



New Incident Reporter helps make communities

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As our readers know, the Safer Communities Program is a joint endeavor between participating fire departments, the communities they serve, and Falcon Direct as their technology partner. Now, we would like to add others who can benefit from this alliance!

Not too long ago, one of our fire department users came up with the idea of assigning radios to school personnel for incident command activities (More information is available on the *FireEvac Incident Command System* at: <http://falconinfo.blogspot.com/2011/03/new-fireevac-incident-system-for.html>).

Then along comes an IT Director from a prominent military school wanting to know if we had a wireless solution for extending the reach of a wired Public Address (PA) system across outside areas. Suddenly, a light went off! Right under our nose, we had a simple and efficient solution for providing coordinated communications between local fire departments to business and institutional users within their fire district.

We took a readily available product, commonly known as the *LoudMouth* and expanded the role of the product to provide an interface between fire departments and those they serve. From this point on, the product with the enhanced capabilities will be known as *The Incident Reporter!*

Let's look at a few examples. Most schools have a wired PA for administrative and emergency use. The problem is that someone has to go to the office to send a message. Connecting an Incident Reporter to the main PA allows anyone with a properly programmed personal 2-way radio to take control of the PA system at distances of up to two miles away! This means that school admin personnel can greatly expand the use of the PA system. This also means that the local fire department can connect to the PA system for broadcasting emergency information, evacuation, and incident command. So what does all this cost? Less than six hundred dollars and it can generally be funded by grants and/or endowments! See <http://safercommunities.blogspot.com> for more information!

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