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PROJECT GRIFFIN INTERNATIONAL BEGINS DISTRIBUTION OF A COUNTERTERRORISM ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATION APPLICATION

The critical infrastructure and mass event counterterrorism (CT) program Project Griffin International will begin including Griffin C-One, a smart app for environment protection as an integral part of the security project. Airports, seaports, transport, border, and other authorities may start taking advantage of the enterprise situational awareness geo – location communication software platform; providing capability solutions for iOS or Android smartphones. The Griffin C-One system brings a new standard to security environment communications taking advantage of social media concepts, accommodating field reporting, mass notification, case incident, and other pertinent functions. The system offers several features, among them it is role-based and interoperable.

The platform provides the community environment a means to enroll active personnel with relevant features based on their responsibilities. This assists in identifying and relaying potential insider threat situations and suspicious activity for the many hundreds to thousands in the environment's community to staff operational and security responsibilities, providing interactive functions and features that are appropriate to those positions.

Secretary General Jay Grant stated, "We have been working with Crowdsoft Technology AB of Stockholm, Sweden for some time to assist in the software design and reach a point where it met the requirements needed for community policing, operational use and crisis management for security required environments. The design baseline reflects evidence-based CT practices and serious crime requirements from lessons learned and after-action reports, operational activities, and crisis situations, such as active shooter incidents and mass evacuations. We look forward to broad international authority distribution to ensure safer public safety and the protection of critical infrastructure; this is a security communication game changer."

The Griffin C-One situational awareness management system (SAM) provides real-time geo-location mapping, and dispatcher interaction of the various data flows, to include the reports, workspace case management, and one-to-one, one-to-many, and many-to-many communicate.

The development of the technology addressed the gaps identified in communication. We have seen radio, and telephone communication go inoperable, such as in Brussels and most recently Stockholm. Other identified communication gaps including ghost incidents — normal operations activities or sounds misidentified as potential threats — this has caused mass evacuations at several airports and other venues.

The system used WhatsApp* and Snapchat* type principles and methods and designed for secure, professional use requirements. We are pleased to begin the process of moving ahead; having the right situational awareness communication platform will strengthen the ability of security and police to manage communication.

A system starter program will be introduced to authorities them to evaluate and implement their security communication requirements.

Background

The security environment quest began when an active shooter incident at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in 2013 involved the death of a Transportation Security Administration Officer (TSA) and the mass exodus of the airport, closing the airport for 30 hours. Twenty-three public agencies responded; the Achilles' Heel identified in the after-action report was communication. During follow-up meetings with chiefs at LAX, INTERPORTPOLICE addressed the communication issue and began to identify an evidenced-based counterterrorism-serious crime program, resulting in an agreement with the 14-year-old United Kingdom's Project Griffin, established by the City of London Police in 2004 to thwart the financial district bombings, today it is a national UK police program. Further at that time, joint work with Crowdsoft to design the smart app solution based on those identified CT and serious crime requirements.

About Project Griffin International

Project Griffin International is seasoned and validated counterterrorism best-practice initiative providing a holistic approach to protecting a critical infrastructure's environment safety and security, including airports, seaports, transport and border policing and security. This community-based strategy offers a tactical roadmap and operational structure to implement jurisdictional unified command collaboration, sharing, awareness, protection, and aftermath implementation that impacts an authority internally and externally. The situational awareness program is also relevant to other critical infrastructure, mass events and places of business with large amounts of employees, tenants and clients. The INTERPORTPOLICE enter into an agreement to use the brand and methods in 2015; and has a working relationship with the UK Home Office that oversees counterterrorism national operations.

The program is a project of the INTERPORTPOLICE, an international police association focused on airport, seaport, transport and border terrorism and transnational crime; established in 1969 by authorities from Canada, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States to address these serious crime issues. Secretary General Grant is the 5th Director in the 47-year history.

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