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Orange County Unveils AVL Dispatching System *Enhances public safety with accurate, real time patrol information*

(Goshen, NY) – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana, Commissioner of Emergency Services Walter C. Koury, and Deputy Commissioner of Police Liaison Services Craig W. Cherry announced that Orange County began using the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) dispatching system at 7:00 a.m. today, as they demonstrated the system to the press this afternoon on the County’s 911 dispatching floor at the Emergency Services Center in Goshen.

“With public safety our number one priority, this new AVL system will now enhance our efforts to keep the public safe by dispatching the closest available law enforcement unit to the scene of a priority call and by improving officer safety by knowing their location,” said County Executive Diana.

Participating in Orange County’s AVL dispatching system are 31 police agencies, 29 town, village, and city, in addition to the County Sheriff, and New York State Police with 20 local police agencies. The State Police have full CAD (computer aided dispatch) dispatching capabilities and AVL mapping that is connected to the 911 center.

Commissioner Koury said, “We can now automatically determine the closest geographic location of police vehicles to life threatening incidents by the use of GPS Technology and computerized mapping software.”

Priority calls will be dispatched by both 911 and local police CAD users depending on which agency received the initial call using AVL software recommendations of the closest cars on any call that is entered in the system.

“This AVL project reflects the commitment of our County’s police agencies to work together in better serving the public,” said Deputy Commissioner Cherry.

Project funded by a \$500,000 County 2009 capital project, in addition to federal grant monies totaling \$549,231. Price included 300 wireless modems installed in all municipal and County Sheriffs’ patrol vehicles, the New York State Police provided their own modems, as well as Motorola AVL software, related hardware and system implementation costs.

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