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### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SEMINAR HELD FOR CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Cisco Systems and Independence Communications put on a joint venture to educate public safety officials and first responders

**RICHFIELD, Ohio (January 31, 2008)** – On Jan. 22, public safety officials from Cuyahoga County and surrounding cities and counties stood inside the NERV of an emergency response situation.

The NERV, as it is called, is the Network Emergency Response Vehicle (NERV), and is the size of a small bus. It contains a complete emergency systems command center that first responders like, police, fire, EMS and safety experts, can assemble to manage any type of threat or emergency.

At the event, which was put on by Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO) and Independence Communications Inc., attendees were able to see how within 30 minutes the NERV can have all first responders communicating with each other independent of the radio type, frequency, or agency affiliation.

“This event was great in the sense that it brought so many officials together from all across the region and allowed them to see how they can increase their response times, interoperability and overall success in an emergency,” said Don DiGeronimo, president of Independence Communications Inc. of Valley View, Ohio.

First responders must rapidly establish essential command presence, and the NERV can connect anyone, whether they are trying to communicate via radio, IP network, push-to-talk radio, cellular phone, IP phone and various others.

“The event was a great success,” stated Chad Kneisly, Cisco Systems enterprise account manager in the Northern Ohio Enterprise. “We hope that this seminar helped educate our region's first responders and public officials, and that what they've learned here will make our community's even safer.”

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**About Independence Communications Inc.**

*Independence Communications, founded in 1993, is headquartered in Independence, Ohio. Independence Communication, a wireless systems integrator, offers a wide array of products and services, including: ruggedized tablet and laptop PCs, mobile data and CAD, radio systems, mobile video, wireless broadband and various other solutions. Independence Communications serves companies, organizations and government entities in the sports, construction/industrial, public safety, healthcare (general and campus), universities and law enforcement industries, among others.*

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