

CASE STUDY

Columbia, SC Police Crowd Communications

Situation

After the University of South Carolina (USC) football team defeated rival University of Georgia on October 6, 2012, an estimated crowd of 8,000 students and fans poured into bars and restaurants in the city of Columbia's Five Points entertainment district to celebrate. Columbia PD is tasked with keeping the celebration in check on the street and peacefully dispersing crowds at the 2:00 AM closing time.



Problem

Two weeks earlier, gunshots and mob fights erupted in the Five Points district after a USC football game. Columbia PD and other local law enforcement agencies were determined to prevent a repeat of the September 23, 2012 violence.

The limited broadcast range and poor sound quality of traditional police communication methods, including shout-outs, bullhorns, and vehicle PA systems, can't be heard or understood by large crowds of celebrating fans on the streets or inside cars.

Solution

Columbia PD officers deployed **LRAD 100X** systems magnetically mounted to their patrol cars and slowly cruised up and down the streets of Five Points informing revelers that it was closing time and to go home.

Law enforcement officers broadcast a few seconds of LRAD's safe, attention-commanding alert tone to gain the crowd's attention to the highly intelligible voice commands to clear the area. Fans that lingered were warned that they may be subject to arrest.

The crowds quickly dispersed with few incidents and minimal arrests.



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- Sgt. J.E. Armstrong, Greensboro, NC PD

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- Christopher Cook, Police Chief, White Settlement, TX

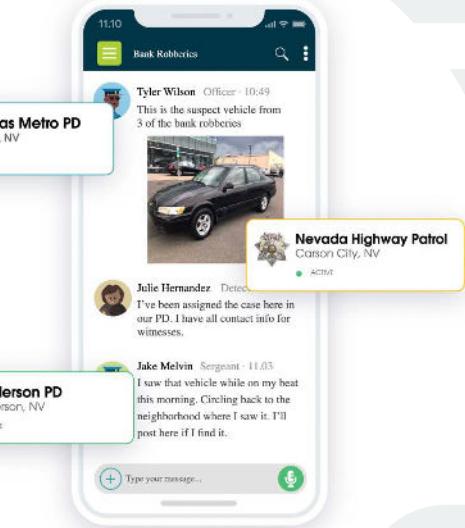
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