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CrisisGo and Sonim Technologies Bring Rapid, Emergency Communications Solution to School Districts Across the Country

Critical, Eligible School Personnel and First Responders Will Be Able to Access the Combined Solution Via FirstNet - America's Public Safety Communications Platform

SAN MATEO, Calif., Feb. 14, 2019 /PRNewswire/ --[CrisisGo](#) and [Sonim Technologies](#) announced today a partnership to help keep school personnel connected to each other and first responders during a crisis.



CrisisGo is a mobile app that allows teachers, school administrators and school resource officers or security teams to rapidly alert key personnel of a potential risk. Depending on the incident, alerts can be escalated to district administrators and first responders using the app. CrisisGo also enables those in a crisis to stay in constant contact, facilitating the dissemination of timely and relevant information as the situation unfolds.

With this new partnership, the CrisisGo app will be integrated with Sonim's XP8 ultra-rugged device. The Sonim XP8 is built to work in extreme conditions and environments, and it also features functionality critical to emergency first responders. Plus, the XP8 is FirstNet Ready™, connecting eligible users via FirstNet – the nationwide public safety communications platform.

That means FirstNet subscribers – whether first responders or critical school personnel like school resource officers, principals and district administration tasked with coordinating the safety of students – can use the CrisisGo and Sonim integrated solution in times of emergencies. They will also be able to apply key FirstNet capabilities, like First Priority™ – which enables priority and, for first responders, preemption – to alerts and communications to help ensure optimal levels of operational capability at all times.

"Unfortunately, 2018 had the [greatest number](#) of school shootings with 94 recorded incidents according to the NPS center for Homeland Defense and Security," said Stacey Sisk, vice president of Business Development for CrisisGo. "As a result, reliable communications are no longer a luxury, but a requirement in an emergency situation on school property. Today, we're bringing forward a crisis communications solution that gives key emergency personnel the ability to access the solution on FirstNet, helping them greatly reduce response times, improve safety and minimize risk."

Key features of the CrisisGo/XP8 solution include:

- Immediate, discreet one-to-one or one-to-many communications
- Side button to set off personal panic alarm to designated safety team or to set off audible emergency tones (i.e. Lockdown)
- Option to interconnect to first responders and auto escalation alerts to participating law enforcement agencies in critical incidents and communications
- Potential for use on the FirstNet communications platform to further drive efficient and effective communications between critical and eligible personnel
- Easy and reliable sharing of photos, videos and other resource information
- All communications are accessible for post-incident reports and analysis

"We want schools to experience the same benefits that Sonim's technology brings to public safety, and this partnership makes that possible," said Sonim CEO Bob Plaschke. "Our purpose-built mobile devices and partnerships are helping to equip our nation's schools with the technology they need to better support vulnerable people and help first responders. And with the XP8's ability to tap into the power of FirstNet, we're able to take our innovative, integrated solutions to the next level, helping to ensure those critical to the public safety response have the rapid, reliable communications they need."

FirstNet is bringing public safety a much-needed technology upgrade to help them connect to the critical information they need – every day and in every emergency. It's being built with AT&T, in public-private partnership with the First Responder Network Authority.

"FirstNet is a force for good. It's driving public safety-focused innovation to help advance first responders' communications capabilities, so they can enhance the safety and security of the communities they serve," said Bob Sloan, chief operating officer for FirstNet at AT&T. "Collaborative efforts like this are integral to supporting the betterment of public safety communications through FirstNet, connecting first responders to innovative tools that will aid in their situational awareness and help them achieve positive outcomes."

The solution will be officially released at the National Conference on Education presented by [AASA The School Superintendents Association](#), Feb. 14-16, including a special session "Lessons Learned from the Newtown Tragedy" featuring former Superintendent of Newtown School District Joe Erardi.

About CrisisGo

CrisisGo saves lives by providing a comprehensive safety platform that allows schools and organizations to stay connected and utilize critical safety resources to navigate any situation from the start of an emergency to its resolution. Safety is a shared responsibility, and our platform allows everyone to play their role in safety. CrisisGo's mobile safety tools have been chosen by over 14,000 schools and organizations. For more information, visit

www.crisisgo.com.

About Sonim

Sonim Technologies is a leading U.S. provider of ultra-rugged mobility solutions designed specifically for task workers physically engaged in their work environments, often in mission-critical roles. The Sonim solution includes ultra-rugged mobile phones, business-process applications, and a suite of industrial-grade accessories which are collectively designed to increase worker productivity, accountability, and safety on the job site. Please visit <https://sonimtech.com/>.

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