CLAIMS

1. A security monitoring device for recording security footage at a location, said security monitoring device comprising:

a controller to control said device;

a camera for obtaining security footage of the device surroundings;

a location information device adapted to provide location information to said controller;

storage for storing said security footage along with other information, said other information including at least time and location and being stored separately to said security footage but being associated by time; and

communication means for said controller to communicate with a central monitoring system;

wherein said device is configured to analyse said other information at said device prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system.

2. A security system according to claim 1, wherein said device further comprises a timer adapted to measure the duration of events at said location, said device being configured to determine whether said event exceeds a predetermined duration.

3. A security monitoring device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said analysis of said other information at said device is achieved through the operation of local rules stored in at least one of said controller and camera, or another component of said device.

4. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said location information device is a mobile phone.

5. A security monitoring device according to claim 4, wherein said mobile phone provides GPS location information.

6. A security monitoring device according to claim 5, wherein said GPS location information is based on results of cellular triangulation.

7. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said controller is configured to monitor said security footage for events and store said events with said other information at said storage, and to analyse said other information based on the operation of local rules prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system.

8. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein, depending on said analysis of said other information, said device is adapted to respond to the results of said analysis.

9. A security monitoring device according to claim 8, wherein said response comprises said camera being adapted to focus on a particular area in said device surroundings.

10. A security monitoring device according to claim 8 or 9, wherein said device is adapted to communicate said results of said analysis to said central monitoring system and said central monitoring system is adapted to command said response.

11. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said other information is categorised prior to and/or during storage.

12. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a mobile telephone is used as said communication means.

13. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said device is adapted to communicate said other information to said central monitoring system together with security footage of a corresponding time period, based on said results of said analysis.

14. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said camera is a digital video camera.

15. A method of monitoring a location comprising:

obtaining security footage of a location;

obtaining location information;

storing said security footage along with other information including at least time and location separately but associated by time;

analysing said other information;

on the basis of results of said analysis, communicating said other information and/or said security footage to a central monitoring system.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein said other information includes duration of an event at said location and said method comprises measuring said duration of said event.

17. A method according to claim 16, where said analysis of said other information comprises determining whether said event exceeds a predetermined duration.

18. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 17, wherein said analysis of said other information is achieved through the operation of local rules stored in a component of a security monitoring device in communication with said central monitoring system.

19. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 18, wherein said location information is obtained from a mobile phone.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein said mobile phone provides GPS location information.

21. A method according to claim 20, wherein said GPS location information is based on results of cellular triangulation.

22. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 121, comprising monitoring said security footage for events and storing said events with said other information, and analysing said other information based on the operation of local rules prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system.

23. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 22, additionally comprising responding to the results of said analysis.

24. A method according to claim 23, wherein said response comprises focussing on a particular area in said location.

25. A method according to claim 23 or 24, wherein said results of said analysis are communicated to said central monitoring system, said central monitoring system commanding said response based on said results of said analysis.

26. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 25, additionally comprising categorising said other information prior to and/or during storage thereof.

CLAIMS

1. A security monitoring device for recording security footage at a location, said security monitoring device comprising:

a timer adapted to measure a duration of an event at said location,

a controller to control said device;

a camera for obtaining security footage of the device surroundings;

a location information device adapted to provide location information to said controller;

a storage medium for storing said security footage along with other information, said other information including at least time and location and being stored separately to said security footage but being associated by time; and

communication means for said controller to communicate with a central monitoring system;

wherein said device is configured to analyse said other information at said device prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system;

wherein said device is adapted to detect an event generated by an external system and is configured to determine whether the duration of said event measured by said timer exceeds a predetermined duration, whereby recording of the security footage by said device can be triggered.

2. A security monitoring device according to claim 1, wherein said analysis of said other information at said device is achieved through the operation of local rules stored in at least one of said controller and camera, or another component of said device.

3. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said location information device is a mobile phone.

4. A security monitoring device according to claim 3, wherein said mobile phone provides GPS location information.

5. A security monitoring device according to claim 4, wherein said GPS location information is based on results of cellular triangulation.

6. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said controller is configured to monitor said security footage for events and store said events with said other information at said storage, and to analyse said other information based on the operation of local rules prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system.

7. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein, depending on said analysis of said other information, said device is adapted to respond to the results of said analysis.

8. A security monitoring device according to claim 7, wherein said response comprises said camera being adapted to focus on a particular area in said device surroundings.

9. A security monitoring device according to claim 7 or claim 8, wherein said device is adapted to communicate said results of said analysis to said central monitoring system and said central monitoring system is adapted to command said response.

10. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said other information is categorised prior to and/or during storage.

11. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a mobile telephone is used as said communication means.

12. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said device is adapted to communicate said other information to said central monitoring system together with security footage of a corresponding time period, based on said results of said analysis.

13. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said camera is a digital video camera.

14. A security monitoring device according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said storage medium includes one of a hard disk, a magnetic tape and a solid state device.

15. A method of monitoring a location, said method to be performed by a security monitoring device that comprises a storage medium, said method comprising:

obtaining security footage of a location;

obtaining location information;

storing, in the storage medium, said security footage along with other information including at least time and location separately but associated by time;

analysing said other information; and

on the basis of results of said analysis, communicating said other information and/or said security footage to a central monitoring system ;

wherein said other information includes the duration of an event at said location and said method comprises measuring said duration of said event and where said analysing of said other information comprises determining whether said event exceeds a predetermined duration.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein said analysis of said other information is achieved through the operation of local rules stored in a component of a security monitoring device in communication with said central monitoring system.

17. A method according to claim 15 or claim 16, wherein said location information is obtained from a mobile phone.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein said mobile phone provides GPS location information.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said GPS location information is based on results of cellular triangulation.

20. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 19, comprising monitoring said security footage for events and storing said events with said other information, and analysing said other information based on the operation of local rules prior to communication of information and/or security footage to said central monitoring system.

21. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 19, additionally comprising responding to the results of said analysis.

22. A method according to claim 21, wherein said response comprises focussing on a particular area in said location.

23. A method according to claim 20 or claim 21, wherein said results of said analysis are communicated to said central monitoring system, said central monitoring system commanding said response based on said results of said analysis.

24. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 23, additionally comprising categorising said other information prior to and/or during storage thereof.