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New Technology to Assist First Responders in Situations like Virginia Tech

Written by Tony Pietrzyk

Mapping software allows first responders access to building schematics and real-time photos of crisis situations from their response vehicles

Chicago,IL--Apr 26, 2007 -- /prbuzz/ -- After a horrific situation like we had at Virginia Tech or Columbine much of the attention goes into preventing these crises from happening and rightfully so. However, once an emergency occurs it is critical that first responders have as much information about the crisis scene as possible. A new technology has been developed to provide public buildings the tools that will allow emergency officials to respond faster, safer and better informed when situations like this happen again in the future.

We digitally map the interior and exterior of schools, municipal buildings, commercial office space, hotels, manufacturing and warehousing facilities allowing police, fire, SWAT and paramedics the ability to pinpoint the exact location of the emergency even before arriving at the scene," said Allan Hug, CEO of Safeplace Technologies (ST). Many emergency professionals believe that being able to pull up the schematics of the building while in route to the emergency will allow them to respond faster, safer, and better informed. The system highlights all critical features necessary to determine the fastest and safest intervention strategy such as roof access points and handicapped safety areas. "Live video feeds and 360° panoramic photos play an important role in the technology as every room throughout the building is captured and catalogued in reference to the schematics," said Hug. Safeplace Technologies has already been implemented in over 100 mid-south public schools.


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Safeplace Technologies is the developer of a proprietary technology for crisis intervention, evacuation planning, and emergency response: www.safeplacetech.com. In addition to hostage situations, the technology is effective for bomb threats, fires, toxic spills, natural disasters, and isolated medical emergencies. Interviews with Mr. Hug and a demonstration of the technology can be scheduled by contacting:

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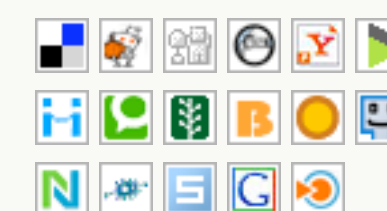
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Crisis: dangerous or worrying time: a situation or period in which things are very uncertain, difficult, or painful, especially a time when action must be taken to avoid complete disaster or breakdown - critical moment: a time when something very important for the future happens or is decided

If a crisis was unfolding at a public facility or school in your community, how valuable would it be for responders to quickly view the facility involved from their computer screens gathering full understanding of the building before arriving at the scene?

Imagine fire department personnel, police, or SWAT teams able to easily navigate interactive floor plans that show them the layout of every room, closet, roof access point, and power panel in the facility.

Imagine every location in the building catalogued visually with a 360 degree, zoom-able, pan-able, interactive photograph that appears as they click on each location on the floor plan. And with each click pertinent disaster plan and security information appears for each facility, room, or location for quick review. Imagine live camera feeds being accessible from any remote location. We imagined just that. Then we built it.