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Drakontas Receives Award from York County (PA) Quick Response Team in Recognition of its Tactical Communications Technology Solution

Annual Awards Ceremony recognizes members of the Quick Response Team and Supporters

CAMDEN, NJ– Drakontas LLC, a software company that develops situation awareness tools for Command and Control (C2) for first responders, law enforcement and homeland defense, was honored on April 9, 2010 by the York County, Pennsylvania Quick Response Team (YCQRT) for its ongoing work in the County related to the deployment of its crime-fighting technology.

Drakontas and the YCQRT are in the final stages of Phase I of a federally-funded project to integrate and deploy a new Command and Control (C2) solution to enable better communication and coordination among law enforcement personnel within the County. Drakontas is providing a customized version of its *DragonForce* situation awareness toolset to meet the Quick Response Team's needs during tactical engagements. The project will also leverage and integrate existing technology investments made by York County in recent years to assist crime-fighting efforts.

“We are honored to have received this award from the Quick Response Team in recognition of our work on this project,” said James Sim, President and COO of Drakontas LLC and the Project Manager of the Quick Response Team effort. “For the past two years we have been working closely with Sergeant Craig Losty, who oversees the County’s Quick Response Team, on this project that will enhance emergency response capabilities and coordination among law enforcement and partnering agencies using our *DragonForce* situation awareness solution. The Quick Response Team is getting our latest enhancements to *DragonForce* and we are extremely grateful to Sergeant Losty, the Quick Response Team and York County for their continued dedication and support for this project.”

Added Sergeant Craig Losty, Commander of the Quick Response Team, “Drakontas has been a trusted partner and supporter of the QRT and genuinely understands our mission. Their *DragonForce* solution, for which we have provided ongoing feedback and operational assessments, will make our tactical personnel more effective and safer as we coordinate our missions and respond to emergencies in the County.”

Phase I of the project is anticipated to be completed in late spring 2010. Future phases will involve the contributions of neighboring counties in the Commonwealth to enable coordination and collaboration for multi-jurisdiction incidents.

About Drakontas LLC

Drakontas (www.drakontas.com), headquartered in Camden, New Jersey, develops, evaluates and promotes interoperable communications solutions that increase the safety and operational efficiency of law enforcement, emergency response, and security personnel. The company was founded in partnership with Drexel University in 2004 to transition technologies developed at the Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN) Center for the Department of Defense to commercial, civilian and homeland security uses.

In addition to providing situation awareness and information technology solutions, Drakontas administers the NLECTC Communications Technologies Center of Excellence through a Cooperative Agreement, awarded in 2007, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice. The Center of Excellence (www.commtechcoe.org), whose purpose is to test, evaluate and demonstrate cutting edge communications tools and technologies, manages a wide range of criminal justice pilot projects involving software defined and cognitive radios, position location technologies, wireless data interoperability, and other communications tools and capabilities.

About the York County, Pennsylvania Quick Response Team

The York County, Pennsylvania Quick Response Team (YCQRT) was formed in November 2002 to provide assistance to local law enforcement agencies in the management and resolution of special threats and high-risk incidents.

The tactical and negotiations teams are comprised of thirty five (35) law enforcement officers from various agencies including, York City, Springettsbury Township, York Area Regional, Spring Garden Township, Northeastern Regional, Newberry Township, Fairview Township, West Manchester Township, Northern York County Regional, Penn Township and the York County Sheriff's Office. These departments are united under mutual aid agreements to maximize available resources for response to incidents in a rapid and effective manner.

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