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Collaborative Emergency Management System Receives National Recognition

Cincinnati, Ohio – The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), in collaboration with the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, today received a Technology Solutions Award from the Public Technology Institute (PTI). This national recognition was for the successful development of a cutting-edge emergency management system known as the Regional Emergency Operation Center, OKI, Geographic Information System, Regional Emergency Mapping System (ROGREMS.) These entities are part of the Greater Cincinnati Urban Area Security Initiative (the 12 county homeland security region.)

“This electronic mapping system, designed specifically for use by emergency response personnel to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a large scale emergencies, will save lives,” said OKI Board President and Clermont County Ohio Commissioner Edwin Humphrey. “To say it is a critical tool for the safety of our region’s citizens is a gross understatement.”

ROGREMS can help identify local resources such as closest fire stations and urgent care centers. It can gather intelligence about a particular emergency via an integrated Twitter search function. Also, ROGREMS can view live feeds around emergency scenes which are helpful in determining evacuation capacities and routes.

“ROGREMS is ideally suited to prepare for, or minimize the losses from, either a natural or man-made disaster,” said City of Cincinnati District Fire Chief Ed Dadosky. “This system is an extraordinary tool utilized by first responder disciplines including fire, EMS, hazardous materials, law enforcement, public health, government, hospitals, public works, emergency management, communications, volunteer and public agencies and private industry partners.”

Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Snowden added, “The daily use of ROGREMS will lead first responders to make more informed, sounder decisions. Whether it be a natural occurrence or a planned event, ROGREMS contributes to quick incident recovery in the most efficient and effective ways possible.”

The ROGREMS project was selected as a winner out of 400 award applications from program’s across the nation. OKI and project partners received the award from PTI for their ability to demonstrate how to use technology to solve problems, reduce costs, and improve services and internal operations. The award was for the public safety technology category. PTI serves as a resource for technology executives in local government through research, education, executive-level consulting services, and national recognition programs.

OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies, plans and programs to improve the quality of life and economic development potential of the Tri-State.

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