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Media Release

Secure Network Systems, LLC and HID Global Announce Successful Summer Breeze Demonstration

- **First Responder Access Credentials utilized with SNS NIMS-IMPACT® Logical and Physical Access Control System**
- **SNS Emergency Management offerings lead off family of converged security solutions built on HID Global technology**

Boulder, CO – August 23, 2007 –Secure Network Systems, LLC (SNS) an emerging leader in the converged IT/network and physical security market, and HID Global, the trusted leader in providing solutions for the delivery of secure identity, today announced that the SNS NIMS-IMPACT® Logical and Physical Access Control System enabled by HID technology, played a key role in the successful Summer Breeze demonstration. Summer Breeze was the latest in a series of DOD and DHS demonstrations for first responders to display interoperability and identity validation, a multi-location demonstration illustrating the role that US NIST Personal Identity Verification (PIV)-compliant smart card credentials play in a crisis. The Department of Homeland Security Office of National Capital Region Coordination (DHS ONCRC) and Department of Defense Pentagon Force Protection Agency (DoD PFPA)-sponsored demonstration took place on July 19, 2007.

During the nationwide demonstration, handheld devices read traditional credentials from a variety of vendors, transmitting information on location, Emergency Support Function (ESF) and sector attributes in near real-time for situational awareness visualization. The Colorado North Central Region participated in the demonstration, illustrating that interoperability encompasses a broad suite of FIPS 201 compliant technologies, including Logical and Physical Access Control Systems (LACS/PACS) and contactless smart cards. At the Colorado State Patrol site, credentials were also read and validated using SNS's revolutionary mobile Emergency Management LACS/PACS system utilizing HID Global components.

“While there were technical failures of handheld card readers being used at the demonstration to read the contact chip information stored on the ID cards, the contactless readers worked as expected on the SNS contactless cards and were even able to read the contactless portion of cards provided by other vendors. The system was also able to read barcode information on non-smart card IDs from the State Health Department. The focus of this demonstration was to test the ability of several different vendor products to see if they could read different card formats. By the end of the day, this goal was successfully achieved by the Colorado North Central Region using the NIMS-IMPACT mobile product family”, said Captain Craig Meyer, Regional Credentialing Coordinator. “Plus having a mobile system means a perimeter can be quickly relocated if a plume or wildfire takes an unexpected turn”.

“HID Global is pleased that our long-standing development partnership with Secure Network Systems contributes to the safety and security of our nation’s first responders” said Eric Widlitz, vice president of OEM and Government Channels, HID Global. “With HID’s leadership in protecting physical facilities worldwide, extending the paradigm of LACS/PACS into the challenging disaster response and incident management realm is not only a worthwhile endeavor it is also extremely cost-effective.”

About the NIMS-IMPACT system

The SNS NIMS-IMPACT system is available now, and can be configured to meet various budget goals in a stairstep manner. Proven during the Hurricane Katrina evacuation, the NIMS-IMPACT system utilizes HID Global GSA certified multiCLASS™ readers and SNS GSA certified credential issuance stations. The complete end-to-end NIMS-IMPACT solution is now field-proven for usage with credentials issued by various agencies that conform to the FIPS 201 set of standards.

Approved by U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) as Transparent Contactless Readers for their FIPS 201 Approved Products List, HID multiCLASS readers read a variety of popular proximity, contactless, and dual interface smart cards. Using multiCLASS, the customer has the ability to transition to contactless smart cards over time while incorporating the use of multiple card technologies within an emergency scene, a single building, across multiple facilities or even between widespread simultaneous emergency events.

The most important advantages of a mobile LACS/PACS system include faster read times through the contactless interface and unattended operation. Compared to handheld readers, a mobile LACS/PACS system allows for unattended operation, key in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive hazardous environments. The perimeter of the 'hot zone' does not have to be manned by officers wearing special protective suits, gloves and hoods, and the reader units can be destroyed if they are contaminated and replaced for a few hundred dollars each compared to traditional handheld devices which cost thousands of dollars.

All PIV credentials from various vendors have a contactless interface, and the raw data transfer rate is significantly faster natively. Contributing to the rapid read timings, cards do not have to be inserted into a slot and instead are hovered or waved across readers that most people are accustomed to using when entering secure buildings. Also, using contactless only cards that conform to the predecessor GCS-IS standard which is encompassed by the FIPS 201 set of standards, there is no contact chip interface – as the contact chip can be damaged by decontamination washes used in emergency management as well as particulates in the air from soot, smoke, and even salty air. The readers used for contact chip reading also have a limited life especially in hazardous environments.

About HID Global

HID Global is the trusted leader in providing solutions for the delivery of secure identity, serving customers worldwide with proximity and contactless smart card technologies; IP-based networked access solutions; secure and custom card solutions; photo ID and ID card application control software; high definition printer/encoders and secure card issuance solutions. Headquartered in Irvine, California, HID Global operates international offices that support more than 100 countries and is an ASSA ABLOY Group brand. To learn more, please visit www.hidcorp.com.

About Secure Network Systems

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