



OakVideo

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Overview

- The OakVideo video arraignment project involves installing video conferencing equipment that will connect District and Circuit courts, the Prosecutor's office, jail booking facilities, law enforcement agencies and community corrections in order to: minimize offender transport, and improve court security while mitigating law enforcement costs.
- This system is unique to any other arraignment system currently in use today. It is a multi-point system (able to connect to several sites simultaneously) where the signal will be switched over the OakNet network.
- The video arraignment system was designed to automate the paper flow that would otherwise occur via fax between law enforcement agencies, prosecutor and courts. It replaced the aged warrant teleconferencing equipment with state-of-the-art equipment using the fiber optic network of OakNet for higher quality, reliability and ease of use.

Funding for the project has been provided by: County Bonds: \$6 million and COPS MORE Grant: \$700,000

The funding estimate was based on a 1999 Wisconsin video arraignment study and assumes the following participation:

- 75% of the District Courts
- 4 Circuit Courtrooms
- 15 Prosecutor's Offices
- Community Corrections
- 35 Police Departments
- 13 Sheriff Substations
- Oakland County Jail

Where We Are

Key goals:

- Provide a "best practice" automated booking process. The video arraignment project is expected to re-deploy several hundred officers for other duties.
- Avoiding offender transport is critical to improving efficiency as well as eliminating redundant data entry and reducing data flow.
- Minimize the risk of holding offenders at CVT lockups, Law Enforcement agencies and jail holding cells. With fewer offenders being held, the risks and costs of care are reduced.
- Flexibility to develop a centralized, off-hours video arraignment function, where magistrates, during normal court hours, could be deployed for other court duties.
- Improvement in Circuit/District Court security by minimizing the transport of offenders to and in court facilities.
- Accelerated after-hours warrants for arrests and searches, etc.
- Video access to the County from around the world.

Current Sites with Hardware Installed:

- 6th Circuit Court – 5 Courtrooms have been conducting Bench Warrants since October 2003.
- 6th Circuit Court – Family Court is testing the system in 2007 for Juvenile Hearings..
- Oakland County Jail – 4 Holding Cell Cameras
- Prosecutor's Office – Warrant Division
- 43rd District Court Ferndale
- 43rd District Court Hazel Park
- 43rd District Court Madison Heights
- 44th District Court Royal Oak
- 45A District Court Berkley
- 45B District Court Oak Park
- 46th District Court Southfield
- 47th District Court Farmington
- 48th District Court West Bloomfield
- 50th District Court Pontiac
- 51st District Court Waterford
- 52-1 District Court Novi
- 52-2 District Court Clarkston
- 52-3 District Court Rochester Hills
- 52-4 District Court Troy
- Auburn Hills Police Department, Berkley Public Safety, Beverly Hills, Birmingham Police Department, Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department, Bloomfield Twp Police Department, Farmington Public Safety Department, Farmington Hills Police Department, Ferndale Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Hazel Park Police Department, Holly Village Police Department, Huntington Woods Police Department, Lake Orion Police Department, Lathrup Village Police Department, Madison Heights Police Department, Milford Police Department, Novi Police Department, Oakland University Public Safety Department, Oak Park Public Safety Department, Oak Park Michigan State Police, Orchard Lake Police Department, Oxford Police Department, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, Pontiac Police Department, Rochester Police Department, Royal Oak Police Department, South

Lyon Police Department, Southfield Police Department, Southfield Jail, Sylvan Lake Police Department, Troy Police Department, Walled Lake Police Department, Waterford Twp. Police Department, West Bloomfield Police Department, White Lake Police Department, Wixom Police Department, Wolverine Lake Police Department

- Community Corrections
- Addison Substation, Brandon Substation, Commerce Substation, Highland Substation, Independence Substation, Lyon Substation, Oakland Substation, Orion Substation, Oxford Substation, Rochester Hills Substation, Royal Oak Substation,
- Macomb County Sheriff
- State of Michigan Probation Department
- Children's Village

Where We Are Going

- In 2006, the system was enhanced with the addition of several MCU's (Bridges). These devices will allow the system administrator to connect the OakVideo system to any videoconference system in the world. Up to twenty-one connections beyond Oakland County can be linked to the system at any time.
- In 2007 the system will be expanded to conduct Inmate video visitations at the Oakland County Jail.
- The following are some of the future uses of the OakVideo system:
 - Broadcasting of events over the Internet – for centralized training and other events.
 - County department to County department meetings.
 - Jail medical services -- avoiding movement of inmates to the hospital for minor health related issues.
 - Mental health hospitals to County Probate/Circuit Courts -- avoiding the movement of mentally ill patients.
 - Michigan Department of Corrections to County departments/CVTs (cities, villages, and townships) -- avoids transportation of prisoners from State facilities.
 - Distance Learning.
 - Access from around the world into the County's network for community development purposes over the public Internet.

Awards/Recognition

- 2003 NACO award for Innovative Use of Technology in Government
- 2003 Polycom User Group, a group of 2,500 videoconferencing professionals from 65 countries, presented the County with the "Best Practice Award for 2003" for data sharing and video collaboration.
- 2006 CIO 100
- 2006 Digital Government Achievement Award – Government to Government Category.
- 2006 Michigan Excellence Award – Most innovative use of Technology in Government to Government
- 2007 Government Financial Officers Association Award.

- Already we've seen great interest from the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office, the Michigan State Supreme Court, Macomb County, Chicago, Los Angeles and even as far away as England and South Korea.

Partnerships

- In late 2005 Integrated Digital Solutions was awarded a license to market OakVideo.