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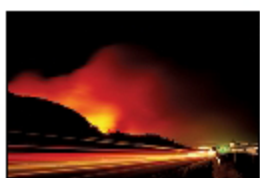
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Features



[License Plate Recognition Systems Extend the Reach of Patrol Officers](#)

Plate readers help shorthanded departments spot stolen cars and other criminal activity.



[Wildfires Ravaged Southern California, but Reverse 911 and WebEOC Helped Evacuate 500,000](#)

IT tools help Southern California officials evacuate 500,000 people.

News



[FCC's Emergency Alert Ruling May Spur Use of Cell Broadcast Technology](#)

With SMS, a message is delivered point-to-point or from phone-to-phone, but cell broadcast delivers a message simultaneously from one point to many phones.



[Michigan Upgrades Traffic Data Web Site with Mapping Feature](#)

To help motorists visually locate lane closures and major construction projects on state highways.

[Colorado Communications Plan Approved](#)

Federal funding will enhance and improve communication technology and capabilities for first-responders and public safety agencies across the state.



[Report Released on I-35W Bridge Collapse in Minneapolis Last Year](#)

Just after 6 p.m. on the evening of August 1, 2007, the 40-year old bridge collapsed into the river.

[Midwest Earthquake a Wake-Up Call](#)

After a 5.2-magnitude earthquake in West Salem, scientists caution against undue alarm. But for city planners, expecting the worst and guarding against it are part of the job description.

[FCC Announces Summit on Future of Nation's Emergency Alert System](#)

Panels will discuss current state of the alert system and next generation technologies.

[Missouri Officials Inspect Bridges After Today's Earthquake](#)

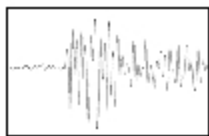
So far, no damage has been found, according to the Missouri Dept. of Transportation.

[Preparation for Epidemic Requires a Speedy Vaccination Process](#)

Digital pen and paper technology increase speed, accuracy of information gathered in simulated pandemic exercise.

[Crime Map Puts Anchorage Data Online](#)

New Internet tool gives easy access to information.



[Illinois Governor Activates Emergency Operations Center after Earthquake](#)

SEOC received reports of minor damage in affected area.

[DNA Test Releases Man After 23 Years in Prison](#)

Overall, 31 people have been exonerated through DNA testing in Texas, 14 of them in Dallas County.

[Mississippi Announces \\$41 Million in GO Zone Disaster Recovery Grants](#)

The projects are funded through Mississippi's \$5.48 billion federal Katrina recovery package which may be used for a variety of public infrastructure purposes.

[\\$34 Million for New York City Metro Area Emergency Communications](#)

Grant will enhance fire and police response in NYC, Westchester and Long Island.



[National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Recognizes Emergency Telecommunicators](#)

9-1-1 centers serve as the consistent point for dispatching police, fire and EMS response.

[Illinois Governor Commends Campus Security Recommendations](#)

NIU's response represents an effective model for all-hazards emergency planning, response and recovery at an institution of higher education.

[Self-Reporting Helps Reno Police Focus On Life Safety Calls](#)

A more user-friendly system that provides a response when a report is filed as well as a tracking number.



[United States Fire Administration Releases Report on Residential Fire Injuries](#)

"By establishing and practicing a home fire escape plan, you can help reduce the chances of fire injury or even death if a fire were to occur in your home."

[Providence Emergency Management Agency Seeks Volunteers](#)

The Providence Emergency Management Agency has revitalized an innovative plan to incorporate the citizens of local communities into emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts.



[Al Jazeera Correspondent and Former U.S. Marine on American Ignorance](#)



"While we're locked in on Paris, Anna Nicole and Britney, the rest of the world is still spinning ... We're going to be asked to make decisions as a democracy based on our take on what's happening out there ... Here we sit ... on our own little island, talking to ourselves."



[Chicago Fusion Center Gives Police New Criminal Investigation Tools](#)

Chicago's new Crime Prevention Information Center equips the city to prevent terrorist attacks and revolutionize investigations.

[Fusion Center Problems Addressed](#)

Slow access to information, difficulty with data sharing.



[Enhanced Drivers' License Eases Border Crossing for Washington State Residents](#)

RFID-enabled drivers' licenses help residents cross the Canadian border quickly, without compromising federal security standards.



[Using the Internet to Physically Harm People](#)

with epilepsy were singled out in an online assault.

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