

Control Your Liability With ActivTrak

Using ActivTrak's user behavior analytics service, The Royal Air Force Cadets are able to monitor and control access to harmful websites, better understand unrecognized home circumstances, and now have the confidence to begin to develop and implement technology-based learning with their cadets.

Executive Summary

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets (RAF), a non profit military youth organization, enlisted the help of ActivTrak to ensure internet safety for the cadets under their supervision. The easy implementation and affordable cost of ActivTrak allowed The Royal Air Force Cadets to monitor and control access to harmful websites. The insightful data helped them better understand unrecognized home issues, and gave them the confidence to begin to develop and implement technology-based learning with their cadets.



Background

The Air Cadet Organization was formed as an essential part of the Royal Air Force, supplying better-trained and experienced personnel during times of war. It has evolved into the largest air cadet organization in the world. During the 1930s the beginnings of today's CCF (RAF) appeared in the form of OTC Air Sections.



Background CONTINUED

In 1948, the OTC was renamed the Combined Cadet Force and most of the original OTC Air Sections became CCF (RAF) units. This is the structure that exists today with some CCF (RAF) sections boasting a history of nearly 150 years of service! With such a prestigious history and close connections to the Royal Air Force, The Royal Air Force Air Cadets needed to ensure safety and security of their cadets online in the 21st century.



The Challenge

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets are a Military disciplined youth organization. They reached out to ActivTrak with concerns about their youth cadets, ranging from ages 12-20, accessing harmful websites and applications on their computers and under the care of The Royal Air Force Cadets.

Being a non-profit organization, cost, security, and ease of use were primary factors included in the decision making process. Sergeant Lowe found that others within his organization would not only need to have access. They must also be able to easily navigate through the program and understand who's doing what, when and for how long. Moreover, Sergeant Lowe needed something that could control and limit internet usage, and notify administrators when cadets were being unsafe online.

Sergeant James Lowe reached out to ActivTrak after conducting a bit of research. After kicking the tires, affordability was the only question left to answer.



The Solution

He tested the software for 1 week and immediately fell in love with the product. Sergeant Lowe reached out to ActivTrak to discuss deploying the software across his squadrons. After a short back-and-forth, the two sides came to mutual agreement on cost and began the process of deployment.



The Solution CONTINUED

Setup was painless, as they were able to integrate and deploy ActivTrak in only a few seconds per computer.

After toying around with some alarms and blocking malicious websites, the RAF was set. James soon realized ActivTrak was about to make his life a lot easier. He grew to love the real-time and activity log features because of the clarity and visibility into his cadets online activities. The sergeant expressed relief knowing that he had provided the young individuals they were liable for with a more safe, secure online experience.

Success Story

In no time ActivTrak gave the entire organization more confidence over their cadets' activities.

Since implementation, the use of ActivTrak has given the Royal Air Force Air Cadets the confidence to proceed with developing technology-based learning with the cadets. ActivTrak has allowed this historic organization modify and adapt to the changing times, needs and skills of the 21st century.

Additionally, ActivTrak has allowed the organization to get ahead of some potential child protection issues and utilize their skill sets and training to ensure all youths under their supervision are protected and cared for at all times.



The information provided has been useful to provide feedback to the project sponsors and provide direction for continued development of our system, including investment decision making.

DEPUTY IT OFFICER C&E YORKS ATC, SERGEANT JAMES LOWE (ATC)



About the Royal Air Force Cadets

Better known as the 'Air Cadets', we're a UK-wide cadet force with more than 40,000 members aged between 12 and 20 years.

We're sponsored by the Royal Air Force and can give you hands-on experience of activities and courses that will challenge and develop your skills to help you succeed in whatever you want to do. HRH The Duchess of Cambridge is also our Honorary Air Commandant!

As a cadet you'll have the opportunity to do things that others only dream about. Want real flight experience? No problem. How about heading out on adventurous training and camps, sometimes overseas? Normal for cadets. Competitive sports, drill, shooting, music, abseiling, engineering projects? Our list of activities is long, varied and open to all cadets. Yes it's a challenge, but that's what life's all about.

About ActivTrak

Developed by Birch Grove Software, ActivTrak is a comprehensive cloud-based analytics service that allows businesses to gain insights on and improve employee productivity.

As a freemium service easily installed on an employee's desktop to measure activity, the ActivTrak platform provides valuable aggregate data on a company's day-by-day performance, with information displayed on an easy-to-manage dashboard.

The company's software is easy to install and data transfer is encrypted, ensuring protection and security. For more information or to try out for your team, please visit ActivTrak.com.