



Customer Case Study

Town of Southbridge Increases Efficiency and Savings with SecureCheck® Check Printing and KVS Accounting Software

SecureCheck

Check Printing Software

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

The Town of Southbridge was working with an accounting system that required using pre-printed stock for all their checks and forms. In July 2005, they switched to the Enterprise Financial Management System provided by KVS Information Systems, Inc. Based on a recommendation from KVS, the Town of Southbridge looked to AP Technology for a new check and form printing solution that would work alongside their KVS software.

The Solution: SecureCheck

The Town of Southbridge chose SecureCheck MICR check printing software for its ease-of-use and ability to reduce costs and increase productivity. SecureCheck functions as a one-pass system - adding all signatures, printed-check security features, data, and check-forms at one time when checks are printed. By printing to blank check stock, rather than pre-prints, the Town of Southbridge was able to increase security while reducing overall costs. In addition, SecureCheck has enhanced security with internal controls such as user access permissions, auditing, and event logging. The system has allowed the treasury department to significantly increase the efficiency and security of their check and form issuance.

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, but one notable improvement is our decrease in manual*

"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

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 works hand-in-hand with check data from 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 offers leading solutions for MICR laser check printing (SecureCheck), positive pay (SecurePay), secure check signing (ezSigner), and MICR toner and blank check stock (TruPrint). For more information on the company's check printing solution suite, visit www.aptechnology.com

