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Firecom Announces Increased Range for the First Wireless Headset in the Fire & Rescue Industry

PORTLAND, Ore., February 17, 2009 — Firecom, the leader in the development and production of headsets, intercoms and other communications products announces an increased line of sight range for their wireless headset at Firehouse World in San Diego, California, February 17-19, 2009. The wireless headset connects first responders to the in-cab intercom system and vehicle radios delivering, critical on-scene communication. The headset is ideal for command vehicles, on scene first responders and ambulance attendants.

Firecom's wireless communication system now has an increased range of up to 1,100 feet (open field) and a battery life up to 12 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 operates on an interference free band. The headsets 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 headset is just as durable and easy to use as a wired headset. In fact, the wireless headset utilizes the same form factor as the wired headset. Communication cords and connectors are no longer an issue and there are no issues with slamming the cords in the door. The only difference between the wireless headset and the wired is that the battery will need to be replaced every few years.

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 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 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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