



MVCC Incident Command Vehicle Demonstrates Disaster Control Capability on July 4, 2009

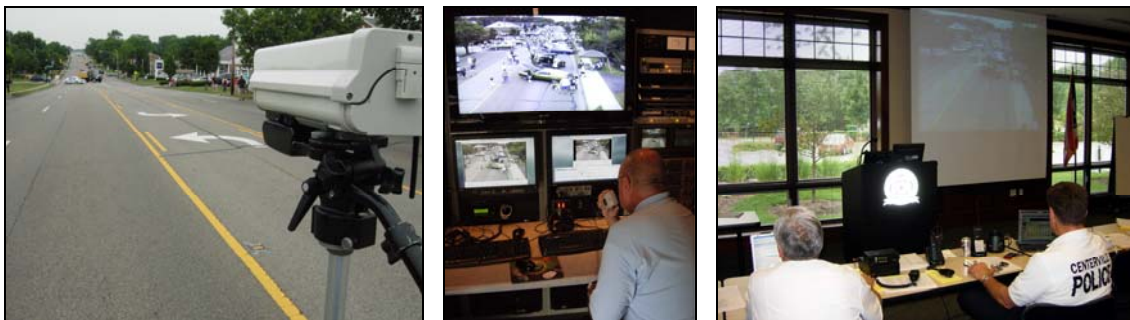
The Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) Incident Command Vehicle displayed its versatility during the Fourth of July holiday, demonstrating its disaster control capability as a mobile command post for police and fire officers in the cities of Centerville and Kettering, and serving as a television production studio to record the Centerville Americana Parade.

Situated on North Main Street in Centerville during the city’s Americana festivities on July 4, 2009, the Incident Command Vehicle deployed two cameras to monitor crowds and traffic. The video could be seen inside the vehicle, and simultaneously watched at the Centerville Police Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through the internet using Skype software.

“In any event with a large amount of people, you have the capacity for terrorist events and other disasters,” stated Tactical Crime Suppression Unit (TCSU) Director Dave Williams. “The advantage of having a mobile command post is it gives EOC personnel a much better idea of command and control, and exactly what’s taking place at the scene. Capability like this is almost unparalleled in this area.”

The Incident Command Vehicle is equipped with two different police and fire radio frequencies. Geocast Web software allows police to display a regional map, highlight an area, and then plot the path of hazardous material using current weather data. The vehicle can also activate an emergency evacuation phone call to notify residents within the highlighted area.

“That is a huge advantage for managing a dangerous situation that has the ability to change rapidly, and it allows you to take immediate action to warn the public,” stated Williams.



Photos: (left) a wireless camera transmits video; (center) Dave Williams monitors the situation from the Incident Command Vehicle; (right) Centerville’s EOC watches the live video feed from the police building.

The Incident Command Vehicle also served as a mobile command post for Kettering Police and Fire personnel during the “Kettering’s Go Fourth 2009!” events held at Delco Park from 6:00pm to 10:00pm on July 4, 2009. The vehicle provided communications and oversight, and a central location to plan and direct the crews more effectively.

On the morning of July 4, 2009, the MVCC Incident Command Vehicle’s other function – as a mobile television production studio – was utilized to capture the fun and excitement of the Centerville Americana Parade. The mobile production studio is capable of producing a four-camera event on location from any city. *The Centerville Americana Parade 2009* can be seen on-demand [HERE](#) at the MVCC website www.mvcc.net and on MVCC Channel 5 through Time Warner Cable, Inc.



Photos: (left) Hazardous material moving in a targeted area can be tracked, and residents notified. (center, right) MVCC records the Centerville Americana Parade using four cameras and the mobile production studio.