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Media Release

Secure Network Systems Launches NIMS-IMPACT™

- **Proven access control and identity management system for emergency incident response emerges from successful beta testing**
- **Blends physical and IT/network security to meet Homeland Security NIMS (National Incident Management System) Directive**

Boulder, CO – April 26, 2006 – Once a hurricane, earthquake or other incident has occurred, controlling the chaos underway at the event site as rapidly as possible has emerged as a central Homeland Security initiative. The National Incident Management System (NIMS), a part of the Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, is designed to provide a consistent approach to incident control practices.

Leveraging its extensive experience in disaster scene management, Secure Network Systems LLC (SNS) has launched NIMS-IMPACT™ (Incident Management Perimeter Access Control and Tracking), a new access control and identity management system for deployment by federal, state, local, and tribal governments. The NIMS-IMPACT system is designed to be compliant with current and emerging directives.

NIMS-IMPACT uses the SNS CRITSEC® platform and is a foundational appliance for physical and IT access control using a unified credential. The system enables Incident Command to have a reliable, real-time “Emergency Management Hub” that brings together all of the assets and resources into a field environment, including video surveillance and hazardous environment sensors, wireless communications and backend communications to state and regional resources. Various card issuance systems are also supported, as well as manufacturers of multi-technology smart cards.

Architected for open standards interoperability and designed for modularity and scalability, the base NIMS-IMPACT platform is extendible across a spectrum of security needs, and adaptable to both legacy and upcoming technologies. Supporting multi-function contact and contact-less smart card/token user validation, the base platform works within a variety of incident scenarios and climactic environments, and customers can add optional support for various technologies including fingerprint, facial recognition, iris scanning biometrics and Geographic Information Systems.

Law enforcement officials from the 10 county North Central Region surrounding Denver helped to craft the system requirements, and subsequently put NIMS-IMPACT to the test. Captain Craig Meyer, Chair of the North Central Credentialing Unit says the system has proven itself in multiple exercises and most recently the Hurricane Katrina evacuee incident. “Our officers have found the system very easy to learn and use, even those with little computer familiarity, and sometimes under very stressful situations. The importance of a system that is immediately useful upon arrival at a scene, ensures accountability of first responders, and can grow to meet the needs of all-hazards response is paramount to ensuring prevention and mitigation of disasters.”

“SNS is pleased to offer a cost-effective, robust solution to government and commercial organizations that are required to comply with the aggressive Department of Homeland Security timeframes”, said Melani Hernoud, CEO of SNS. “The ability of the NIMS-IMPACT platform to be extended to support elements in various emergency environments is unsurpassed, and secure integration at the subsystem level negates the vulnerabilities inherent in zippered, script-driven approaches and time-lag deficiencies from cobbled-together components”.

The NIMS-IMPACT system is being showcased at the GovSec, U.S. Law and Ready! 2006 conference in Washington, DC on April 26 and 27 at the Washington Convention Center.

Pricing and availability

The base NIMS-IMPACT system is priced at under \$50,000 and is now shipping. SNS offers a range of product integration services through skilled partners to customize each platform to specific customer requirements.

About Secure Network Systems

Secure Network Systems is an emerging leader in the converged IT/network and physical security market with a strong background in solving difficult problems and delivering world-class solutions. SNS has distinguished itself through delivery of innovative results that encompass people, processes, and technologies, improving the overall security posture. SNS employees are dedicated to providing products and services that help protect and defend the American way of life.

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