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Drakontas LLC to Exhibit Situation Awareness Tools for Command and Control at the 11th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition in Philadelphia

The three-day Conference brings together key leaders and decision makers to network, exchange ideas and best practices, and collaboratively address critical incident technology and preparedness needs, protocols, and solutions

CAMDEN, NJ – Drakontas LLC, a software developer of situation awareness (SA) tools for command and control (C2) for law enforcement, public safety, and homeland defense, will be an exhibitor (booth #610) at the *11th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition*, to be held February 2-4, 2010 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

The Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition provides an opportunity to highlight the technologies and training tools currently available or in development for the emergency responder community and to elicit user requirements. Moreover, it affords a forum for emergency responders to discuss best practices and to exchange information with their peers and vendors, alike.

Drakontas will exhibit and provide conference attendees with a hands-on demonstration of *DragonForce*[™], its core SA platform that facilitates C2 by establishing a common operating picture within and across echelons. Drakontas trialed and evaluated *DragonForce*[™] in 2005 in partnership with the Atlantic County (NJ) Department of Public Safety's Emergency Response Team, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice. Under the grant, Drakontas established the Atlantic County (NJ) Wireless Tactical Testbed (ACWTT) to test and evaluate cutting edge mobile ad hoc network (MANET) technologies in order to improve communications for the County's tactical and emergency management operations.

DragonForce[™] provides a variety of features – real-time blue force tracking, text messaging, user/device status, shared media, and whiteboarding – and operates on a range of platforms, from mobile smartphones (including BlackBerry® and Intermec rugged PDA devices) to portable laptops and desktop workstations. In addition, *DragonForce*[™] can be deployed over a variety of IP networks, including commercial wireless (e.g., 2.5G, 3G), Wi-Fi, WiMax and mobile mesh networks.

“We are excited to be exhibiting for the third consecutive year at the Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference in our hometown of Philadelphia. *DragonForce*™ has been developed for first responders by first responders through numerous field exercises and training scenarios to ensure it meets the specific needs of the end user. As a result, *DragonForce*™ represents the most comprehensive solution on the market to meet critical incident preparedness and personnel safety needs,” said James Sim, President and COO of Drakontas.

About Drakontas LLC

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

Drakontas also administers the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) Communications Technologies Center of Excellence (www.commtechcoe.org) through a Cooperative Agreement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice. The Center of Excellence, whose purpose is to test and evaluate cutting edge communications tools and technologies, is conducting operational evaluations across the country involving software defined and cognitive radios, position location technologies, wireless data interoperability, and other communications tools and capabilities. Center of Excellence staff provides support to the NIJ’s Communications Technology (CommTech) Technology Working Group, and provides specialized communications technology assistance to State, local and tribal law enforcement and corrections agencies around the country.

About the Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition

The Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Exposition (www.tcipexpo.com) provides the Departments of Justice (DOJ), Homeland Security (DHS), and Defense (DOD) the opportunity to highlight the technology and training tools currently available and being developed for the emergency responder community and to elicit responder technology requirements. Expected to draw 1,500 attendees and 150 exhibits, this three-day conference brings together key leaders and decision makers -- offering responders, business and industry, academia, and Federal, State, tribal, and local stakeholders a unique forum to network, exchange ideas and best practices, and collaboratively address critical incident technology and preparedness needs, protocols, and solutions.

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