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Law Enforcement Technology Program Survey

Agency Name: Gaithersburg Police Department

Technology Program Name: Mobile Computing Program

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Agency Size: Total Sworn - 36; Total Civilian - 4

Agency Type: Municipal Police

Technology Program Status: Department Wide Program

Mobile Hardware Type and Quantity: Tablet, transferable car to car (8 at present)

Printer: N/A

How is data transmitted from the Field to the Station? Wireless (Radio Frequency)

How is data transmitted from the Station to State and Data Collection Authorities?

Paper

Funding: Completely funded by City, Capital Improvement Fund. Funds have been placed in CIP for past 8 years, program implementation will be in very near future.

Hardware Manufacturers: Computer - Datalux Tracer 2000; Modem - [Enfora](#) Spider II w/ booster; GPS Modem - Global Wireless Data

Software Manufacturers: Cerulean Packet Cluster

Important Technology Lessons Learned: N/A

Program Narrative Overview: Gaithersburg Police Department operates off a wide system run by the Montgomery County Police. They have been running a pilot program for the last several years utilizing Motorola equipment. Our agency did purchase 2 Motorola 9100 units and did participate in the program, which was rife with problems (i.e. limited inquiry access, inordinate amount of system down time). In addition the county program implementation kept getting delayed, and is still not scheduled to be online for 2 years.

In the meantime, Maryland National Capital Park Police put in service a CDPD program that seems to work extremely well. They graciously permitted us to participate with them. The only asset we seem to be losing with them is the county CAD function. All inquiry and Records Management functions seem to fit our agency well.

We will still switch over to the MCP program once it comes on-line, this will allow us to capture the CAD functions.