Mission-Critical Prowess from Ortus

An exciting and dynamic technology company has just launched into the world of Mission Critical Vehicles. South-Yorkshire-based Ortus Technology Ltd provides specialist products and solutions for Mission Critical Emergency Service Vehicles. Led by MD Craig Hall, a familiar and respected figure in emergency services fleet technology, Ortus believe that their flexible approach to business, combined with a powerful product portfolio, is just what the UK emergency services fleet community needs at a time when efficiency and cost-effectiveness are the key drivers to achieving performance targets.

Craig explains: “We’ve assembled a high calibre management team with many years experience in the Emergency Service Sector and our cutting-edge product range will provide fleet managers with the kind of hi-tech yet affordable telemetric management solutions systems they need to keep track of their increasingly complex and diverse fleet stock.”

Craig is excited about the first two Ortus offerings: “Firstly we have DataPoint Telemetric – a highly accurate and innovative device designed specifically for Emergency Service vehicles and equipment. Its unique patented design compresses data to allow accurate vehicle tracking to a resolution of less than 1 metre worldwide. Secondly, we’re proud to have been appointed as the UK distributors for Microbus on-board vehicle computer systems – this product has been supplying specialist PC technology to worldwide users for over 25 years and for the last eight years has been considered the leading supplier of in-vehicle PC technology in the UK. Ortus will exclusively represent this market leading MDT system in the world of Mission Critical Medical Vehicles.”

Craig finishes: “I’m optimistic that those ambulance services who our team has dealt with personally for many years now will trust me when I say that these two products can help them radically reshape their fleet management strategy for the immediate future. As a team we’re looking forward to getting out there and showing ambulance fleet leaders that, as in the past, we’re well-equipped to help them meet the challenges ahead.”

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Second Generation HART Incident Ground Kit Launched

Drawing on the past 2 years’ experience of ambulance HART’s across the UK with the original technical rescue PPE developed by Bristol, a collaborative new product development project has resulted in an evolutionary new type of HART incident ground kit being developed and approved for use by the National HART User Group and Department of Health.

As the original HART garment had undergone a series of minor changes between 2008 and 2010 as the kit was being adopted nationally, Bristol proposed a new and common design to provide a more flexible supply environment and, at the same time, take advantage of new and improved fabrics which have become available since the original design was conceived.

The result means that one standard style has now been approved and will, over time, replace the 10 variants which are currently in regular use with the regional HARTs. The new kit incorporates a lighter weight rip stop fabric outer shell, to improve tear strength, a detachable liner and standard loops and fittings. In addition, to improve stock flexibility and improved delivery times, the original embroidered identity crest and badges have been replaced with heat sealed badges which can readily be affixed to stock garments for speedier turnaround of orders.

James Price, Chair of the National Operations Group for HART, commented, “HART provides it staff with the best equipment, vehicles and uniform available. We are able to do that by using our experiences and working closely with suppliers to constantly evolve and Bristol Uniforms has helped us do that.”

Richard Cranham, Bristol’s Business Development Manager, who has piloted this project through, added, “I am delighted that the HART User Group has given the new kit its seal of approval. As well as offering ergonomic and technical improvements, which will bring wearer benefits, the move to a national standard design will have significant procurement benefits for the ambulance service.”

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Medilink Bring Luck of the Irish to Hit Sky Dance Programme

In conjunction with M&L, Ambulance service (London) leading Irish private ambulance provider Medilink Ambulance Ltd were chosen to provide medical cover for the hit Sky 1 programme ‘Got To Dance’, hosted by reality-TV favourite, Davina McCall.

In the grounds of Dublin’s Royal Hospital Kilmainham, M&L Ambulance had already provided cover for the mainland UK recordings of the show in Edinburgh and London, coordinated by Sue Bewley of their London HQ-based Events Team. Dave McFarlane, Business Development Manager for Medilink explains how they organised cover for the Irish end of the recording schedule, which also required medical support for the build and de-build parts of the filming process: “We had one of our EMT’s, Padrag Allen, providing the full medical cover for their entire filming schedule here in the Emerald Isle and, we’re pleased to say, that, even allowing for the large number of dancers involved, the shoot went perfectly, without so much as even a sprained ankle. Thankfully the only drama Padrag got to watch were those provided by a large number of very, very enthusiastic dancers. The Sky crew were delighted with the results as they had far better weather than expected and the entire outdoor shoot was blessed with unbroken sunshine throughout the day. You could say they had the luck of the Irish!”

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