



“MABAS to provide E•SPONDER solution for Incident Response”

DALLAS, TX :: August 28, 2009 :: E•SPONDER, is proud to announce MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), a mutual aid system, has chosen E•SPONDER for use as their incident reporting, management and collaboration tool. In 2001, IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) partnered with MABAS to create a statewide, non-discriminatory mutual aid response system for fire, EMS and specialized incident operations. All of these agencies within MABAS, upon deployment, will have access to a software tool that provides incident command, resource tracking, alerting and situational awareness capabilities all in one product.

MABAS includes over 37,000 of Illinois' 40,000 firefighters, representing 1,100 fire departments. E•SPONDER provides these first response agencies and organizations with a new solution to assist in the planning, response and recovery stages of an emergency. In addition, E•SPONDER allows MABAS members to quickly and easily utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) guidelines while automatically managing paperwork and reporting associated with the NIMS/ICS process. “MABAS was created to facilitate mutual aid throughout the region and E•SPONDER allows participating members to have common response software during activations. E•SPONDER will also allow MABAS to activate our resources faster and more accurately, providing a better overall response” says Chief Jay Reardon, Chief Executive Officer for MABAS.

Deploying E•SPONDER will give first responders a tactical tool for management of incident response both at the operator and command levels; flexibility which allows them to simplify the creation and on-site management of incident action plans. MABAS is extremely excited about being able to put to use E•SPONDER Mapping, a feature that provides comprehensive situational awareness, allowing agencies to visually communicate critical information to entire user communities using GIS technology. MABAS will be able to enter incident data in E•SPONDER and instantly be able to locate nearby assets and utilize E•SPONDER Alerts to activate and direct assets on-scene. Equally important is the fact that E•SPONDER promotes wide scale collaboration, allowing all users to view the response, and NIMS/ICS reporting. “With a footprint the size of MABAS, collaboration and real-time situational awareness are key to gathering relevant data and making informed, immediate decisions,” said Robert Wolf, President and CEO of E•SPONDER.

E•SPONDER utilizes Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, which gives users a familiar interface. Colin Nurse, Microsoft State and Local Government Chief Technology Officer adds, “Interagency cooperation is a big part of modern security and emergency response efforts. Essentially, E•SPONDER brings everyone together on a common platform regardless of the different types of software they use, and provides a single, shared picture of everything that is happening with an incident.” E•SPONDER includes an all-hazards template providing the ICS 200 series forms, roles and processes based on the FEMA guidelines – yet is easily adaptable to customers' needs. The E•SPONDER solution allows organizations to create action plans that can be populated with information based on the types of incident that the user is managing.

E•SPONDER SUITE OF PRODUCTS: The E•SPONDER product family provides a range of capabilities for the first response community, from the individual agency to the complexity of multi-agency, multi-regional response planning and collaboration. E•SPONDER Alerts provides a notification and alerting capability that enables 2-way communication to thousands of people than can be triggered automatically as part of a workflow or on demand as needed. Visit us at <http://www.e-sponder.com/demo> to learn more.

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