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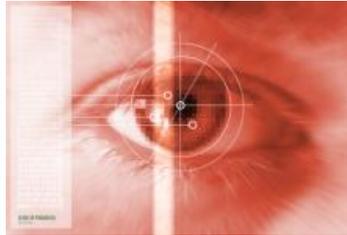
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Mobile Fingerprint Verification Units For Palm Beach Police

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Police in Palm Beach County will be using the Verifier Mw mobile fingerprint biometric unit from Cross Match Technologies for ID verification



Cross Match Technologies has received an order for 174 Verifier Mw mobile handheld units from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO). The solution will enable PBSO deputies to remotely query the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's fingerprint based Rapid ID system while outside their patrol cars. The system accesses the State's FALCON and FBI's RISC databases for rapid identification of individuals with unknown or suspect identification, or without valid identification credentials.

Rapid ID "Responses are typically returned to the remote officer in under a minute," said Cross Match product manager John Bagocius. "The solution saves valuable officer time and taxpayer resources, while providing an extra element of security for the deputies by allowing them to quickly ascertain whether they are dealing with a dangerous criminal."

The Verifier Mw is one of the only FAP (f.k.a. SAP) level 30 FBI certified fingerprint scanning devices currently on the market and incorporates Bluetooth and WiFi for secure communication to the patrol car.

"Everything about the device has the officer in mind," added Bagocius. "It is designed for easy single-handed use, leverages patented Cross Match Auto Capture software, and provides rapid database responses on an integrated LCD screen."

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has over 1,500 sworn law enforcement officers and covers the third largest county in Florida. The new technology will act as a force multiplier for the PBSO by allowing them to verify the identities of suspects in the field rather than having to drive them to a county facility for identification.

The FBI's RISC (Repository for Individuals of Special Concern) database contains a subset of the national fingerprint repository which includes biographical and fingerprint information associated with wanted persons, known or appropriately suspected terrorists; registered sex offenders; and, other individuals of special interest.

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