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Where do the good ideas come from?

In this column, we offer our readers the opportunity to learn about—and benefit from—some of the cutting-edge technologies being implemented by law enforcement colleagues around the world.

Tyler, Texas, Police Department Finds Value in Victory Police Motorcycles

The Tyler, Texas, Police Department purchased 10 new black and pearl white Victory Commander I Police Motorcycles earlier this year. After extensive testing and evaluation of different police motorcycle platforms, the police department chose Victory because of its engineering, its commitment to officer safety, and its product's ease of maintenance. Officer protection and comfort, along with a five-year warranty, were factors in the decision, as was superior customer service.



The Victory is designed to have the largest load-carrying capacity of all police motorcycles, which is becoming more of a concern for officers given the amount of gear and equipment they are required to carry. Further, damage to the motorcycle fleet and injury expenses incurred for officers in Tyler should be mitigated with Victory's tip-over protection.

"The first priority would have to be safety," said Tyler Police Sergeant Brian Tomlin. "I was blown away by how this bike can go down on its side and stand back up by the officer while the officer never takes his or her feet off of the floor boards."

The Victory motorcycles were delivered ready for duty with lights, sirens, police radios, radio connections, radar, and video equipment all previously installed.

"We simply bolted on our license plates, and the bikes were on duty the same day," said Tomlin. "With a unique cooling feature built into the top boxes, we expect our equipment to function a lot better now that we can keep it cooler with the intake and exhaust

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fan kit that came with the motorcycles. Our officers simply love the bikes and look forward to riding them every day.”

Tomlin said that during the past several months, Tyler police officers have remarked that the motorcycles ride smoothly and are comfortable. This translates into less officer fatigue.

“Another one of the best things about these bikes is having them turn-key ready when they are delivered to your department,” Tomlin said. “There is no downtime, and they are ready to hit the road when they are delivered.”

For information, visit <http://victorypolicemotorcycles.com>.

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The Cordero Group Redefines Surveillance Technology for East Orange, New Jersey, Police Department

The Cordero Group has introduced its light-based intervention system (LBIS), a patent-pending technology designed to disrupt and prevent criminal activity with a powerful stream of light targeted on suspicious activity. Used in conjunction with closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras, LBIS is designed to transform public surveillance cameras into highly visible and proactive crime intervention and prevention tools. By providing CCTV camera operators the ability to disrupt and prevent the occurrence of a crime, the LBIS system is designed to help police and security forces increase public awareness of CCTV cameras and visually signal to would-be criminals that they are under surveillance.

“How many times do camera operators wish that they could jump through the video screen and intervene in [a] developing criminal situation,” said East Orange, New Jersey, Police Chief William Robinson, who recently announced his intent to purchase the Cordero Group’s LBIS as a crime prevention tool for his community. “That is about to change. The message to criminals is that the police are observing you, the police are recording you, and the police are responding to your crime.”

LBIS is a powerful light source system that, when synchronized with CCTV cameras, gives police operators the ability to instantly and precisely illuminate the desired location and disrupt ongoing criminal activity, reassuring the public that they are safe by projecting a highly visible notice of police guardianship. The LBIS features two modes of operation: crime intervention and crime prevention.

For information, visit <http://www.thecorderogrp.com>.

Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department Deploys Ping4 Smartphone App for Citizen Safety

Ping4, a technology company in Nashua, New Hampshire, announced that the Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department has deployed its Citizens Alerts app, designed to instantly notify individuals about natural disasters, dangerous storm situations, missing persons, traffic situations, terrorist attacks, and local crimes in progress.

Ping4 enables law enforcement and other public safety officials to send immediate, localized warnings that find subscribers’ smartphones where they may be at the time, steering them clear