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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6-10, 2008
Visit Critical RF at Qualcomm's booth at the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Information Management Conference- Booth number: 503

at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN

For further information please visit:
<http://www.iacptechnology.com>

July 29-31, 2008
Visit Critical RF at the 2008 Americas' Fire & Security Expo
at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Miami, FL

This year John Reardon, CEO, has been chosen to give a presentation concerning Radio over IP and interoperability solutions for first responders.

For further information please visit:
<http://www.americasfireandsecurity.com>

August 3-7, 2008
Visit Critical RF at the 2008 Association of Public Safety Communications Officers ("APCO") Communications Expo
at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, MO

This year John Reardon, CEO, has been chosen by APCO to give a presentation concerning Radio over IP and interoperability solutions for first responders.

For further information please visit:
<http://www.apco2008.org/>

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THE FEDS MOVE IN:

USDA APHIS Chooses Critical RF!

"Protecting American agriculture" is the basic charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Not many Americans know about APHIS, but the Agency is represented in all 50 states. APHIS protects our national food supply from diseases by safeguarding agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests to ensure an abundant, high-quality, and varied food supply, including livestock such as cattle and sheep, a diversity of crops, and other agricultural resources.

To achieve the important and far flung mandate of food supply protection, APHIS deploys hundreds of Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems in a myriad of state and local offices around the nation. This past month, the USDA chose Critical RF solutions to help tie these geographically separated offices and radio systems together.

As a result of this recent procurement, APHIS is initially establishing four Critical RF interoperability sites in Raleigh, North Carolina; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Ft. Collins, Colorado; and Riverdale, Maryland. Plans are for a fifth site to be added early next year in Ames, Iowa.

Bob Strickland, APHIS Radio Manager explained, "We chose Critical RF because their solution provides interoperability anywhere we need it, including remote locations using what is termed a 'Virtual Base Station' or VBS connected to the Agency's IP network. Connecting a radio to a VBS significantly expands the connectivity to our field folks who are otherwise limited to a radio system in their particular operational area."

Mr. Strickland then explained that "Critical RF essentially provides us with unlimited connectivity by tying radio into the IP network. A display of what a true Radio over IP system will do. And the Critical RF system is cost-effective compared to other offerings."

Strickland added that APHIS plans even more systems in the future, "After our pilot program is put through the paces at our data centers, our next follow up plan is to expand Critical RF through the APHIS

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IP network to all Wildlife Services offices in the Western half of the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii and Guam. The ultimate result will be an enhanced communications capability.”

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MEET THE TEAM

Jack Watkins Keeps Communications a Family Tradition




Many customers know Sharon Watkins as “that nice gal on the phone in Indiana”, where Sharon manages the Accounting Department and Shipping/Receiving for Critical RF, Inc. What many people don’t know is that communications is in the lifeblood of the Watkins family.

Prior to joining Critical RF, Inc., Sharon worked at Waterway Communications, LLC. And her husband, Brian, currently works for Crown Castle, Inc., the world’s largest communications tower company. Brian previously worked with Sharon at Mobex Communications, Inc.

Now, the Watkins family looks to continue the communications industry tradition with young son Jack, age 18 months. Jack loves to play with his parents’ cell phones, and seems a sure-fire bet to climb towers as easily as he climbs the jungle gym at the playground.

Even at his young age, Jack likes to be around two way radios and



computers. He especially loves to visit Mom at work, where he gets to spin in her swivel chair and run around the hallway singing: we consider that the ultimate form of communications!