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Westell Technologies Introduces New NFPA 72 and FirstNet Signal Booster

PS71090 Signal Booster is Newest Member of Portfolio of Solutions for Public Safety Communications

AURORA, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Westell Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSTL) announced today the newest member of a portfolio of in-building wireless coverage solutions designed to meet both existing National Fire Alarm Code NFPA 72 standards and future First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) requirements.

“In emergency and disaster situations, first responders need reliable, mobile communications that don’t entirely rely on commercial wireless networks,” said Mike Moran, Senior Vice President, In-Building Wireless at Westell. “The PS71090 Public Safety Signal Booster is a future-proof solution that meets strict requirements both today and in the future.”

Using building census data and other industry market analysis, Westell estimates that the overall North American market for all in-building Public Safety communications equipment is approximately $240 million in 2016 and growing to $486 million by 2021. That estimate excludes the $7 billion Federal-government funded FirstNet project for a nation-wide broadband public safety communication network.

The new Westell PS71090 is a 2-watt in-building signal booster with NFPA72-compliant features such as antenna monitoring and alarming and 24-hour battery back-up capabilities. The unit, which also meets future FirstNet requirements, is provided in a NEMA Type 4 red enclosure.

The PS71090 is the newest member of a portfolio of products for public safety communications that includes the PS51080 half-watt Public Safety Signal Booster. The higher power output of the PS71090 enables the unit to serve a coverage area significantly larger than that served by the PS51080.

The PS71090 Public Safety Signal Booster is expected to be generally available in the first quarter of 2017. Westell expects to introduce additional products for public safety communications later in 2017.

About Westell Technologies

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