

The goal of law enforcement negotiations is to work with person(s) in crisis toward a peaceful solution that previously seemed impossible. To accomplish this, requires training and specialized equipment that protect both law enforcement and the person in crisis. Negotiation equipment meeting this requirement is the Rescue Phone CRT video and audio equipped throw phone. The Rescue Phone is a deliverable communications system that allows for direct communication with a person in crisis while returning real-time intelligence through the live video and audio feature.

The equipment purchased would consist of a Rescue Phone Crisis Response Telephone \$850.00, Rescue Phone Video Command System \$14,995.00, a refurbishment of our current Cellular Command System \$850.00, and a Battle Board Organizer \$265.00, for a total of \$16,960.00.

The equipment provides multiple facets of emergency communication that aids Negotiators and SWAT personnel as well. The features and advantages of the base console are as follows:

1. Base Console with multiple recorder audio outputs, port for cell phone recharger, ports for Primary Negotiator and Coach's Headphone.
2. All of the accessory items store in the base console.
3. Connects Negotiator to Cell Phone through a Plantronics Headset
4. Allows monitoring by additional personnel at the console using the 3 supplied headphones.
5. System uses a rechargeable (Gel cell) battery with a low-battery light warning

The Video System would consists of the following:

1. Command Module housed in a Pelican® 1500 custom-foamed hard shell case.
2. Vizio LED LCD 7" Video Monitor with remote control.
3. Video Throw Phone with 6 Color Cameras, that auto adjust to .01 LUX B&W mode, housed in a Pelican® 1400 hard shell case with a top video access port and 75' of 10 conductor copper video cable.
4. Walker Handset Phone Assembly with a 19" Stainless Steel Armored Cable Overhear Mic.
5. 12 Volt Power Supply, three foot Audio/Video Cable.
6. Video Wire Spool is all metal, open reel on 10" pneumatic tires for easy transport. It has a collapsible handle for easy and convenient storage.
7. Cable connections use reinforced MIL Spec metal connectors

The following is included in the refurbishing cost:

1. Replace the Plantronics headset - as needed.
2. Upgrade the headphones - for listening.
3. Replace all of the damaged/used cords.
4. Replace the battery.
5. Replace the recorder - as needed.
6. Extend the warranty for 3 years from the date of refurbish.

The functions of this would allow negotiators to speak to barricaded subjects via link with their cellular phone. In the event that the barricaded subject did not possess a cellular phone, SWAT Team members can manually deliver the "throw phone" to the interior of the residence to allow the subject access to negotiations via the direct link from the throw phone to the console.

The benefits to SWAT Team members is the throw phone is equipped with video and audio inside the throw phone case allowing team members to see inside the residence. Essentially SWAT members would have the same access as negotiators, providing valuable intelligence and insight into the subjects demeanor, activity in the residence, presence of hostages and the presence of unknown obstacles inside.

The final addition is a Battle Board. The Battle Board is best described as an organizer and planner for the critical incident. It allows for mapping, planning, and logistics to be done in a single location. The Battle Board is designed to be self-contained and will stored with negotiations equipment to be used on call outs. The cost is \$265.00.

Effectively intervening during a crisis requires that law enforcement is properly prepared, trained, and equipped with all the tools necessary to gain the cooperation of a person in crisis. A properly trained and equipped negotiation team results in fewer injuries to law enforcement and the public while reducing the potential use of deadly force. The requested equipment is the first step toward achieving these goals.