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Firecom Introduces the All Digital PantherCCS Intercom System for Use in Harsh Environments

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14, 2005 — Firecom, a leader in the development and production of headsets, intercoms and other communications products for the fire, rescue and EMS industries will introduce their all digital, all-in-one PantherCCS intercom, designed for use in harsh environments at the FDIC tradeshow in Indianapolis, IN. The PantherCCS system communicates between several points of operation and is ideal for heavy or mobile equipment in high-noise environments.

PantherCCS utilizes a proprietary, digital, two-wire system that is designed to provide clear communications for all personnel with minimum connections. Multiple PantherCCS units may be installed "in series" to service a large network of stations without any loss of signal.

The remote unit, typically installed at the ladder tip, continuously transmits to the base stations. Base station units include a Push-to-Talk (PTT) button to transmit to other intercom positions. Both the remote unit and the base station are equipped with two headset jacks. With the addition of headsets, all personnel will have full two-way intercom communication, as well as 24dB noise reduction to meet NFPA 1500 standards.

According to John Heter, Firecom's division manager, "Our customers are delighted to finally have hearing protection and full radio communication all in one. The PantherCCS delivers complete communications as opposed to the simple, two-way, single-channel intercoms that have been the only option for several decades."

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Radio transmit and receive can be added to the PantherCCS with the analog interface unit. The interface option provides full radio communications with either a Firecom “in-cab” intercom or with direct input from a two-way radio. The PantherCCS base stations keep personnel fully informed by monitoring radio traffic. In addition, all positions on the PantherCCS have radio transmit capability by using the PTT button on the Firecom headset.

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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