

## Information Release

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### LORD & COMPANY TECHNOLOGIES PROVIDES IN-BUILDING PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COVERAGE FOR HISTORIC VIRGINIA COMMUNITY

The multi-jurisdictional public safety 9-1-1, Police, Fire, and EMS Emergency Communications Center serving the County of Albemarle, City of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia augments its 800 MHz public safety radio system with in-building amplification for selected County, City and University buildings and facilities.

**Charlottesville and Manassas, VA (DATE)** – Lord & Company, Inc. of Manassas, Virginia and the Charlottesville-University of Virginia-Albemarle County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) today announced that Lord & Company Technologies has completed Phase I installation of in-building public safety communication systems in 16 selected buildings served by the ECC and is now scheduled to complete Phase II installation for 9 additional structures. L&CT competed for, and was awarded the contract to perform this work in the fall of 2008.

Since 9-11, there has understandably been a heightened focus on providing first responders with completely reliable radio communications regardless of the location or situation during emergency events. First responders who solely rely on 3 watt handheld radios often lose signals in difficult signal-propagation environments, such as building elevator lobbies, basements, garages, or any areas where reception is weak or absent. The installation of a correct engineered, designed and installed in-building public safety radio system resolves these issues.

Tom Hanson, ECC Executive Director explained, “While the recently up-dated ECC public safety radio system provides acceptable on-street coverage throughout the ECC service area, some buildings lack desired in-building coverage, and therefore require additional enhancement so first responders may have more reliable in-building radio communications.” Mr. Hanson continued, “Unfortunately regardless of how good the on-street coverage may be for your system there are going to be factors (IE; budget constraints, zoning, topography, etc.) that impact your in-building coverage resulting in the need to augment coverage through additional amplification within identified buildings, Lord & Company Technologies has done a terrific job for us.”

More and more governmental entities around the nation are requiring these services be provisioned and certified before new buildings can be occupied. In 2002, there were eleven jurisdictions in the U.S. with enacted or proposed signal booster ordinances. Some sources have that number now approaching 200 and it is multiplying each year.

“Lord & Company Technologies is very proud to have been selected to design and install distributed antenna systems where needed in the various County, City and University buildings requiring the additional coverage.” commented Bob Butchko, Partner and EVP of L&CT. “Loud-and-clear radio communications during any emergency are indispensable. The last thing any fire

fighter wants to hear is that loud “bonk” when your radio cannot get into the system; it’s really frightening and can be life threatening. These in-building amplification systems are a first responder’s life-line.”

#### Albemarle County Emergency Communications Center

The ECC is a multi-jurisdictional public safety 9-1-1, Police, Fire, and EMS emergency communications center. The ECC serves and exists pursuant to an agreement for joint exercise of powers entered into among the County of Albemarle, City of Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia. The ECC is a public body with all powers and duties granted to it by the laws of Virginia. The ECC is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) responsible for receiving all 9-1-1 calls, the dispatching and monitoring of Police Officers, and the dispatching of Emergency Medical Services and Fire Departments for the jurisdictions listed above.

#### Lord & Company Technologies, Inc.

Incorporated in 1982, L&CT is a turnkey systems integration company that designs, installs, tests, certifies, and maintains in-building wireless communications systems for public safety radio, commercial wireless. Counting the Smithsonian buildings, the National Zoo, The Supreme Court building, the University of Virginia Historic Buildings as well as U.S. naval submarines and Carnival cruise ships among their more than 150 high profile projects, L&CT has earned an outstanding reputation as a leading in-building provider in the mid-Atlantic region

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