



Customer Case Study

Town of Southbridge significantly improves process and increases savings through SecureCheck® and KVS software.

SecureCheck-PRO

The Town of Southbridge lies in the Quinebaug River Valley of south-central Massachusetts. Serving 17,400 residents, Southbridge has a Town Manager/Town Council form of government with five geopolitical precincts. The Town of Southbridge prints approximately 6,800 AP checks and 14,000 payroll checks annually. The SecureCheck system is installed on a Windows operating system and automates printing for accounts payable and payroll checks, along with all tax bills and direct deposit notifications.

Business Situation

Southbridge was working with an accounting system that required them to use pre-prints for all their form and check printing. In July 2005, they upgraded to the Enterprise Financial Management System from KVS Information Systems, Inc., which required a new check printing solution. Based on a recommendation from their KVS representative, the Town of Southbridge looked to AP Technology for their check and form printing solution.

The Solution: SecureCheck

Southbridge chose the SecureCheck solution for its ease-of-use, ability to reduce costs and increase productivity. The SecureCheck MICR check printing software functions as a one-pass system, adding signatures, printed security features, data and check forms all at one time when checks are printed. By printing to blank check stock, rather than pre-printed stock, the Town of Southbridge was able to increase security while reducing waste and costs associated with pre-printed checks and forms. Additionally, SecureCheck's unparalleled fraud prevention controls such as user security permissions, audit capabilities and printed-stub information were key features that led to the decision to implement SecureCheck.

The system has allowed the staff within the treasury department to exponentially increase their efficiency and productivity. While discussing how SecureCheck has improved their process, Mindy Ernst-Fournier, Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Southbridge, states, "Many aspects of our process have been improved with

"SecureCheck has improved our process in a variety of ways. With blank checks and forms, we don't have to base business decisions on pre-prints we have in stock. Changes can be made to our checks at anytime, which is very convenient. As a result, we aren't wasting supplies or money. This is a strong solution for any government office."

*- Mindy Ernst-Fournier, Treasurer/Collector
for Township of Southbridge, Massachusetts*

SecureCheck, but one notable improvement is our decrease in manual labor. Because we can print to blank pressure seal stock, tasks that previously took two days to complete can now be completed in four hours." In regards to security, Mindy says, "The security features in SecureCheck make it difficult for anyone to falsify a check. Only users we designate can access the system, which makes it very secure." SecureCheck has been easily integrated with Southbridge's KVS Enterprise Financial Management System.

About AP Technology

AP Technology is one of the original pioneers of MICR laser check printing systems. AP Technology develops leading solutions for MICR laser check printing (SecureCheck), positive pay (SecurePay), secure signatures and graphics (ezSigner), and MICR toner and blank check stock (TruPrint). For more information on the company's check printing solution suite, visit www.aptechnology.com

