

Weeeee're Baaaack... 😳

and hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

Things have been hectic here with all the "end of year" activities and we have finally settled back into a (relatively) normal mode of operation.

However, we have not been sitting on our hands. New technologies abound and we will be bringing them to you throughout the year as they become available for attachment to your 7526 Data Collection Terminals.

The first area we have been focusing on is in the area of security and access control systems. Yes... we've had Proximity Scanners for a while now, but we see the need for additional security and *fingerprint scanning* is the next level up in security now that the price has come down to a reasonable level.

We are working with hardware vendors and will be testing our first system in February. Our approach will be to use "Smart Cards" which will store the employee's badge number and a numeric representation of their fingerprint in the chip's memory. Then, without having to go back to the host PC, the 7526 program will compare the fingerprint scanned at badge-in with the one in the smartcard to determine validity. The programmability of the 7526 makes this terminal perfectly suited for this application, where the delay associated with sending the scanned fingerprint back to a host computer for validity

checking can have a negative impact on users of the system.

We're off to a great start and look forward to working with you all in 2004!

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