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DHS, D.C. demonstrate broadband technology

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The Homeland Security Department today is demonstrating a new technology that uses radio over wireless broadband for emergency response in partnership with the District of Columbia.

The solution, provided by ISCO International Inc. of Elk Grove Village, Ill., connects existing wireless radio systems with computers, smart phones and other devices. It is being tested with firefighters and emergency services providers.

DHS' David Boyd, director of the Command, Control and Interoperability division in the Science & Technology directorate, along with D.C. Deputy Fire Chief Demetrios Vlassopoulos, are leading the demonstration.The technology is used to connect the District's existing land mobile radios with broadband devices.

"The technology provides users with clearly displayed geographic information on the location of other vehicles, equipment, and responders -- with the ultimate goal of improving interoperability and providing effective information sharing," a news release said.

Raytheon JPS Communications, a division of Raytheon Co., also is participating in the project.

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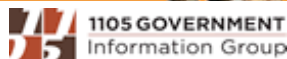Alice Lipowicz is a staff writer for Federal Computer Week.