

# HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## News Release



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### **New technology offers another weapon in the fight against crime in Hennepin County**

**June 3, 2011 (MINNEAPOLIS)** – The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office is implementing a new records management system (RMS) which is expected to assist in crime reduction by enhancing the sharing and analysis of criminal information across multiple law enforcement agencies.

The Sheriff's Office is among 26 law enforcement agencies in four Minnesota counties that will implement Motorola Premier One Record Management system. The most significant advantage will be the ability for the Sheriff's Office to share criminal information with law enforcement and public safety partners. The new records system provides centralized, instantly accessible information storage.

"Now a Sheriff's Office detective or deputy will be able to search this centralized database more efficiently than ever before when attempting to match a vehicle description or a suspect description," said Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, "Solving crime and arresting violent criminals more quickly -- both have a positive impact on public safety in our neighborhoods."

The new RMS will further enhance the Sheriff's Office comprehensive criminal information sharing program that was launched in 2007. The Sheriff's Office has been recognized by national organizations for establishing best practices in effective information sharing that result in the reduction of crime.

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In an effort to reduce costs and increase efficiencies for the high-tech RMS project, the Sheriff's Office officially began a partnership with LOGIS, the Local Government Information System consortium. LOGIS is a group of Minnesota cities and counties dedicated to saving taxpayer dollars by sharing data processing costs. The Sheriff's Office joined LOGIS in March and will share resources and systems to significantly reduce the cost of ownership for the new RMS.

"The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office participation in LOGIS will be of value across the entire consortium and particularly beneficial to Hennepin County law enforcement agencies with the ability to share critical pieces of information electronically," said LOGIS Public Safety Application Manager Tom Folie.

The LOGIS members selected the Motorola Premier One product because of its functionality, the dependability of using a top tier vendor in the public safety arena, and for its ability to work in a multi-jurisdictional environment.

The new RMS provides "state of the art" capabilities that will streamline processes and reduce costs. The project will allow implementation of an electronic data workflow for crime reports and incident reports, review and approval process, and forwarding to investigations. Additionally the Sheriff's Office will be using electronic ticketing through LOGIS. Electronic ticketing saves time in the field for officers. It reduces data entry for both records staff and the courts. Less time on a traffic stop is safer for the driver and the deputy.

In addition to the Sheriff's Office and 11 other law enforcement agencies in Hennepin County, there are 15 agencies in Dakota, Rice, and Steele counties which are also implementing Motorola Premier One Records Management. (One city in McLeod County is also implementing the system.)

The Sheriff's Office needed to replace its current records systems because they have reached the end of their life spans and technical support is scheduled to end in 2012. The initial phases of the Motorola Premier One Management project are already underway, with full implementation planned for later this year.

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