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September 23, 2011

In Motion Technology Awarded Georgia State-Wide Contract for AVLS

In Motion Technology, a major player in mobile networking technologies that efficiently connect and manage equipment, information and people in the field, has been awarded a state-wide contract for an Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVLS) for the trauma care network for Georgia.

Phase 1 implementation is now complete, and it is expected that Phase 2 initial deployment will be completed by September 30, 2011.

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (GTCNC), the Georgia Emergency Management Agency / Homeland Security (GEMA/HS), and the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) are developing a state-wide AVLS to provide a display of ambulance positions and to advise EMS agencies and hospitals of the closest appropriate facility to transport or transfer patients, specifically in a state of emergency or a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).

“With our partners, GTRI and In Motion Technology, we will be able to provide the Georgia state-wide AVLS to better coordinate response actions in crisis situations”, said Dennis W. Ashley, MD, FACS, FCCM, chair, Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission (GTCNC), in a [statement](#).

Ashley said that the network communications platform is an essential component of Georgia’s trauma system regionalization and will produce the highest possible value for Georgians’ investment in trauma care.

Officials with [In Motion Technology](#) said that the company’s onBoard Mobile Gateway turns ambulances into wireless hotspots, providing seamless, secure connectivity to laptops, EKG/ECGs, RFID tags, vehicle diagnostic systems and advanced GPS/AVL systems.

Company officials said that the onBoard Mobility Manager provides each EMS agency and command center with the ability to analyze information from Gateways in the field via a dashboard which shows ambulance locations, and monitors vehicle diagnostics, devices and networks.

“We needed a communications platform that would complement the existing communications and dispatch networks at over 200 agencies across the state,” said Kirk Pennywitt, senior research engineer at GTRI.

Pennywitt said that the challenge was effectively connecting multiple agencies with a single platform that could also accommodate future technologies and applications.

Now in the second phase of this program, GEMA/HS has secured federal grant funds for an additional 200-400 Gateways.

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