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Did You Know That

It is now possible to "Move" or "Swap" entire divisions or groups that are shown on the AIMSonScene | Organization screen? Click on the Move button, select a division or group, and then click an empty column on the Organization screen to move the division or group and any associated resources to the empty column.

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Swapping (e.g. – exchanging the location of two division or groups on the Organization screen) is also straightforward. Click the Swap button, select a division or group by clicking on it, and then click on another division or group listed on the Organization screen to make the location exchange. The Move or Swap that occurs following command execution will be automatically documented within the AIMSonScene Report Log, in either case.

Grant Request Assistance

Does your department or agency need help in finding grant opportunities and responding to them. Just as important, do you personally need some help in finding or responding to grant opportunities. You may wish to point your web browser to http://www.firegrantshelp.com/ if so. Web site purpose is to serve as a "comprehensive source for grant information and assistance".

BTW: Please read through page 2 if you desire information regarding SAFER and PSIC grant opportunities currently available.

Latest AIMSonScene Software Releases

The next scheduled set of AIMSonScene ICS software enhancements is scheduled for release on or about October 1, 2007.

Customers with current software support and software enhancement (SSSE) subscriptions will be able to download the enhanced software when it is available. Customers without a SSSE subscription may also download new releases, provided that their AIMSonScene license purchase took place within ninety (90) days of the software release. Customers without SSSE subscriptions may upgrade to the latest release by purchasing current licenses. Upgrade license costs will be 50% of the then current suggested retail price.

See AIMSonScene Software at FRI 2007

Sstop by the FieldSoft exhibit booth (#4371) during Fire Rescue International 2007 to be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.. The exhibit hall is open August 23 and August 24.

Mark Bouchard of FieldSoft, Ben Meche of KBKI Inc., and Delia Smith of TeraHop Inc. will be staffing the booth.

Law enforcement prospects and customers may wish to visit the FieldSoft exhibit booth during the International Chiefs of Police Conference to be held later this year in New Orleans, LA.

Bio-Key Sells Fire Safety Division

The Fire Safety Division of Bio-Key has been sold to Zoll Data Systems Inc. The sale "closed" in May and included the Bio-key FireRMS (formerly SunPro) records management software (RMS) system. A number of Bio-Key employees associated with the FireRMS product were also transferred to Zoll Data Systems as part of the sale.

Zoll Data Systems plans to continue the integration work between FireRMS and AIMSonScene software that had been started by Bio-Key International. A release date has however, not yet been announced.

Zoll Data Systems now offers the FireRMS system as part of its RescueNet product line. Additional information regarding the sale. RescueNet FireRMS, and other Zoll Data Systems products and services can be found at http://www.zolldata.com.

Grace Industries Releases Incident Management System (IMS)Package

Grace Industries has released an integrated package of software and hardware to enhance the on scene effectiveness of their GEMTM (Grace Employee Monitoring) system. The release signals the evolution of GEM technology from an accountability and life safety monitoring system to an even more

comprehensive command, control, coordination, and accountability incident management system (IMS).

The GEMS IMS system includes the new Grace Industries In-Command PC software application and Watchdog System Monitor, FieldSoft's AIMSonScene incident command system software, an interface between In-Command and AIMSonScene, and system support. Moreover, the NIMS compatible IMS package is offered at a discounted price.

All that is needed to roll out the system are TPASS III wireless PASS devices for each responder, system training, and some actual hands on practice.

Additional information regarding the GEM IMS package, as well as other security sector and industrial sector technology from Grace Industries, can be obtained by telephone at 1-800-204-7277.

Interoperability Grant Availability Announced

The availability of funds through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grant program has been announced. Program purpose is to provide one time grants to agencies that need to improve communications and coordination when major emergencies occur.

The program may be a means for your area to provide or enhance interoperable communications involving voice, data, or video.

The grant application period closes shortly. Talk to your local comms guru or point your web browser to http://www.ntia.doc.gov/psic/ for additional information.

To Change Or Not, That Is The Question

FieldSoft recently discovered a way to combine the Swap and Move features (described at the at the beginning of this newsletter) into a single command button. I believe the operational simplification that will result from moving to one "Move/Swap" button, from two separate Move and Swap buttons, will be the greatest thing since packaged chewing gum. The FieldSoft code warriors however, are concerned that any such change to the Organizations screen GUI will lead to confused and very unhappy users

The great news is that the engineers are truly concerned about delivering fast, simple, and easy to use software to end users. The bad news is that they are fighting me tooth and nail over the change. On one hand, FieldSoft is not a democracy and I sign their pay checks. I could make the change happen by reverting to my old IC role (e.g. – there is but one game plan right now, we are all going to follow it, and we're going to do so right now unless there is an imminent safety issue) On the other hand, I want to positively reinforce their behavior as it pertains to standing up to the boss for the benefit of end users.

Help me make the final decision. Telephone me at 480-899-2128 or send me an email at markb@fieldsoft.com, and share your thoughts. Should we implement the change and simplify matters (in the long term) with a single "MOVE/SWAP" button, or should I listen to the staff and leave well enough alone?

2007 SAFER Grant Application Period is Open

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant application period is open. Grant purpose is to provide financial help to fire departments who need to hire firefighters, as well as to provide assistance in the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Additional information regarding the program can be found at http://www.firegrantsupport.com/.

Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2007.

The Secret To Fast, Simple And Easy Software Use On The Incident Scene

Believe it or not, there is a secret (sort of). I will post a description of the secret shortly at http://www.fieldsoft.com. Keep an eye out for it.

Information That The Company Lawyer Makes Us Include Within The Newsletter

Questions, comments or concerns regarding this Newsletter can be directed to Mark Bouchard, FieldSoft Inc. President, via the Postal Service at PO Box 1378, Chandler, Arizona, 85244-1378 or by telephone at (480)899-2128.

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