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Press Release

WhosOnLocation releases technology to account for people post-evacuation

21 September, 2015 - WhosOnLocation ([@WhosOnLocation](#)) today released its new [WolEvac Evacuation Management](#) mobile web-app making it easy for safety marshals, and floor and fire wardens to verify the safety of visitors, contractors, and employees immediately after an evacuation of a location.

"Accounting for people in the event of an evacuation has always been problematic given most organizations do not know who is on-site in the first place. The zone, or area, clearance process only works insofar as there is actually a safety marshal, or floor or fire warden, available to carry out a zone clearance at the time of the evacuation. Furthermore, that they are able to clear a zone in a manner that does not compromise their own safety or that of their colleagues" says Darren Whitaker-Barnett, CEO, WhosOnLocation.

WolEvac allows users (Safety marshals, fire and floor wardens) to collaborate with each other to verify they have cleared their zones or areas, and to then verify the safety of employees, visitors, and contractors once in the assembly area.

"With the presence of hundreds of thousands of employees, visitors, and contractors in buildings and other locations managed by WhosOnLocation worldwide it was a logical step to develop an app that allowed our users to easily and quickly verify the safety of these people post evacuation" says Whitaker-Barnett.

When first activated WolEvac displays all people on-site at the time of the evacuation as 'unverified'. Multiple safety marshals or fire and floor wardens can 'join' the activated evacuation event. The role of these users is to verify the safety of all people on-site at that point in time. Users can carry out a manual roll-call. If a person is 'present' and accounted for the user can switch that person's status from being 'unverified' to 'verified'.

Roll-calling thousands of names can take some time and in the event of an emergency time is precious. WolEvac addresses this by allowing a user to push a sms out to all employees, visitors, and contractors asking them if they are safe. They respond with the word 'Safe' if they are – this is immediately captured by WolEvac and all users are updated via the WolEvac app. "It's possible to verify the safety of hundreds or even thousands of people in a couple of minutes" says Whitaker-Barnett.

If an employee, visitor, or contractor responds with anything other than 'Safe' then WolEvac treats this as an exception and displays the response in the WolEvac app for all users to see. Users can use the in-built notices tool to chat and collaborate on evacuation events.

WolEvac is part of WhosOnLocation's ongoing commitment to supporting organizations better manage the safety and security of those people that they are responsible for. WolEvac will work with iOS and Android enabled mobile phones, with support for Windows Phones coming later in the year.

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About WhosOnLocation

[WhosOnLocation](#) is a cloud service that brings together visitor, contractor, and employee presence, induction management, identity management, and access rights control into a single integrated solution. These services enable any organisation with an obligation to protect the well-being of its employees, visitors, and contractors as well as a need to provide security for its assets and intellectual property with a robust, secure, easy to deploy, easy to use, cost effective solution.