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NC4 Reaffirms Commitment to Open-Standards for Secure Information Data Exchange

NC4 participates with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Management Program to demonstrate real time collaboration across diverse systems at AFCEA

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. – June 17, 2009 – NC4, Inc., the leader in Situational Readiness solutions for incident monitoring, crisis management, and secure collaboration, today announced their ongoing support of open standards for the secure exchange of information. NC4’s commitment to open-standards was reaffirmed at last month’s Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Solutions Series. NC4 participated in the FEMA Disaster Management Program’s Open Platform for Emergency Networks (DM-OPEN) demonstration. NC4’s Situational Response E Team solution directly accessed the DM-OPEN non-proprietary interoperability foundation to communicate key incident information with multiple, diverse systems using the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP).

The Disaster Management Program team demonstrated how a standards-based information-sharing solution developed for emergency managers and first responders permits collaboration across diverse systems. The use of open, well-defined standards, such as the OASIS adopted CAP, facilitates the exchange of emergency information in a way that creates a common understanding across a wide spectrum of emergency response applications.

A scenario showing the use of DM-OPEN Web services to share incident alerts that an Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer needs to manage an incident exemplified how collaboration across diverse systems enables emergency managers and first responders to make better-informed decisions. A live demonstration showed real time exchange between NC4’s E Team and several other applications. Conference attendees created their own scenarios, typically involving alerts and mapping, to see how quickly communication between multiple parties can be achieved.

“As a founding member of the EM-XML Consortium, NC4 has long recognized the need to provide first responders, emergency managers, public health officials and executive management in both the public and private sectors the ability to create and immediately share critical information during an emergency or major event,” said Jim Montagnino, President and CEO, NC4. “We have been, and continue to be committed to supporting open standards-based solutions for secure information data exchange.”

About the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Management Program

Under the management of FEMA, the Disaster Management Program manages the Disaster Management E-Government initiative for the Department, which strives to meet the Nation’s need for better communications by stressing information sharing and enhanced services for citizens and the emergency management community, including first responders at the local, tribal, state, and federal levels. For more information, see <http://www.disasterhelp.gov/disastermanagement/>.



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