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MET Police – One step closer to an integrated emergency communications platform for London’s police services

Frequentis finished two important milestones in March.

In the past month, Frequentis achieved important milestones in the comprehensive London Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) project: The Integrated Command and Communications System (ICCS) platform has gone live and the Site Acceptance Testing of the City of London Police ICCS has been a big success.

Frequentis has delivered an ICCS to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), on which it will operate its legacy radio dispatch system, MetRadio, CCTV monitoring operations and the new Airwave digital radio network. Frequentis will deliver and maintain the system over the life of the nine-year contract due to end in mid-2014.

Recently the first phase of the completed system went into live operational use completing an important milestone and bringing the MPS one step closer to an integrated emergency communications platform.

Frequentis Managing Director, Hannes Bardach, said: “We’re very proud of the marvellous feedback we have received from the Met Police.

“It is less than a year since contracts were signed with MPS, and looking back it’s very encouraging to see how much has been achieved successfully in that time.”

City of London Police – Site Acceptance Test

To optimise the integration of command and communication systems for London Home Office police forces, Frequentis has been commissioned to develop a similar system for the City of London Police. In mid-March 2006 Site Acceptance Testing of the City of London Police’s ICCS was completed successfully.

Furthermore the Factory Acceptance Testing of phase Two has been successfully completed in the past few weeks.

Excellent Co-operation with Subcontractors

Frequentis is the general contractor for the Metropolitan Police Service as far as the ICCS including TETRA-connection and the integration of CCTV is concerned. Frequentis provides an intelligent integration of all separate systems. The partners for this project are Tyco (CCTV monitoring and control system), Meyertech Limited (video routing system) and Telent (outsourced support services).

Background Information

The ICCS will support the introduction of the MPS's new Central Communications Command function. Central Communications Command is part of the long-term solution to the massive growth in demand via 999 calls for policing services. Over the next two years the MPS's 32 Borough based control rooms, the emergency 999 service, telephone operator centres, special events and incident support services will be consolidated into a new service operated out of three buildings across London.

About MET Police

The Metropolitan Police Service has a worldwide reputation and has a unique place in the history of policing. It is the largest of the police services operating in the United Kingdom. Sir Robert Peel founded the Metropolitan Police Force in 1829. The original establishment of 1,000 officers policed a seven mile radius from Charing Cross and a population of less than two million.

Today, the Metropolitan Police Service employs 30,235 officers, 11,966 police staff, 493 traffic wardens and 1392 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), and, since the realignment of police boundaries in April 2000, it covers an area of 620 square miles and a population of 7.2million.

About Frequentis

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