



“E•SPONDER adds Complete Resource Tracking based on NIMS Types”

ST. LOUIS, MO :: May 21, 2009 :: E•SPONDER announces the addition of a new feature to both E•SPONDER and E•SPONDER Express products. This new feature will further enhance the robust daily applications of E•SPONDER by providing complete Resource Tracking.

A feature of the solution will be the ability to leverage all of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) resource definitions as published by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to enter and track inventory as well as the ability to provide common names that may not match the NIMS Type Reporting definitions allowing users to quickly identify resources based on either the formal NIMS Type name or a common name. Resources could be equipment, personnel or teams such as a Bomb Squad/Explosives Team, a Public Safety Dive Team or an Air Ambulance (Rotary Wing). When a disaster strikes, first responders need assistance from other nearby agencies and will request this help using the NIMS resource definitions. E•SPONDER Express, a single agency incident response solution, allows an agency or organization to organize and share their NIMS Resources within an easy to use, Microsoft-based framework. Multi-agency E•SPONDER users will quickly be able to access the NIMS Resources database, locate a specific resource across multiple organizations and request the resource utilizing E•SPONDER Alerts or have quick access to the contact information. When first responders can use the same language to request resources by utilizing FEMA resource definitions, agencies will receive exactly what they need enabling them to more effectively and efficiently respond to the emergency event.

Scheduled to be available in July, 2009 and developed with the input of E•SPONDER's Advisory Council, made up of first responders in the fire, police and emergency management services, this solution enhances a responders ability to manage an incident of any size. City of St. Charles Fire Chief Ernie Rhodes, a user of E•SPONDER Express says “having a resource management tracking system is critical during a emergency disaster when trying to execute the incident command action plan”, who also serves as the St. Charles Director of Emergency Management and the St. Louis Metro US&R (Urban Search and Rescue Response System) Task Force Leader.

E•SPONDER Express is an easy-to-use collaborations solution, built to assist first responders in efficient, effective incident management by facilitating data tracking and real-time communications. The solution can be used in a variety of situations, from planned events to unforeseen emergencies. No matter the circumstance, this easy-to-implement solution provides an incident command system, ensuring a consistent approach to every incident. “We built E•SPONDER Express to be the whole package – everything an organization needs to be informed during an incident, as well as the tools to prepare for an event, track resources during an event and recover afterwards,” E•SPONDER President and CEO Robert Wolf said.

E•SPONDER utilizes Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007, which gives users a familiar interface. E•SPONDER includes an all-hazards template which incorporates the ICS 200 series forms, roles and processes outlined by FEMA as well as the ability for organizations to customize the roles, descriptions and items to meet their individual needs. The SharePoint Server solution allows users to create templates that can be populated with information based on the types of incident that the user is managing. E•SPONDER can be deployed within a single agency or multiple agencies with unlimited user licenses and provides the ability to coordinate and plan events and incidents of any size.

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 to either product that enables 2-way communication to up to thousands of people than can be triggered automatically in workflow or on demand situation.

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