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Firecom Introduces New Belt Pack at FDIC for the Total Wireless Solution

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20, 2009 — Firecom, the leader in the development and production of headsets, intercoms and other communications products introduces their new wireless belt pack at FDIC, April 23-25, in Indianapolis, IN. With the BP5-10 belt pack, any Firecom wired headset can communicate wirelessly to a base station mounted on the fire or emergency apparatus. The belt pack provides secure, digitally encoded wireless communication.

Firecom's wireless communication system has a range of up to 1,100 feet (open field) and a battery life up to 14 hours. A typical fire scene range is 300 to 500 feet, depending on where the base station is installed on a fire or emergency apparatus.

Firecom's wireless headset and belt pack operate on an interference free band. The headsets, belt pack and base stations incorporate antenna spatial diversity for a robust RF link. The RF range technology will always out perform Bluetooth technology. The technology has been utilized in other industries for years but it has not been applied to the fire industry until Firecom introduced the wireless headset. Firecom's wireless products have over three times the range and almost 15 times the coverage of Bluetooth.

Firecom's wireless headsets and belt pack are compatible with the 30XXR series intercom, as well as 110 interface and 210 intercoms. The wireless headsets and wireless belt pack provide the total wireless solution for command vehicles, on-scene first responders and ambulance attendants.

The wireless headset has two base station configurations. The single headset base station uses one radio transmit headset. The multiple headset base station works with up to four non-radio transmit headsets. The system allows up to 40 wireless headsets with any combination of base stations in close vicinity to each other.

The single wireless headset base station accommodates a single UHW/FHW series radio transmit wireless headset. The base station can be connected via a 6 conductor flat RJ-6 cable to any headset port on Firecom's 30XXR series and 110/210 intercom. The base station will provide full duplex audio and PTT communication between the wireless headset and the intercom.

The multiple wireless headset base station accommodates up to four UHW/FHW series non-radio transmit wireless headsets. The base station can be connected via a 6 conductor flat RJ-6 cable to any headset port on Firecom's 30XXR series and 110/210 intercoms. The base station will provide full duplex audio communication between the wireless headset and the intercom as well as PTT operation between the wireless headset and the apparatus radio. Any combination of up to 40 radio-transmit and non-radio transmit headsets connected to single and multiple headset bases can operate simultaneously, in close proximity to each other, for interference free communications.

About Firecom

Firecom, a division of Sonetics Corporation, is located in Portland, Oregon. Firecom markets headsets, intercoms and other communications products for the fire, rescue and EMS industries throughout the United States and abroad. Firecom leads the way in communication technology by continually focusing on innovation, quality hearing protection, ease of use, and affordability.

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