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SDI Web Application Provides FDNY Online Firefighter Radio Accountability

Alexandria, VA—March 13, 2012 – Systems Definition, Inc. (SDI) deployed the upgraded Handie-Talkie Web Application, a web-enabled portable radio tracking and management application that supports the Fire Department New York City (FDNY) Fireground Accountability Program (FGAP). The Handie-Talkie Web Application is used by FDNY depot and Radio Shop personnel to maintain accurate status accounting of FDNY's 3,000+ hand-held portable radios and plays an important role supporting FDNY strategic objectives to apply digital technologies to Firefighter accountability activities.

The Handie-Talkie Web Application is a re-design of an existing FDNY application undertaken to serve as a model for future FDNY FGAP application deployments. SDI worked with FDNY Management, Operations, and Information Technology personnel to refine a core feature set and create an open design that would permit use of data generated within the Handie-Talkie Web Application by other FGAP applications. The Handie-Talkie Web Application provides an essential inventory management tool for FDNY portable radios, allowing FDNY personnel to view and edit radio information and loan radios to Units in need of replacements. FDNY personnel can access the Handie-Talkie Web Application from any Department computer. Dale Meisenbach, SDI's Lead Software Engineer who spearheaded development of the application, said, "The upgraded Handie Talkie Web Application will be a great asset to the FDNY Firefighter accountability efforts. The application has many built-in checks and features to prevent occurrence of erroneous radio data and will be crucial for accurate accountability within the EFAS on the fireground. The fast and reliable transfer of data between systems was a real focus for us on this project. It was a great pleasure to have another opportunity to work with the FDNY to help make the fireground a safer environment."

The Handie-Talkie Web Application joins other SDI-developed applications as a core component of the FGAP, including the Electronic Fireground Accountability System (EFAS) Mayday/Rollcall Application (MRA), the Electronic BF-4 (EBF-4) tour staffing application, and the RFID System application software, which is in proof of concept operations at five FDNY units in Queens.

SDI is a privately held small business located in Alexandria, VA, serving government and private industry with focused and innovative software application development and technical services.

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