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Jaxport secures waterfront with virtual perimeters

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.-The Jacksonville Port Authority has decided to monitor and protect the perimeter of its Blount Island, Tallyrand and Dames Point marine terminals with Object Video's intelligent video software.

With the software's "video tripwire" technology, the port will be able to distinguish every-day occurrences from potential threats. Security personnel will create virtual perimeters by drawing a "video tripwire" on a computer snapshot of what a surveillance camera is viewing. The port will also be able to extend or retract perimeter lines in response to changes in the port's security level or specific threats.

Personnel will then create rules that will help determine whether an object type (i.e. boat, vehicle, person) or the direction of the object is a threat.

An interesting oddity has been Bush's relatively strong support for broadband over powerline technology, which appears the opposite of cautious. The position taken, a little chancy considering the still not fully proven BPL case, has aroused some considerable resentment from wireless lobbies, who claim BPL is in many cases disruptive to local wireless transmission. Still it did get Bush a couple of dozen votes. Current Communications of Germantown, one of many small BPL technology companies, issued a release praising the president for his wise words. Let's hope they were indeed wise...]

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