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Sonim Participates in Papal Visit, The Largest Security Operation in U.S. History

Company's XP7 LTE Android devices deliver mission-critical data communications to public safety agencies

SAN MATEO, Calif., Oct. 13, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sonim Technologies](#), maker of the world's toughest mobile phones, equipped Pennsylvania state police, New Jersey state police and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with XP7 ultra-rugged LTE Android smartphones during Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia, Sept. 26-27.

Federal, state and local authorities worked together for months to prepare for the event, which required massive coordination efforts between agencies and the right technology solutions to ensure the highest security.

To deliver seamless communications between the different public safety agencies involved in the event, the Sonim XP7 smartphones included software applications developed by Mutualink and GD. Mutualink's technology served as the interoperable communications platform, enabling secure, real-time sharing of radio, voice, text, video, data and location information between public safety agencies. Mutualink serves as a gateway to bridge disparate systems so that all parties responding to an emergency can communicate and collaborate in real time.

GD's e-Bridge Mobile Telemedicine app was used by EMS taskforce and hospital personnel for patient care and coordination. With e-Bridge, sharing HIPAA-secure multi-media (text, pictures, video) communications with EMS, physicians, specialists and hospitals for improved decision support and documentation is quick and easy.

"In patient care, medical decisions can mean life or death. Whether for day-to-day emergencies or a large-scale event such as the Pope's visit, mobile telemedicine demands the best performance and reliability possible. That's why running e-Bridge on Sonim's XP7 is a no-brainer," adds Curt Bashford, GD's president & CEO. "It puts the future of connected care in the provider's hands."

"The agencies involved needed the best, most reliable technology for an event of this magnitude," said Robert Escalle, Sonim's vice president of public safety. "There was no room for application failures, network outages or broken devices. Sonim's reputation for reliability and ruggedness was definitely put to the test and delivered."

Sonim is the first and only Tier One smartphone manufacturer to release a commercially available smartphone platform that enables first responders to get broadband access on both the FirstNet Band Class 14 spectrum and on commercial mobile networks. The XP7's key strengths include its 4,800-milliamp hour battery, 40 hours of LTE-based talk time,

extreme durability in hot, dusty and wet environments, visibility under direct sunlight and support for a wide range of Android applications.

ABOUT SONIM TECHNOLOGIES:

Sonim Technologies (<http://www.sonimtech.com>) is the provider of mission-critical solutions designed specifically for workers in extreme, hazardous and isolated environments. The Sonim solution includes ultra-rugged mobile phones, business-process applications and a suite of industrial-grade accessories, collectively designed to increase worker productivity, accountability and safety on the job site. Sonim's industry-leading, 3-year comprehensive warranty has redefined customer expectations of rugged technology. The company is headquartered in San Mateo, Calif., and offers its products with mobile operators around the world.

ABOUT GD:

GD (formally General Devices), based in Ridgefield, NJ (<http://www.general-devices.com>) is the leader in EMS-hospital communications and mobile telemedicine systems, connecting care providers nationwide and handling thousands of calls daily. Responsive innovations include the CAREpoint™ Workstation used by hospital emergency departments to manage all EMS-hospital communications; and e-Bridge™ Mobile Telemedicine apps, which enable the sharing of real-time, HIPAA-secure voice, texts, photos, videos and streaming video from smartphones, tablets and PCs between EMS, mobile integrated health-community paramedicine, hospitals and public safety entities.

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