

City of Inglewood Relies on PacStar to Deploy Mobile Emergency Operations Center

New System Ensures Public Safety and Continuity of Operations During “The Great Southern California Shake Out” Drill

Portland, Ore. (December 3, 2008)—PacStar™, a technology-based provider of communications solutions to the military and government, announced today that the City of Inglewood in California has selected technology from PacStar and LGS, a subsidiary of Alcatel-Lucent (NYSE: ALU), as the backbone of its Mobile-Emergency Operations Center (M-EOC). Inglewood will leverage the PacStar 5500 and LGS Tactical Base Station Router (TacBSR™) to ensure the City is able to communicate with disaster and emergency responders when existing communications have been cut off or destroyed.

In the initial stages of a disaster, communications with emergency personnel is critical to determine the right level of response that will ultimately impact public safety. The M-EOC will be used as a command center where local, state and federal officials can coordinate activities. Through the PacStar 5500 and LGS TacBSR, officials will have access to satellite voice, video and data communications as well as the ability to set up a cellular network.

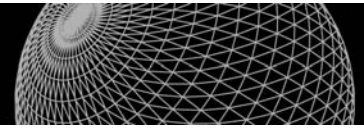
In addition, the technology gives the City of Inglewood the added benefit of running its 911 emergency call center when existing communications have failed. Internet Technology officials simply plug in a mirrored image of the server that runs the computer aided dispatch system into the PacStar 5500. Within minutes, the City is able to dispatch police and public safety officers as needed.

“Residing on top of the Newport-Inglewood Fault, we recognized the need for satellite-based mobile communications that could be deployed in the event of a major disaster,” said Michael Falkow, acting assistant city administrator for Inglewood . “The technology behind the Mobile Emergency Operations Center gives us the ability to quickly set up and manage a communications command center that will help us respond in a way that best meets the needs of our citizens.”

Mobile Emergency Command Center Put to Test During Earthquake Drill

Last week, more than 5,000 emergency responders from local, state and federal agencies participated in the Golden Guardian 2008 exercise, which simulated a magnitude 7.8 earthquake hitting the southern portion of California’s San Andreas fault. In conjunction with Golden Guardian, approximately five million Californians registered to take part in the ShakeOut Drill (www.shakeout.org).

“After assessing the situation, we immediately deployed the Mobile Emergency Command Center,” said Michael Falkow. “Within 10 minutes, we had the PacStar 5500 up and running and were able to make and receive calls. Additionally, we set up a private cell phone network through the PacStar 5500 that could be used by local, state and federal officials to coordinate the response.”



PacStar 5500 Based on IQ-Core™ Software

The PacStar 5500 is a self-managed, feature-rich and highly secure deployable communications system contained within a lightweight and rugged case, and intended for use in disaster or remote areas, or war zones. The embedded IQ-Core™ Software simplifies the user interface and eliminates the need for specialized IT staff in the field, reducing operational risk and making the PacStar 5500 an ideal solution for remote, unstable and/or high-risk environments where rapidly deployable teams are paramount. IQ-Core Software is also an integral part of PacStar's Unified Communications (UC) solutions. The PacStar 6000-series of products enable full UC functionality with all the benefits of the proven Cisco platform.

“Communications are often among the first systems to go down when a major disaster strikes, resulting in slow response times and an uncoordinated effort,” said Robert Frisbee, CEO of PacStar. “The combined solution from PacStar and LGS gives local governments like the City of Inglewood the power to quickly and easily deploy a state of the art mobile communications platform. Having the system at the ready, ensures city officials have access to reliable, easy to use communications, helping to save time and potentially lives.”

About PacStar

Pacific Star Communications (PacStar™) is a leading technology-based systems integrator providing total communications solutions that empower military, federal, state and local governments, and emergency responders with reliable, interoperable communications capabilities. Our patent-pending IQ-Core™ software and hardware technology provide secure, command control and communications systems for any environment. In addition, PacStar provides a full range of communications solutions to commercial businesses, as well as telecommunications service providers. For more information, please visit www.pacstar.com or call 888-872-1512.

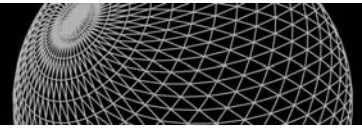
About LGS

LGS, a subsidiary of Alcatel-Lucent (NYSE: ALU), designs and delivers Transformed Communications and R&D-based technology solutions to the U.S. government community. Leveraging the world-class R&D of Bell Labs and innovation of Alcatel-Lucent, with global reach and expertise, LGS challenges itself to solve the unsolvable and deliver secure, reliable, standards-based solutions to its customers. For more information about LGS visit www.LGSinnovations.com.

About Golden Guardian

According to the California Governor's Web site, Golden Guardian 2008 is the statewide emergency preparedness exercise and is paid for by federal homeland security grants. It will test coordination between federal, state and local response and recovery among city, county, and state agencies, community-based organizations and the private sector, as well as the state's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and mass care and shelter operations.

Dozens of state agencies participated, including the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS), Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), California Highway Patrol, California Volunteers, Health and Human Services Agency, California Department of Transportation, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and others—all with critical roles to play in the event of a disaster. The California National Guard, for example, simulated command and control of its more than 20,000 members in crucial areas such as security, transportation and equipment support for the exercise.



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