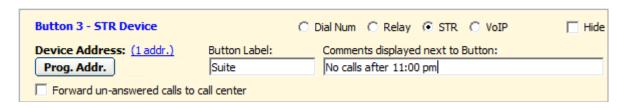


### Entering VoIP Device Information



- 1. Choose button 1, 2, or 3, and click the radio button "VoIP"
- 2. Enter the VoIP Extension of the device that is to be called
- 3. Enter a Label (such as: Suite, Cell phone, Work, Conference Room, etc.) if no label is given the button will just say **CALL**.
- 4. Enter optional Comments displayed next to Button as required.

## Entering STR QwikBUS™ Information



The STR QwikBUS™ interface allows direct operation of the QwikBUS digital system by AlphaEntry™ for standard intercom communications, concierge call down, optional emergency call devices, and additional features. The information below is for programming of the STR devices in the resident locations. For more detailed information on the STR QwikBUS interface, please refer to Chapter 5 -The STR QwikBUS™/ AlphaEntry™ Interface on pg. 51.

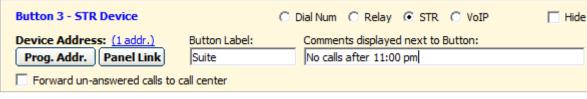
**NOTE**: All programming of STR QwikBUS™ equipment must be done from the PC directly connected to the TL333 translator.

#### Programming an STR Device to a button

- 1. Click the radio button "STR". (After this is selected, new fields will appear.)
- 2. To program the apartment station into the system:
- 3. Be sure all other STR apartment intercoms are off.
- 4. Click the Button in the resident editor.
- 5. If this button is disabled, this PC does not have the TL333 attached to it.
- 6. Hold down the circle button on the apartment station until a beep is heard (approx. 5 seconds).
  - a. A beep will indicate that the address for that station was sent to the PC through the translator.
  - b. The address will now be saved in the AlphaEntry™ database and associated with this call button.
  - c. The number of station addresses associated with this button will display in the Button box after a successful programming.
  - d. To program additional stations in this apartment repeat this step with each apartment station. The maximum number of phones in one apartment is (5) five.
  - e. Exceeding five stations will overwrite the first station's address.
- 7. Enter a Button Label (such as a Suite number or location.)
- 8. Enter Comments for Button (such as: No Calls after 10:00 pm., Call here 8:00 5:00, etc.)
- 9. Check the Forward un-answered calls to call center box if using this option. This allows the visitor to speak to a predetermined location if the call is not answered by the resident within a specified time.



#### Programming a TTE33-2 Entry to a Button



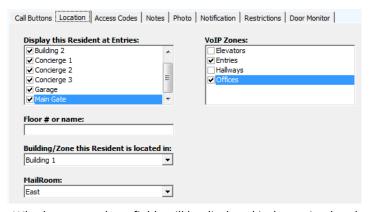


When a TTE33-2 device is detected on the system, a panel link button will also be visible in the STR device button box (shown above). This will enable the TTE33-2 to call to the apartment station(s) when the corresponding panel button is pressed.

#### To link apartment stations to a TTE33-2 panel:

- 1. Be sure all other QwikBUS™ devices are off except for the translator.
- 2. Click the Button in the resident editor. (If this button is not visible, this system does not have a TTE33-2 attached to it.)
- 3. Press the associated button at the TTE33-2 panel. It will link with all the devices specified in this button box. If additional devices are added to the apartment at a later time, it will link to them automatically.

### Selecting Locations to Display Resident



In large facility or multiple building scenarios, you may want to list the resident only at a main gate, the Concierge's screen, and the resident's specific building entrance. To do this, check the boxes for all the locations that you wish the resident to be displayed. All available locations will be shown in the list box.

Enter the Floor number or name, and the Building if applicable. All entry/masters in the complex will be available in the drop down box.

Whether or not these fields will be displayed is determined at the set up for each entry/master.

If the system is equipped with AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™, the mailroom drop down box will list all available Mail Rooms in the facility for display purposes.

If the system is using VoIP Devices, you can set up the relationship between your VoIP Zones and your VoIP devices here.

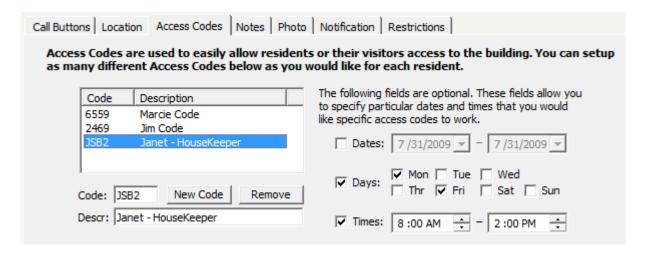


# Assigning Resident Access Codes

Resident Access codes are used to allow residents to "buzz" themselves in when AlphaEntry™ controls the locked entry door(s). The administrator can assign access codes, or residents can choose their own and have the administrator enter them into the database or set their own through <a href="www.AlphaEntry.com">www.AlphaEntry.com</a> (requires an internet connection and AlphaEntry Premium). The administrator must enable this feature (see Pg. 61 – Resident Access).

AlphaEntry™ can store an unlimited amount of access codes per resident. The additional codes can be used for a visitor or service personnel that would need access to the residents apartment on a temporary basis. Access can be limited to specific days, date ranges and times by checking the appropriate boxes and setting the parameters in the Access Codes tab.

Access codes can be 3 to 15 characters consisting of numbers 0-9 and letters A-Z. By allowing combinations of 36 alphanumeric characters and requiring matching of the suite number, AlphaEntry™ provides a very high level of security. A log is kept for each system event including which access code was used, and a picture of the visitor, if equipped with a camera, for additional security/tracking ability. These logs can be found in your AlphaEntry folder.



This box shows the resident's access codes. This example already has two pass codes stored for this resident.

To **remove** or **edit** an existing code, highlight the code in the list box, then make necessary changes or hit the Remove button to delete the code entirely.

To add an additional code, Press the **New Code** button.

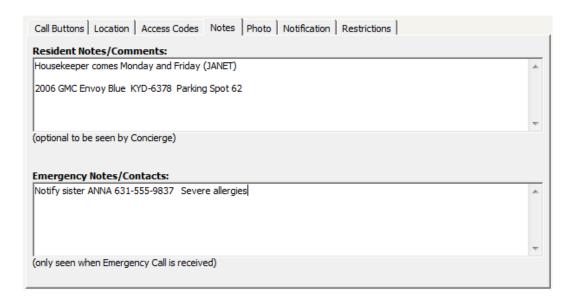
The above example shows a pass code being created for a housekeeper. The code, *JSB2*, has been labeled *Janet - Housekeeper* and is a restricted code in that the code will only allow entry on Mondays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm.

If the access should only be allowed for a specific date range, then the Dates checkbox would be checked and the date range entered into the two adjacent fields.

After the parameters have been set, hit the Add Code button to save the information.



### • Entering Resident Notes



This feature is used in concierge applications to store needed information regarding a resident. If there are notes in this field, the concierge will see a clipboard icon on the right of the resident's call box. Clicking that icon will display the notes.

Emergency Notes are only used with the optional AlphaEntry™ emergency call system and will display **only** when an emergency call is received from the resident. These notes will be instructions to the concierge regarding notifications and/or other health related information pertinent to the resident. Both of these memo fields are only editable with administrator access through the editor.



If the Clipboard Icon is visible after selecting a resident in AlphaEntry™, it indicates notes are available regarding this resident.

### Entering Resident Pictures

The Photo tab allows you to display multiple pictures of the residents and their common visitors to assist in identification by the concierge or other personnel with access to AlphaEntry™. Photos could be displayed at a visitor entrance but it is not recommended for security reasons. You may Take a photo from a local camera or insert resident pictures (jpg, bmp, gif, png). Select the picture by clicking the browse button. A copy will automatically be stored in the AlphaEntry™ database. Once the photo is uploaded, you can enter an option description for that photo if needed.

Although the program will resize the picture as needed, for best results it is recommended that you do not exceed a picture size of 400 wide by 300 high.



If this icon is visible after selecting a resident in AlphaEntry™, it indicates a resident picture is available.

**NOTE**: Resident photos can also be taken by the concierge, if enabled (see pg. 13)



### Resident Notification for Package Arrival

There are two areas of the Resident record that are used for email features of AlphaEntry™. The primary email address is to be entered into the field next to the resident's or company name. This email is used to login to the AlphaEntry Premium area on the AlphaEntry website.

The other location for email is under the Notification tab, as shown below, which is used for package arrival and text messaging functions. Residents email addresses and/or mobile device contact information can be stored in AlphaEntry™ to enable automatic notifications of package arrivals to email accounts or cell phones capable of receiving text messages. These Email/Cell Phone addresses can also receive text messages sent from masters with message sending capabilities.



Addresses listed on the left will be sent notification messages when a package or message has arrived for them. Addresses listed on the right will be sent notification messages in the event of an emergency related to the tenant. For multiple emails, please list them on separate lines.

To add a mobile text message address, enter the Mobile Phone number and then select the carrier from the drop down box. After filling in these two fields, click either the **Add to list of Emails** or the **Add to list of Emergency Emails** button and the correct address will be automatically generated and added to the selected Email list.

A button to create a test send has been added to allow the administrator to confirm notification addresses are correct and operational. When this button is pressed, the editor will send a test message.

Please note that Internet access is required for these functions.

### Resident Restrictions

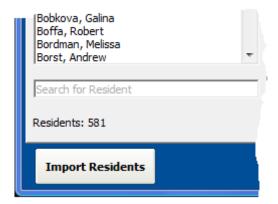
Restrictions pertain to the optional QwikBus™ interface. For more information on this please refer to the STR Interface section, pertaining to the setup of the S1/S2/Button inputs.



### Door Monitoring

Door monitoring pertains to the optional QwikBus™ interface. For more information on this please refer to the STR Interface section, pertaining to the setup of the Door Monitoring Options.

### Resident Screen Search Feature



To simplify finding specific residents in a large facility with many resident listings, AlphaEntry™ includes a Search field, located at the bottom of the Resident list, which will search for First name, Last name, Company name, or Suite number.

### Entering Emergency Contacts

This section is used for what is considered Emergency contacts only (i.e.: Police numbers, Fire Department, and Medical numbers). You may have some emergency numbers for building issues (i.e. Elevator Emergency Repair, plumber, off-site building management) that you would prefer to enter in here as well.

Select the **Emergency** tab.

Press the **New** button near the bottom of the screen.

Enter the name of the contact, phone number, button label, and related comments in the appropriate fields as shown in the previous section.

When all the information is entered and verified, Press the Add button to save the contact to the database.

### Entering Off-Premises Contacts

This section is used for Phone numbers at other locations that the concierge would call on a regular basis such as, Parking Garage, Restaurants, Drug Stores, Cleaners, Florists, etc.

By entering these types of numbers here, the concierge will have quick access to important phone numbers.

Press the **New** button near the bottom of the screen.

Enter the name of the contact, phone number, button label, and related comments in the appropriate fields as shown in the previous section.

When all the information is entered and verified, Press the Add button to save the contact to the database.



## Entering Staff/Other Contacts

This section is used set up communications with employees or locations in the facility that the concierge would call on a regular basis such as, Parking Garage, Restaurant, Main Office, Valet, Housekeeping, etc.

By entering these types of contacts here, the concierge will have quick access to important staff and locations.

Press the **New** button near the bottom of the screen.

Enter the name of the contact, contact information, button label, and related comments in the appropriate fields as shown in the previous section.



If your AlphaEntry™ system is equipped with a paging transmitter, you can add pager capcode information under the notification tab. This feature is only available in the Staff section.

When all the information is entered and verified, Press the **Add** button to save the contact to the database.

## Editing contacts

To edit a contact of any type, highlight the selected entry from the appropriate list on the left of the Contacts Editor Screen, and make your changes to the fields as needed. The updated information will be saved to the database automatically.

## Deleting contacts

To remove a contact of any type, highlight the selected entry from the appropriate list, and press the "Remove" button. Enter the Security code to complete the deletion.

### Save Settings

When exiting the Editor program, AlphaEntry™ will ask if you would like to launch the application.

Choosing "Yes" will automatically launch the AlphaEntry™ application.

Choosing "No" will bring you back to Windows.



# **Chapter 5 - AlphaEntry™ Mailroom™**



### **❖ INTRODUCTION**

One of the many headaches of building management is keeping track of incoming deliveries to your residents, notifying them, and keeping track of which packages have not been picked up yet.

AlphaEntry™ allows your doorman, concierge, or shipment receiver to manage resident packages from their AlphaEntry™ interface, and maintains a log of when deliveries are received in, as well as when your residents pick up their packages.

This feature gives your designated employee(s) the ability to display package arrivals to residents through the entry panels, or at a concierge station depending on the needs of your facility. You can even send emails and/or text messages automatically to your residents that a package has arrived for them!

♣ AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ is an add on module designed to seamlessly integrate with your AlphaEntry™ products to provide display monitors in your mailrooms, common areas, or other locations to alert the residents that they have packages awaiting pickup. It is fully customizable to suit the unique requirements and security concerns of your facility.

### **❖** Starting AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™



To start MailRoom™, Double Click on the AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ icon on your display.



NOTE: On initial start-up only, you will be asked to specify where the AlphaEntry™ database is located.

Please fill in the required information on the screen and press the button.

# **❖** Exiting AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™

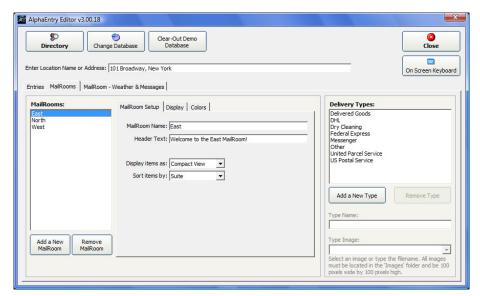


To exit out of MailRoom™, Double Click anywhere on the Dark Gray Header and the program will close or hit Esc if you have a keyboard connected. **NOTE:** If a password is required to end the program, you will be asked to enter it at this time. The password will usually be the same as the AlphaEntry™ Editor pass code.

### **❖** AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ Editor Configuration

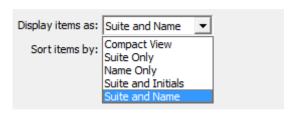
### ➤ Main Tab #2 - MailRooms

When AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ has been installed in your system; additional options will appear in your main AlphaEntry™ Editor which will enable you to configure your display(s) in each of your mailrooms or common areas. You can have as many display monitors as you need and each can be configured independently. In multiple mailroom scenarios, you can select in each resident's record which mailroom you wish to associate that resident with. This way, this resident's package information will be directed only to the display monitor in the mailroom they would normally use.

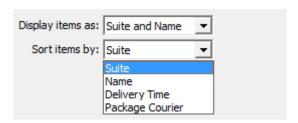


In the example to the left, The MailRooms tab has been selected and the East MailRoom has been highlighted.

On this screen you may enter the Header text you wish to display at this location as well as the information and order you wish to display for each package entry.



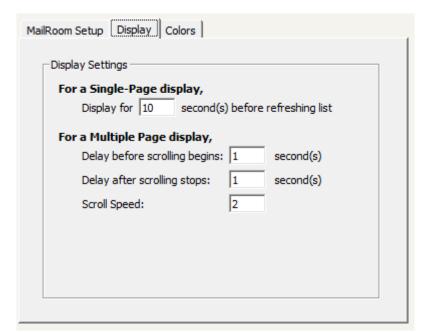
Select the preferred information you wish to display from the **Display** drop down box.



Select the preferred method you wish to sort the information from the **Sort** drop down box.



### Package Information Refresh Rate



Dependent on the number of packages you have in the system, AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ will determine whether to display one screen, or a scrolling screen when it is necessary to display a large amount of packages. Either way, you can specify how often the screen will refresh with updated information.

**For a Single page Display:** The screen will refresh every 1-60 seconds depending on the number you put in this box. The default is 10 seconds.

For a Multiple Page Display: When the number of packages exceeds what will fit on a screen at one time, the

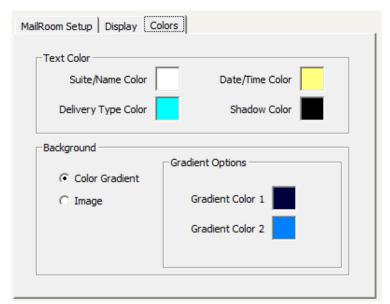
display will scroll from the top of the list to the bottom of the list, wait for a set amount of time, then it will start the refreshed display from the top again.

**Delay before scrolling begins:** You may set the delay at the top, which is the time between its first appearing on the screen until it starts to scroll, from 1 to 60 seconds.

**Delay after scrolling stops:** You may set the delay at the bottom, which is the time between the end of the list on the screen is shown until the screen refreshes and starts from the top of the list, from 1 to 60 seconds.

**Scroll Speed:** Depending on the size of the monitor and the display resolution, you may find that the scroll speed is too fast or too slow. You may set the speed of the scrolling from 1 to 5 using this field.

### Display Background Settings

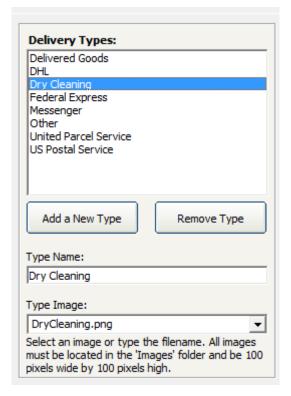


The Display Settings tab allows you to set the background colors for the display. Each text field can be set separately as well as the text shadow color.

The Background can be a gradient between your choices of 2 colors, or you can use an image of your choice in the background by selecting the Image radio button.

There are several images stored in the AlphaEntry / MailRoom Backgrounds folder, or you can add your own images to this folder, and display them as a background also.

### Delivery Types Settings



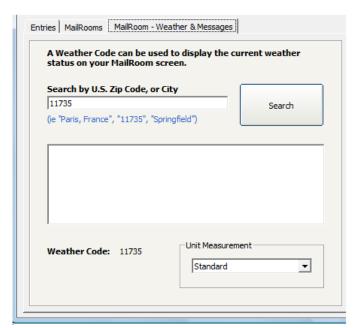
AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ comes with default delivery types installed, which should cover most if not all scenarios however; you may install your own types and related graphics if needed.

To add a new delivery type, click on Add a New Type, enter the new name, and assign a new graphic image to it. You may choose one of the included graphics or create your own. The requirements for additional delivery type icons are that they are PNG files sized 100 pixels wide by 100 pixels high.

If you see default delivery types that you do not see as being needed you may delete them using the button, however, it may be a good idea to retain them for possible future needs.



### Weather Information Settings



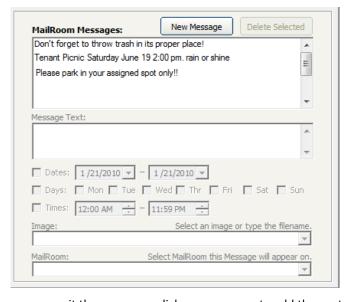
If you'd like to add weather information to the top of your displays, enter your US zip code or nearest major city into the search box. Select the appropriate line in the search results.

In the Unit Measurements drop down box, please choose between:

- Standard (Fahrenheit- Inches) or
- Metric (Celsius Centimeters)

**Note:** The enabling of this option requires the PC(s) running the MailRoom<sup>TM</sup> software to have a full-time Internet connection.

## MailRoom™ Messages



To **add** messages to the MailRoom™ display monitor, click on the New Message button.

Add the message line to the message text box.

Optionally, add any date range by clicking the appropriate box specifying when you want the display to show. You can specify Date range, specific days of the week, or specific times of the day in combination.

Select an optional image if needed, and specify the mailroom(s) you wish this message displayed in.

When you have finished entering the information,

you can exit the screen, or click new message to add the next message.

To **Edit** the message, highlight it from the list of MailRoom Messages and make the necessary changes below.

When you have finished changing the information, you can exit the screen, or click new message to add the next message.

To **Delete** a message, highlight he message and press the

Delete Selected

button. Click OK on the confirmation box.



# **Chapter 6 - Additional Items**

# **❖** AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup> Door Monitoring

AlphaEntry™ v4 includes the option to setup "Door Monitoring" with AlphaEntry QwikBUS™ FSE1500 or VFSE1500 units. When the system is QwikBUS™ equipped and this feature is enabled, all residents have the option to arm/disarm door monitoring for added security in their building.

**Note:** If an apartment elects to use the Door Monitor function, the package notification light will not flash on the apartment station since its new function will be as a door monitor active indicator. However, all other package notification methods will still be available.

When the door monitoring is enabled in an apartment, the resident, on entering, will have an editor configurable time (default is 45 seconds) to enter in their personal code to disarm the monitor. If the proper code is not entered within this time, the concierge(s) will be notified by a popup emergency call with audio alert identifying the apartment and tenant information. The concierge can then place a call to the apartment to determine if there is a problem. You may wish to enter a prearranged "password" in the tenant's emergency notes (which will show when the alert pops up) to verify the tenant's identity when calling up to the apartment.

### > Door Monitor Setup in Editor

- Open the AlphaEntry™ Editor
- 2. Click on the STR Translator tab
- 3. Click on the **Setup S1, S2 and Button Inputs** button
- 4. Select the S1 or S2 Input tab that you will be using

This is a global setting for all S1 or S2 inputs.

In the Setup tab enter a description for the concierge alert such as "Apartment Door Monitor".

In the *Type of contact closure* field select "Door Monitor" from the drop down menu.

If a normally closed type of door switch is used, check the box to the right. If the door switch is a normally open type, leave the box unchecked.

Recommended settings: Delay before activation: leave blank, Turn on Audio: Yes, Log Input: Yes

In the Display tab select Yes on the **Display On-Screen** drop down menu, and Emergency notes in the **Display Notes** box.

The length of delay before activation is set in the STR tab of the main editor screen and has a default value of 45 seconds.

## > Tenant Personal Code

To set a tenant personal code, Click the Directory button in the upper left corner of the main Editor Screen. Select the tenant from the list on the left, and click the "Door Monitor" tab.

Enter a code of 1-8 characters consisting of numbers 1 and 2 (video units can also use 3 and 4). An example might be "12122" or "222". Once the code is entered the code is hidden behind 8 asterisks for security reasons. If a tenant forgets their number, you must reenter a new code here. There is no way to see the code after entry.

## > Tenant Operation

To activate the door monitoring from the apartment station, hold down the button for three seconds until the red light behind the switch flashes to indicate the system is active. The system is now set. If the tenant is leaving the apartment, the door must be open and shut within the predetermined delay time.

To deactivate the door monitoring from the apartment station, enter the personal combination code using the and buttons (also the and buttons with the VFSE1500 video stations) within the predetermined delay time. If a mistake is made, start your code sequence again and the system will disregard your previous entries.

## Concierge enabling an apartment's monitoring

If a tenant comes down and has forgotten to activate their door monitor, the concierge can activate it from his console. To enable this ability select the Options tab for the concierge station and check the box for "Apartment Door Monitoring can be enabled from this Entry"

Select the tenant from the main directory screen, when the call box appears there will be a key icon in the upper right side. A gray key indicates the system is not active and a gold key indicates it is active. Clicking on the key icon will turn it gold, indicating that the monitor is now active. The concierge cannot disarm the monitor remotely but he does have the ability to temporarily shunt it for a length of time.



## > Concierge shunting an apartment's monitoring

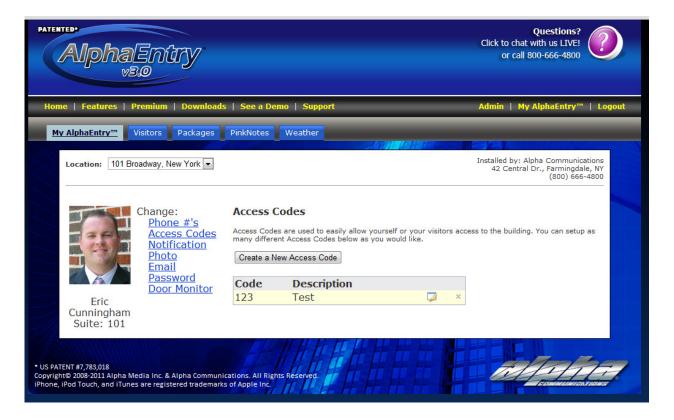
If work needs to be done in a tenant's apartment or if emergency access is needed, the concierge will be able to shunt the door monitoring for a selected length of time.

NOT ACTIVE	ACTIVE	SHUNTED

Select the tenant from the main directory screen, when the call box appears there will be a key icon in the upper right side. A gray key indicates the system is not active and a gold key indicates it is active. If the key is gold, indicating that the system is currently active, clicking on the key icon will cause a drop down box to appear to select the length of time you wish to shunt the apartment. The concierge must enter his password for this function which is recorded in the system log for security purposes. When the apartment is shunted the key will turn red. The system will automatically restore to active status when the time is up. The concierge can restore active status earlier by clicking on the key icon and clicking yes on the pop up "cancel shunt?" box. The key will then change to gold indicating active status.

## Premium option for residents

With the optional premium package, tenants can change their personal code online through their AlphaEntry™ web portal. For more information on AlphaEntry™ Premium Features, please visit <a href="http://www.alphaentry.com">http://www.alphaentry.com</a>



## **Chapter 7 - AlphaEntry™ Wiring Diagrams**

Wiring of AlphaEntry™ systems vary depending on application so these wiring diagram examples have been included to insure proper connections and ease of installation. Once the determination has been made on specific facility requirements, please refer to the appropriate diagram(s) in this section.

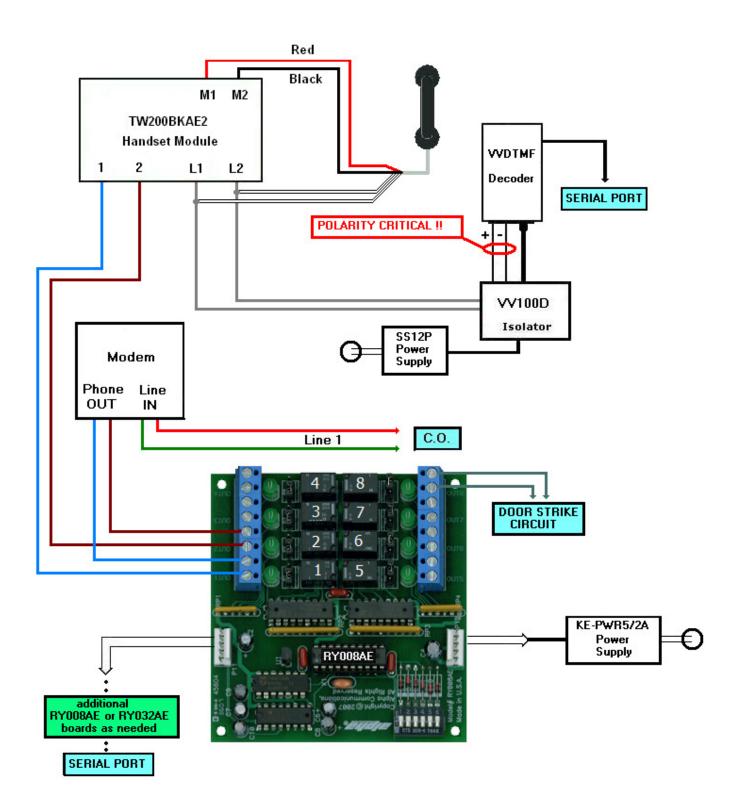
Please remember that facilities using multiple entrances/masters may likely require several different wiring configurations depending on the functions and capabilities required at each entrance/master.

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N.P.S. = No Phone Service (Dummy Phone Options)

## **❖ Lobby Panel w/Handset - Std. Dialer**

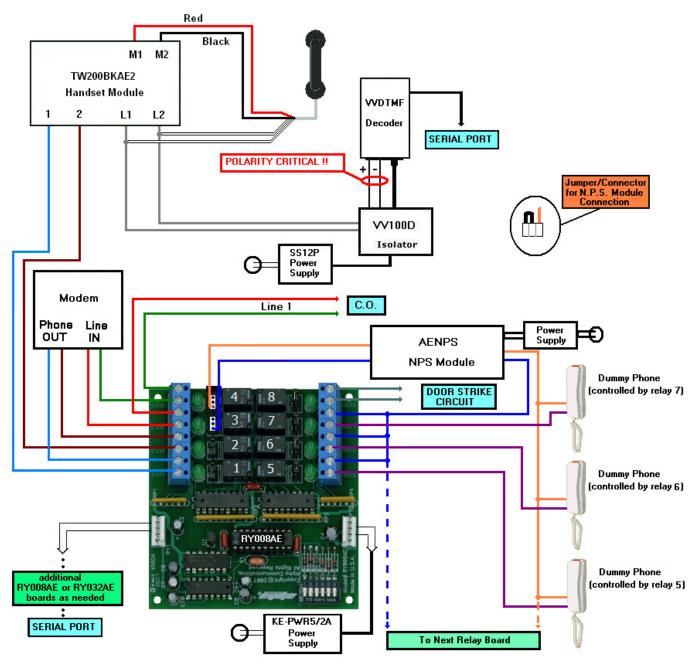
When installing a handset for use with an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel use this wiring guide to properly attach the handset and control unit to the RY008AE Board.



### **❖ Lobby Panel w/Handset - Std. Dialer + N.P.S.\* Option**

When installing a handset on an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel or concierge system, use this wiring guide to properly attach the handset and control unit to the RY008AE Board.

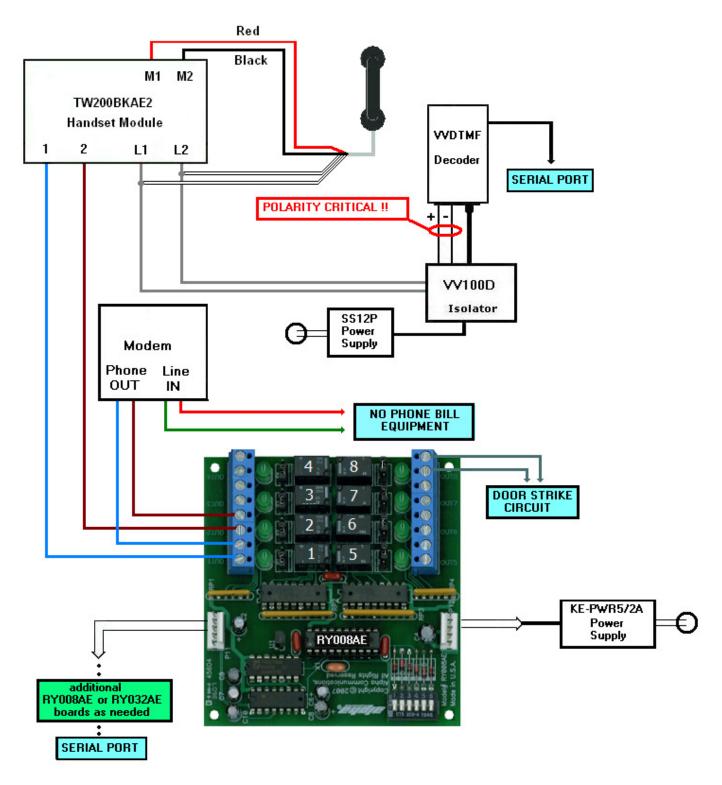
Additional RY008AE boards are added as needed for No Phone Service residents. One board controls eight Dummy Phones. Spare relays on the first board can be used as well to control dummy phones if they are not needed for other controls/functions.



<sup>\*</sup> No Phone Service

## **❖** Lobby Panel w/Handset – No Phone Bill

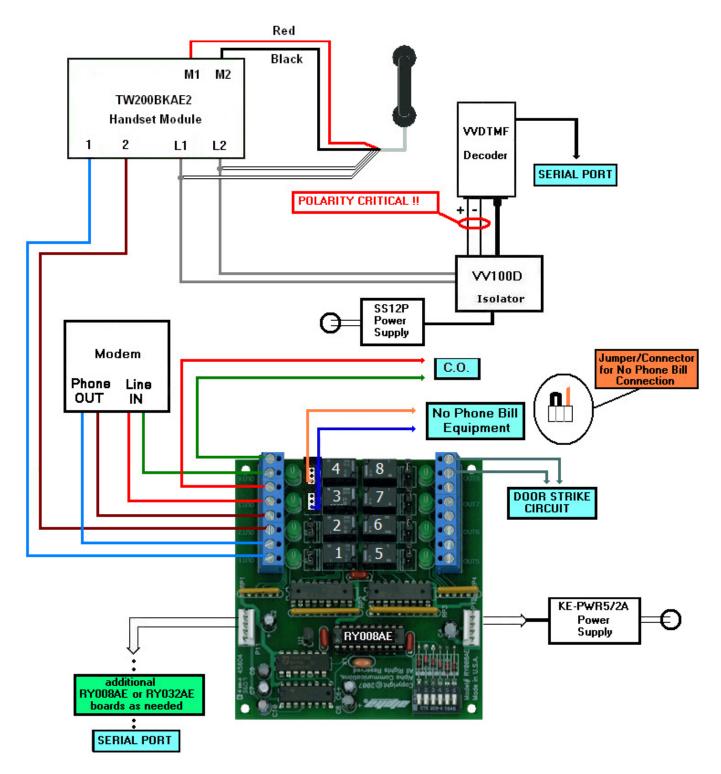
When installing a handset for use with an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel use this wiring guide to properly attach the handset and control unit to the RY008AE Board.





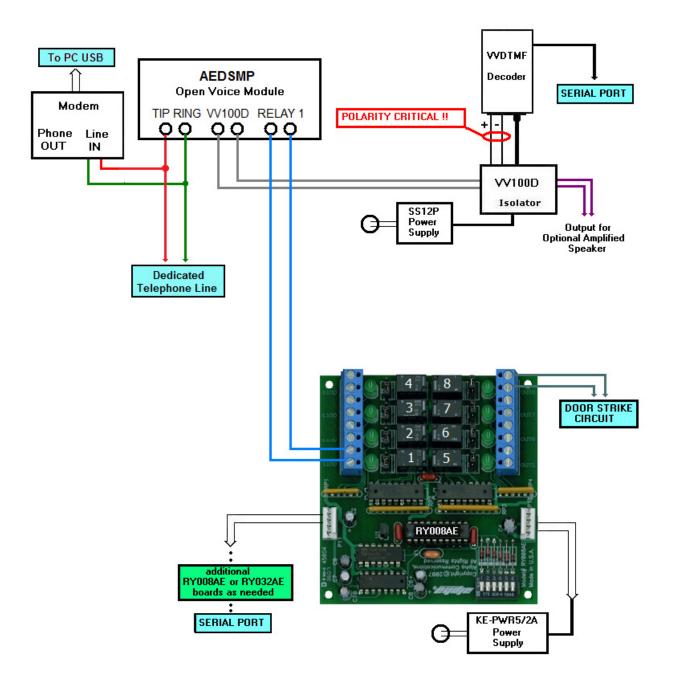
## **❖ Lobby Panel w/Handset -No Phone Bill w/Outside Dialing**

When installing a handset for use with an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel, use this wiring guide to properly attach the handset and control unit to the RY008AE Board.



## **❖ Lobby Panel w/Open Voice - Std. Dialer**

When installing an AEDSMP open voice module on an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel, use this wiring guide to properly attach the module to the RY008AE Board and the VVDTMF/VV100D decoder. Note that the incoming dedicated telephone line connects to both the computer modem Line IN and the AEDSMP module.

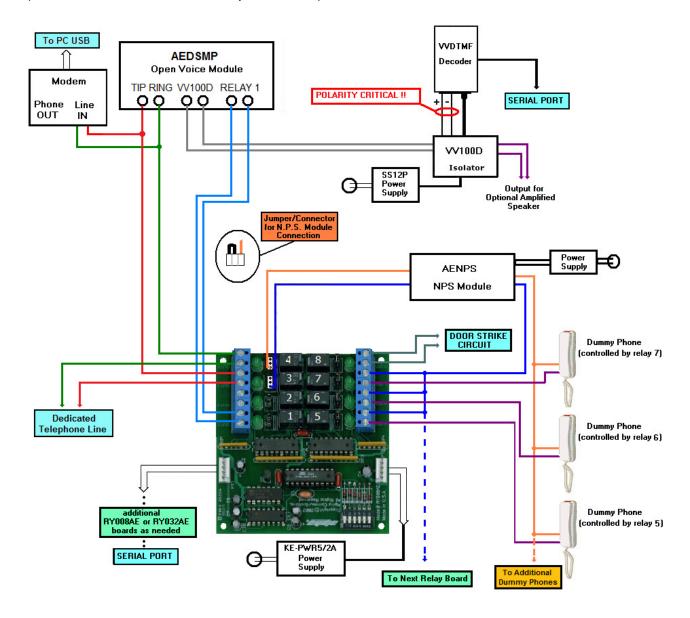




### **❖ Lobby Panel w/Open Voice - Std. Dialer w/ N.P.S.\* Option**

This wiring diagram shows the proper hookup when connecting No Phone Service dummy phones to AlphaEntry™. There may be 2 to 4 relays available for dummy phones on the existing RY008A (Board #1). Each dummy phone requires one relay. Up to 15 additional RY008A boards can be chained on the same serial/power cable.

(15 x 8 = 120 maximum + available relays on Board #1)

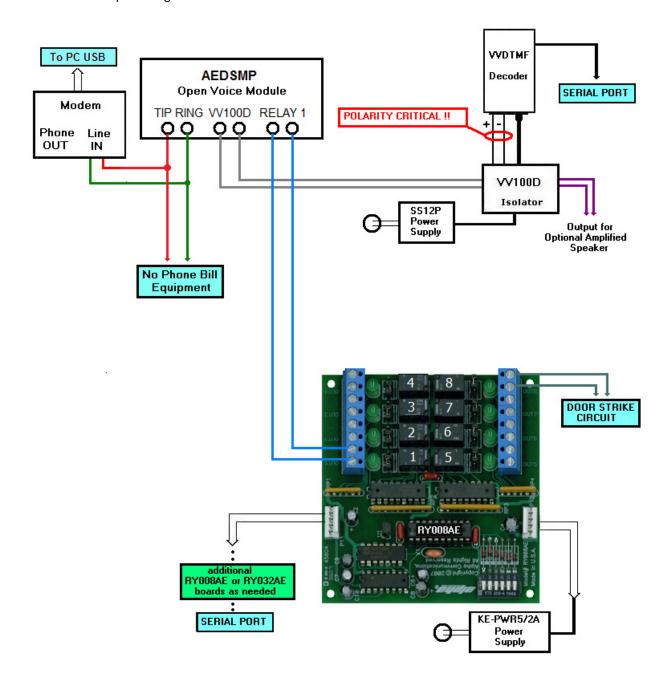


<sup>\*</sup> N.P.S. = No Phone Service

## **❖ Lobby Panel w/Open Voice – No Phone Bill**

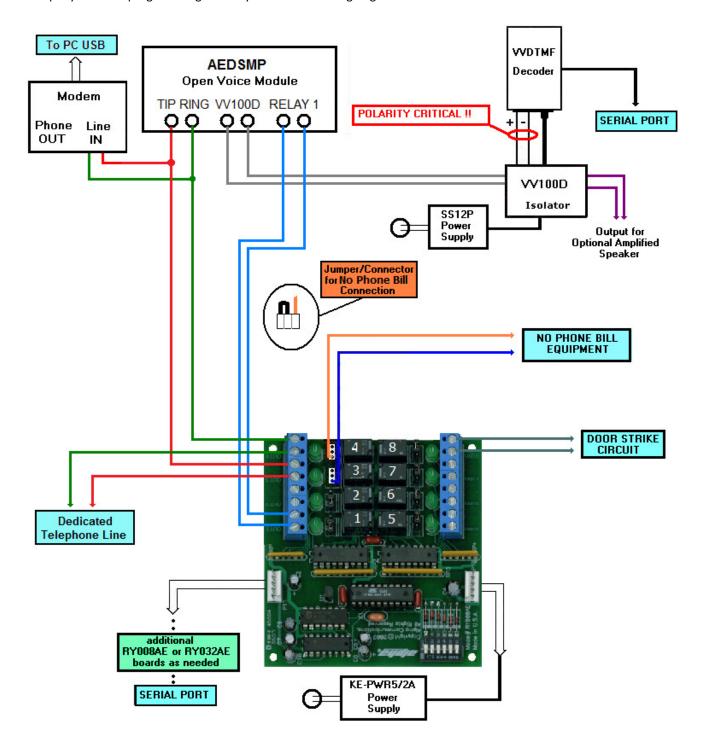
When installing an AEDSMP open voice module on an AlphaEntry™ lobby panel, use this wiring guide to properly attach the module to the RY008AE Board and the VVDTMF/VV100D decoder.

Note that the incoming No Phone Bill equipment telephone line connects to the computer's modem Line IN as well as the AEDSMP tip and ring connections.

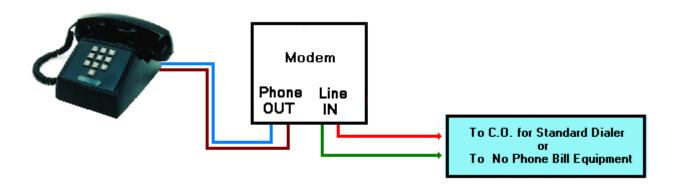


### \* Lobby Open Voice - No Phone Bill w/ Outside Dialing

This wiring diagram shows the proper hookup when connecting AlphaEntry™ to an in building No Phone Bill system. In this configuration, calls can be made through either No Phone Bill equipment or a dedicated telephone company line. The programming of the system restricts outgoing calls.



#### **Concierge Handset Installations**



#### STANDARD DIALER – Unrestricted Outside Dialing

If AlphaEntry™ will be used by a concierge, the Standard Dialer configuration allows the concierge outside phone call capabilities as well as calls placed through AlphaEntry™ by simply dialing from the attached telephone. The RY008AE Relay Board may not be required for this application unless door release or switch console options will be used.

Calls placed to the concierge on this phone line will show up on the AlphaEntry™ display as incoming calls. If the C.O. line has optional Caller ID capabilities then QwikID™ will display the incoming phone number. If the calling phone is contained in the AlphaEntry™ database, the Name and Suite number provided in the contact's record would be displayed only. For more information on QwikID™ refer to Page 7.

### STANDARD DIALER – Limited Outside Dialing

If the concierge is not to be allowed outside dialing **except** for phone numbers listed in the AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup> database, please contact Alpha Communications, 1-800-666-4800, to discuss the options that would be best suited to your application.

## > STANDARD DIALER CONFIGURATION w/ N.P.S.

If the concierge is not to be allowed outside dialing **except** for phone numbers listed in the AlphaEntry<sup>TM</sup> database, then the *Lobby Panel w/Handset - Std. Dialer w/ N.P.S.* method on Page 59 is recommended. This will allow communication with all contacts listed in AlphaEntry<sup>TM</sup> including dummy phones for residents with No Phone Service.

A conventional Phone may be used instead of the Alpha handset but will still be controlled (to prevent unauthorized dialing) by AlphaEntry™ if connected to the wires going to the TW200BKAE2 handset from relays 1 & 2.

If the concierge requires unrestricted outside dialing then connect the conventional phone to the Phone OUT jack of the modem. This would also allow incoming calls to the concierge (ring down).

Please note that the RY008AE Relay Board would be required for this application.



#### NPB CONFIGURATION – Unlimited Outside Dialing

If the concierge is allowed to dial out to any number as well as phone numbers listed in the AlphaEntry™ database, then the Lobby Panel w/Handset – No Phone Bill w/ Outside Dialing Capability method on Page 61 is recommended.

Modifications to this wiring for concierge use would be to disregard wiring to relays 1 and 2 and connect the concierge full feature telephone to the Phone OUT jack of the modem. This would allow regular use of the C.O. Line without intervention from AlphaEntry™ unless a No Phone Bill call is made at which point AlphaEntry™ would take command of the phone. Ring down to the concierge would be available by the residents regular telephone dialing to the concierge's telephone number. A dedicated C.O. Phone line is required for this configuration.

The RY008AE Relay Board is required for this application

#### > NPB CONFIGURATION - Regulated Outside Dialing

If the concierge is not to be allowed outside dialing except for phone numbers listed in the AlphaEntry<sup>™</sup> database, then the Lobby *Panel w/Handset – No Phone Bill w/ Outside Dialing Capability* method on Page 61 is recommended. A dedicated C.O. Phone line is required for this configuration.

If ring down to the concierge is needed, then a separate phone without dialing capabilities would be hooked to the incoming C.O. Lines before the RY008AE board.

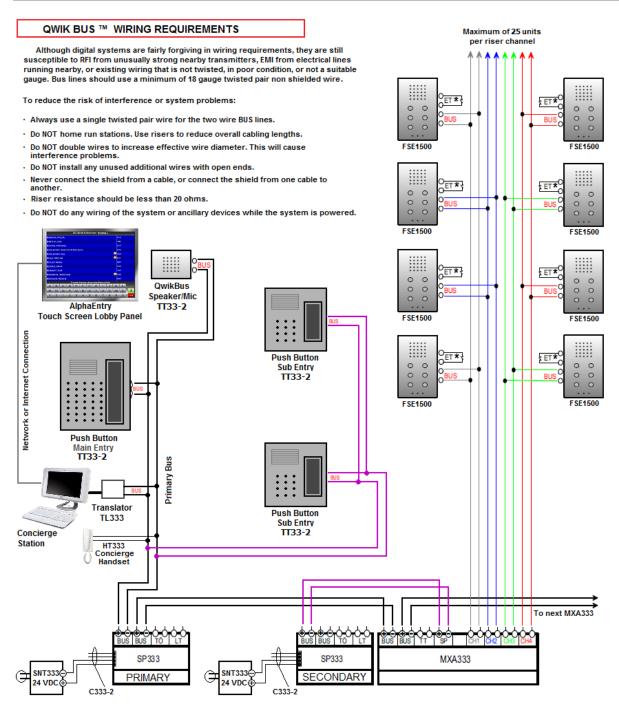
The RY008AE Relay Board is required for this application.

## Concierge Stations - Open Voice Configurations

In the event of a Doorman or Concierge station that requires Open Voice configuration, please refer to the wiring diagrams for Lobby Panels in the desired format. All Concierge functions can be easily configured into the station by the software. Although outside dialing through AlphaEntry™ is easily accomplished, unrestricted outside dialing would only be available through a standard telephone connected into the system and controlled through the Switch Console.

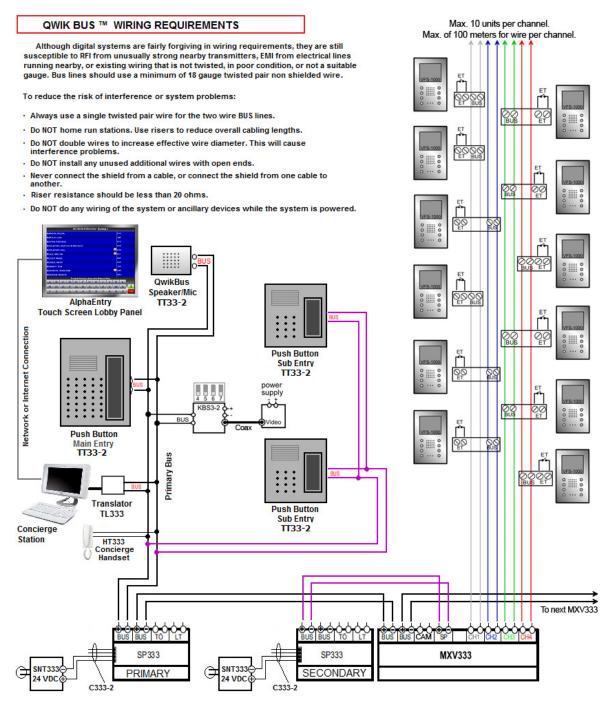


## **❖** Basic AlphaEntry™ QwikBUS™ Wiring Diagram



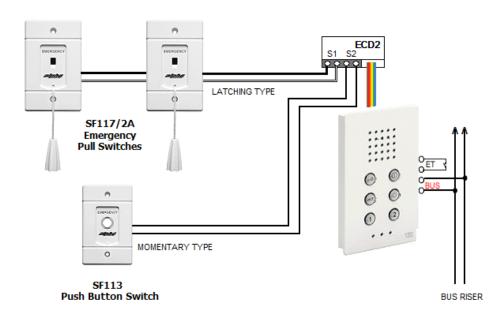
🖈 ET terminals are used to connect an outside apartment door bell button, to make a distinct ring to the FSE1500, indicating a visitor at the door.

### **❖** AlphaEntry™ QwikBUS™ VIDEO Wiring Diagram



★ ET terminals are used to connect an outside apartment door bell button, to make a distinct ring to the VFS1000, indicating a visitor at the door.

### ❖ Typical Apartment Wiring For Devices through ECD2



In this example, the S1 has been globally set for latching contacts and the S2 has been globally set for momentary contacts.

Devices can be:

**Pull Cords** 

**Push Buttons** 

**Motion Sensors** 

**Light Sensors** 

**Wireless Pendant Receivers** 

**Door or Window Contacts** 

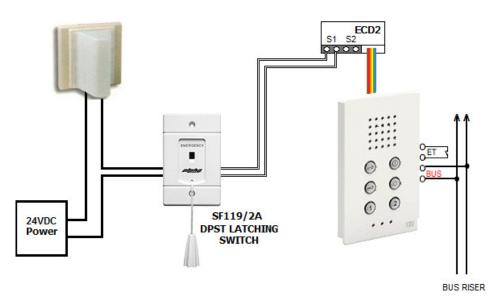
Smoke Detectors\*

**Limit Switches** 

**Isolation Relays** 

All devices must be dry contact devices. Voltage producing signals can be used with a suitable isolation

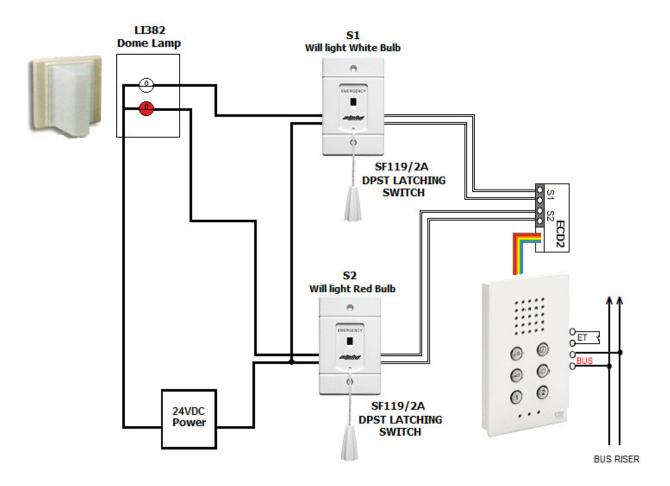
\* The QwikBUS™ system used with smoke and/or heat detectors in not an approved fire alarm system. It is only intended as a secondary notification device.



This diagram illustrates using a Double Pole Single Throw Emergency Switch (SF119/2A) to close the S1 contact on one side to send the emergency call, and also closes the connection between a dome light (LI381) and its 24-volt DC power source to turn on the light.

DC power for auxiliary devices such as dome lights is recommended to minimize the risk of electrical magnetic interference with the QwikBUS™ system.





This is an illustration of wiring a two-bulb Dome Light (L1382) to differentiate between an S1 device being actuated (lighting the white bulb in this example), and an S2 device being actuated (lighting the red bulb). One side of the double pole switch closes the connection between the S1or S2 input, and the other side completes the circuit to the respective bulb.

Other wiring methods can allow you to operate multi-color dome lights denoting specific devices or locations regardless of them triggering the S1 or the S2 alarm. Please note that when using a device to illuminate a dome light, the devices must be latching. A momentary device will only illuminate the light for the time of the switch closure unless additional electronics are included to "latch" the momentary closure.

# **Chapter 8 - Appendices**

#### Appendix A - Creating Your Own Custom Graphics

AlphaEntry™ allows you to add your own graphics as a background for your Welcome Screen.

Whether you want pictures of your building, a neighborhood map, a text message announcing an event, rental information telephone numbers, advertising, or other ideas you may have, this can be done quite easily following these guidelines.

A picture size of 1024 by 768 pixels or 800 by 600 pixels will fill the screen nicely and is the best size for the display. AlphaEntry™ features automatic scaling of pictures for both 4:3 standard and 16:9 wide screen format monitors making slideshow designing and maintenance even simpler. If the size you have chosen is not these exact dimensions, the image will be automatically adjusted for best fit to your screen resolution.

When your pictures have been properly formatted, save them to the SlideShowPics Folder.

The graphics file default location is C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\SlideShowPics.

If your "Welcome Screen is a slide show" box is checked, all the images in that folder will rotate in alphabetical order. If it is not checked only the picture that is first in the folder alphabetically will be displayed.

You may wish to move images that you do not want to show into a new folder such as: C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\SavedPics

Image files with .bmp, .jpg, or .gif extensions can be used.

Use these same rules to create your scheduled welcome screens for holidays, events, or announcements and then save them to **C:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\SchedulePics.** 

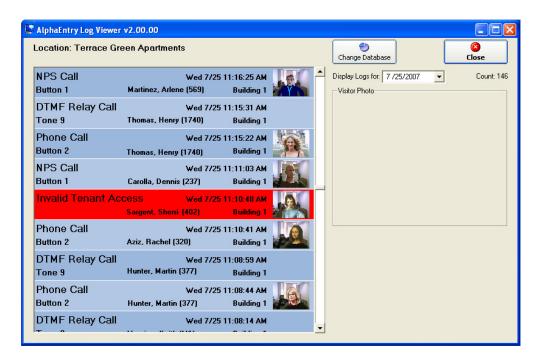
When scheduled screens are used it will automatically suspend the slideshow during the date range associated with the scheduled screen.



#### **❖** Appendix B - The Event Log Viewer

Any activity on AlphaEntry™ creates a date/time stamp and stores it in the system event log. The contact and event information is also saved at this time as you can see in the screenshot below. If a camera is connected to an entry it will also save a still frame taken during any visitor initiated session or resident entry access attempt.

If AlphaEntry™ MailRoom™ is an installed option, package delivery and resident pick-up times will also be logged and viewable here.



The Event Log Viewer is a separate software application that can be installed in any computer that has the ability to access the server, to enable authorized persons to view the calls placed at all entries. If an entry is equipped with a connected camera, still shots of all visitors will also be included.

The Event Log Viewer software does not require a Dongle for operation, which would enable a security guards PC to monitor real time, or review previous, entry activities. When an event is highlighted in red it indicates a failed access attempt. If an event with a still picture is selected, the picture will display to the right of the log viewer in a larger format. Events are displayed in time order and filtered by date. The count indicator displays the amount of events recorded on the particular date that has been selected in the drop-down calendar select box.

#### ❖ Appendix C – Speaker / Microphone Module Adjustments

## > AEMDFB (Open Voice) / TW200BKAE (Handset)

There is a gain control on the back of this unit in the bottom left corner that can be adjusted with a small screwdriver.

If the volume is too low turn the screw clockwise, if the volume is too high or if you hear a pulsing volume level turn the screw counterclockwise until the pulsing stops.

The pulsing is caused by the switching of the VOX electronics between speaking and listening and when the gain is set too high, the mic will hear the speaker and cut back and then not hear the speaker and raise the level causing the pulsing. Because the acoustic

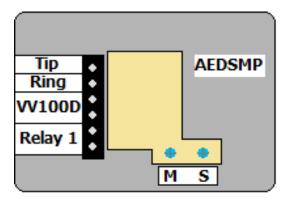
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and ambient noise of each installation is different this "threshold level" will usually need to be adjusted for optimal operation.

Gain Adjustment

## > AEDSMP Style



**Back View** 

The AEDSMP is used as an Open Voice Speaker/ Mic assembly and has two user adjustable controls.

The first, marked "**M**" is used to increase microphone sensitivity. In a loud environment, turning this counterclockwise will help to minimize background noise and make speech clearer. In quieter surroundings, turning it clockwise will increase mic volume level.

The second, marked "S" will increase the lobby speaker volume by turning the adjustment clockwise.

Both of these adjustments are very sensitive and should be adjusted only if needed in different environments.

#### **❖** Appendix D - Access the AlphaEntry™ Database Remotely

If the computer that contains your AlphaEntry™ database has Internet access, you can allow your database to be accessed remotely. This is useful for updating the AlphaEntry™ database with new resident information, for allowing multiple entries to connect to a database from outside of your local network, or for viewing the logs from a remote location.

To setup your network so you can access your SQL Server database from the Internet through you need to have the following:

A network that has a public IP address that you can use on the Internet Access to go into your firewall/router settings

Whenever you try to connect to your AlphaEntry™ database from any location on the Internet you will need to enter your public IP address in the database login screen. If you do not know what your public IP address is just go to the computer that you have your database on and open up the following URL: http://www.alphamedia.net/cgibin2/ip.exe

NOTE: There is a difference between the IP address that you use to connect to your database on your local network and the public IP address that you need to use on the Internet. If you try to login to your database from the Internet (outside of your local network) with the IP address you use on your local network, it will not work.

Once you know what your public IP address is, you will then need to go into your firewall/router that you have your database behind and setup port forwarding. Basically what needs to be done is any traffic that comes into your firewall/router on port 1433 (the default port number used by the SQL Server) needs to be forwarded to the local IP that you have your SQL Server database running on. For example, if the local IP address of your database is "192.168.1.100", then in your firewall/router settings you will need to specify that any incoming traffic on port 1433 be forwarded to "192.168.1.100".

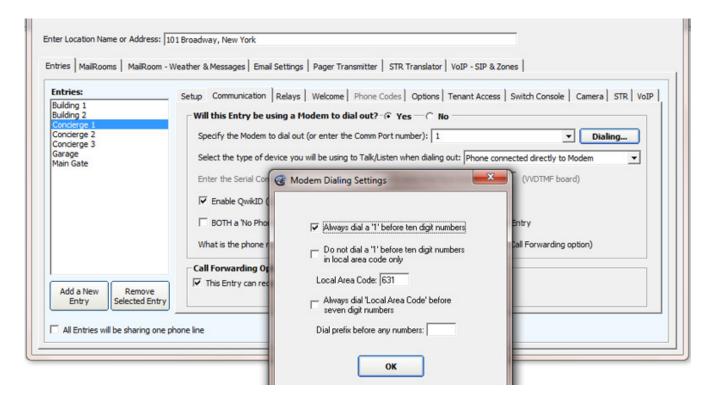
**IMPORTANT:** The machine that the SQL Server database is located on may also have its own personal firewall software on it for more security in addition to your hardware firewall. Please see Appendix F – Windows Firewall Exceptions.



### **❖** Appendix E - Using AlphaEntry™ through a PBX system

If you are dialing through a PBX and need to dial a "9" before getting an outside line, you will need to make the following modifications in the AlphaEntry™ Editor.

- 1. Select the Entry you wish to edit
- 2. Click on the Communication tab
- 3. Click on the Dialing button
- 4. Enter "9" in the **Dial prefix before any numbers** textbox





#### **❖** Appendix F - Windows Firewall Exceptions

All versions of Microsoft Windows since XP (Service Pack 2) have a software firewall built into the operating system. Also, many different types of anti-virus packages have a software firewall in them that block any outside access to the computer.

To properly setup AlphaEntry you may need to configure the personal firewall software on a machine to allow network traffic for AlphaEntry to enter that machine. Normally these settings are listed in an area called "Exceptions" in the personal firewall.

If you are using multiple entries that share one database, or you need to remotely use the Editor or Log Viewer software, you will need to setup two exceptions for AlphaEntry, one for the SQL Server database file "sqlservr.exe", and a second for the AlphaEntry Hub Software (aehub.exe).

#### To setup these exceptions in the Windows Firewall please do the following:

- 1. Go to the machine that you have your database installed on.
- 2. Go into the Windows Control Panel.
- 3. Double-Click on Windows Firewall.
- 4. Click on the Exceptions tab.
- 5. Click on the **Add Program...** button.
- 6. Click on the **Browse...** button.
- 7. Browse to the folder that **AlphaEntry** is installed in
  - a. **Usually** c:\Program Files\AlphaEntry\.
- 8. Select the aehub.exe file and click Open.
- 9. Click **OK** in the **Add a Program** window.
- 10. Click on the Add Program... button again.
- 11. Click on the **Browse...** button.
- 12. Browse to the folder that the Microsoft SQL Server software is installed in
  - a. **Usually** C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL.1\MSSQL\Bin\
- 13. Select the **sqlservr.exe** file and click **Open**.
- 14. Click **OK** in the **Add a Program** window.
- 15. Click **OK** in the **Windows Firewall** window.

For specific instructions on how to set up exceptions in other types of software firewalls please see their instruction manual for details.

