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Linn County E911 Board Helps Connect Emergency Responders Throughout the County

County Takes First Step Towards Fully Interoperable Network with Deployment of the State's First IP-Based Interoperability Gateway Based on Harris NetworkFirst Technology

Cedar Rapids, IA., December 11, 2009 — The Linn County E911 Communications Board today announced the successful deployment of the State of Iowa's first IP-based communications interoperability gateway. This gateway will allow all first responders within the county to be able to communicate in times of need, regardless of each departments type of radios used. With help from Iowa-based partner and dealer RACOM Corporation, the IP-based gateway will serve as the first phase of the county's initiative to create uninterrupted communications for public safety first responders. The new switch will enable radio interoperability for users on the county's VHF conventional network, the City of Cedar Rapids' 800 MHz trunked network, and the City of Marion's UHF conventional radio system.

"The deployment of the state's first IP-based gateway gives radio users in Linn County a measure of interoperability among first responders that we have never before achieved," said Dave Knott, Captain, Linn County Sheriff's Office. "Beyond helping connect public safety first responders on different radio systems, the gateways also gives the county complete compatibility with future P25 (Project 25) standards and provides a foundation to connect with additional IP-based radio networks down the road."

Linn County's new interoperability gateways consist of four Harris V^{IP} consoles located at the Marion and Cedar Rapids Police Departments, the Linn County Sheriff's Department and the County's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) office. The interoperability solution provides county radio users with five talkpaths and will soon be upgraded to six talkpaths. Built on the proven Harris VIDA® (Voice, Interoperability, Data, Access) network technology, the gateway connects legacy VHF, UHF, 700 MHz and 800 MHz systems to forge local radio communications interoperability.

“It is in the best interest of Linn County to have a public safety radio system that allows police, fire, EMS and the county Sheriff’s Department to easily talk to one another on their radios,” said James M. Houser, Chairman of the E911 Services Board and Linn County District 5 Supervisor. “It is no surprise that Linn County leads the state with the implementation of this proven IP-gateway technology that will help first responders communicate better and ultimately help protect the lives of our citizens.” Supervisor Houser initiated the interoperability concept in Linn County.

Linn County will also be connected to the current RACOM statewide network, providing communication interoperability with up to 300 other agencies and 10,000 users statewide.

“Linn County is on the forefront of providing its citizens with proven equipment and technology that will help make communications between all city and county first responders faster and easier,” said Mike Miller, president, RACOM Corporation. “As an Iowa-based company for more than 35 years, RACOM is honored to support Linn County and help provide tools the first responders need to stay safe and save lives in the face of emergencies.”

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