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In the Spotlight….

CapWIN is pleased to present…

The CapWIN staff is pleased to announce the unveiling of our new bi-monthly newsletter, CapWIN Mobile News. We will be distributing the newsletter electronically and welcome any feedback from you, our user community. Feel free to e-mail any comments to alee@capwin.org .

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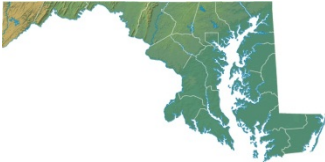
CapWIN Receives Handheld Next Generation Grant

CapWIN recently was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Justice to support *CapWIN Mobile-Next Generation (Mobile-NG)*. The project will develop a handheld application for law enforcement that will support critical functions for officers in the field and improve the kind, quality and efficiency of operational information it delivers. The system will be designed to be platform independent, scalable across agencies, and able to evolve with inevitable changes in technology and user requirements. The result will be a thoroughly field tested, Government-Off-The-Shelf (GOTS), open source solution, and will be made available to government agencies for implementation and adaptation to their operational purposes.

The project will be carried out in cooperation with CapWIN member agencies and developed in partnership with *Intuidex, Inc*, a leading developer of data analysis and visualization tools; *Tricom Systems, Inc*, which has provided on-going technical support for CapWIN's application development; and *Open Networks, Inc (ONI)*, which will provide expertise in the integration of new data sources into the law enforcement mobile environment, and on national justice data standards.
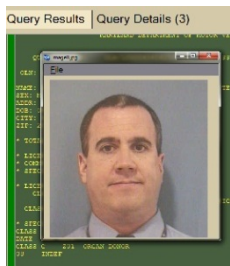
CapWIN Partners with MSP and Receives Cross Boundary Information Exchange Grant

The Maryland State Police partnered with CapWIN to apply for a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a pilot project to develop, test and implement an extensible, standards-based system enabling a statewide set of 'intelligent' cross-boundary information exchanges supporting core law enforcement activities. MSP was recently advised that the proposal was accepted and they were selected as a grant recipient. The overall project goal is to enable the State of Maryland to introduce and adopt a uniform law enforcement information sharing approach to power key cross-domain exchanges and deliver enhanced operational capabilities through alignment with national standards, best practices, and the use of embedded analytics.
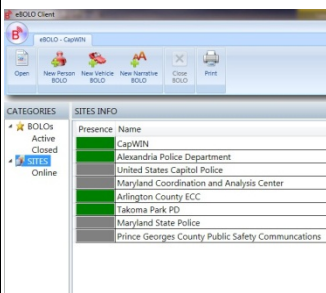
CapWIN to Provide Mobile Interface to New Statewide CAD System

The State of Maryland recently awarded the contract for a new state-wide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System. CapWIN is excited to announce that we will be providing the mobile interface to the Statewide InterAct Public Safety CAD System. This project is designed to provide mobile dispatch information to the Maryland State Police, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the Natural Resources Police Department.

National Information Sharing of Photographs

Now that Maryland and Virginia are active participants in the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) Information Sharing of Photographs (NISP) Program, Capital Wireless Information Net (CapWIN) law enforcement users in Maryland and Virginia with National Crime Information Center (NCIC) access, have instant and secure access to Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) photographs from any of the more than 18 NISP participating states. This expanded data access builds upon CapWIN's photo delivery service, which began as a unique innovation four years ago as the only system in the region to provide law enforcement users in the field instant and secure mobile access to Maryland driver's license photos.

CapWIN Pilots Electronic Be On the LookOut (eBOLO)

CapWIN is working with several law enforcement agencies to evaluate the recently completed electronic be on the lookout (eBOLO) software application. eBOLO was developed by CapWIN under a grant from the National Capital Region (NCR) Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX). It was created to provide a digital form of messaging among dispatch centers in the NCR. Its purpose is to provide a means of sending eBOLO messages between communication centers. The functionality of the application is modeled after the existing Police Mutual Aid Radio System (PMARS). eBOLO is intended to augment PMARS by adding a number of capabilities not available in the PMARS system, e.g., adding attachments such as maps, photographs, etc.; sending messages to individual centers rather than broadcasting to all; and notifying the sender that the message has been received. The eBOLO system is also more secure than unencrypted analog radio.

CapWIN Welcomes New Agencies

CapWIN is pleased to welcome the following agencies that joined CapWIN during 2010;

Allegany County Sheriff's Office, MD
Bowie City Police Department
Bowie State University, MD
Cecil County Sheriff's Office, MD
Coppin State University, MD
Frostburg State University, MD
Galax-Grayson EMS, VA
Grayson County Sheriff's Office, VA
Morgan State University Police, MD
National Park Service, Fort McHenry
National Park Service, Fredericksburg in Spotsylvania NMP, VA
Northern Virginia Community College Police, VA
Ocean City Police, MD
Pocomoke City Police, MD
Prince Georges County Police, MD
Salisbury University Police, MD
Somerset County Sheriff's Office, MD
St. Michaels Police, MD
Towson University Police, MD
University of Baltimore Police, MD
University of Maryland, Baltimore County Police
University of Maryland, Baltimore Police
University of Maryland, College Park Police
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Police
US Coast Guard Police, Baltimore, MD
Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, MD

Searching for Funding?

In these difficult times, public safety agencies find it financially challenging to cover the costs for many tools, equipment, technology, and services that agencies need to maintain and improve their efficiency. With agencies experiencing more and more budget reductions that directly affect their ability to pay for needed services, it is important to remember that there are homeland security funds available that can meet those needs. Some of our CapWIN subscribers are taking advantage of these available grants, many of which are noncompetitive.

One available resource is the FEMA Preparedness Grants and Authorized Equipment List (AEL). This list will advise which AEL categories are applicable for which grants and can be found on the WEB at https://www.rkb.us/FEMAGrants/DisplayFEMAGrants.cfm.

Additionally, CapWIN has an assigned Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) Number which is available to subscriber agencies upon request. As always, we at CapWIN welcome your questions and or recommendations.

Need Help?

Contact the CapWIN Help Desk!

For general questions regarding CapWIN, please contact (301) 614-3728. For **Technical Support, please call (301) 614-3730**. You can also complete a Help Request Form by **Clicking Here**.

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