

Pontoon Beach, Illinois, selects PSIMS CAD

January 2010. Pontoon Beach, Illinois. The Pontoon Beach Police Department has chosen Cushing Technologies Inc. to provide a new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for the department. Other software systems contracted to Cushing include Records Management, Evidence and Booking systems.

The Village of Pontoon Beach is a Madison County community of about 6500 persons. Pontoon Beach is located about 10 miles northeast of St. Louis, Missouri and is bordered by the largest, master-planned business park, the Gateway Commerce Center, and Interstates 270 and 255. The award to Cushing Technologies reflects the community's "New Beginnings" campaign and is part of the progressive plan of the Pontoon Beach Police Department to become "the best police department in Madison County."

With the installation of the Cushing Technologies' Public Safety Management Systems ("PSIMS") software, Pontoon Beach Police Department personnel will be able to view the activity of all its units and its dispatchers will have immediate, automated access to the Illinois record systems to retrieve up-to-date information for vehicles and wanted persons.

PSIMS software was launched at the Illinois NENA Conference in October 2004, following successful implementations in Glencoe and Jacksonville, Illinois. Today, there are more than forty municipal and county agencies using the software in 8 states.

PSIMS does not use a per-seat licensing restrictions; rather, once an agency purchases the software, it can set up as many users as it needs, and can increase the number of users in the future without incurring any additional costs. In addition, departments can incorporate municipal agencies to create a cost-effective countywide law enforcement information repository.

Cushing Technologies Inc. was founded by Austin Donaghy, former Director of Development and VP of Wireless Computing for Software Corporation of America Inc. (SCA). SCA originally developed the Premier MDC product, and was purchased by Motorola in 1999. Mr. Donaghy developed SCA's successful TalkThru CAD and RMS systems.