



## 2007 Innovation Awards Presented Winners announced at IACP in New Orleans

The Cygnus Law Enforcement Group presented the 2007 Innovation awards on Oct. 13 in New Orleans. The awards event was held in conjunction with the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Innovation Awards recognize new products and services introduced to the law enforcement market during the previous year. Manufacturers submit their newest and most inventive products for evaluation from a panel of independent judges of law enforcement professionals. There are 17 categories of entries.

Ronnie Garrett, the editor-in-chief of Law Enforcement Technology magazine, hosted the invitation-only event, held at the House of Blues on Decatur St. in New Orleans. Attendees enjoyed drinks and traditional Cajun food at the reception.

The Cygnus Law Enforcement Group is comprised of the properties of Cygnus Business Media dedicated to law enforcement. These include Law Enforcement Technology and Law Enforcement Product News magazines, Officer.com, and Enforcement Expo.

### The winners of this year's Innovation awards are:

**Category: Communications**  
**EHS Inc**  
**VIDMIC**

Description: The VIDMIC is a revolutionary data acquisition system which goes everywhere the officer goes and records important information at any time. A full color digital video recorder, still photo camera, and digital audio recorder are all housed in a fully functioning shoulder mic. Because officers already use shoulder mics, there is no need for them to add additional equipment to their already overburdened utility belts in order to have video and audio recording capabilities. The contributions of video technologies to successful police work are well documented. In-car video has been shown to reduce frivolous lawsuits and increase the likelihood of successful prosecution. At the same time, video enhances officer safety, training, performance, and professionalism. Video reduces time spent writing reports and protects officers from false allegations. But in-car video can't go with the officer up to the door, inside an apartment, down the narrow alley or into a backyard. It can't prove the officer had permission to search a house, had probable cause to do a sobriety test, and did, in fact, Mirandize a subject. For all the outstanding advantages of in-car video, the VIDMIC will provide even greater, far reaching benefits for officers and police work.