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STI-CO Supports Communication Set-up for Inauguration

ComTech (formerly AGILE), a communications interoperability and information-sharing program funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), spearheaded a communications network spanning from the District of Columbia through Alexandria, VA out to Fairfax County. This collaborative effort between multiple law enforcement agencies and technology companies provided a state-of-the-art interoperable command center to support communications among the responding agencies. Supporting agencies included the U.S. Marshal Service, U.S. Parks Police, Alexandria Police & Fire, Dept. of Homeland Security, Montgomery and Fairfax Counties. Representatives from NIJ, STI-CO, and Raytheon JPS Communications were on site to support the operation. Under tight security, one of the command posts was positioned inside Washington's mall where the STI-CO® Interoperable Antenna was deployed with a JPS ACU-1000 unit. At another site in Alexandria, the antenna connected to the Radio Interoperability System (ROIS) designed by Sytech Corporation. This system supported the remote gateway for intelligence gathering in Fairfax County.

The synergy of the law enforcement community united with manufacturer support enhanced the ability to provide an interoperable infrastructure for the country's highly secured inaugural events. The multi-site operation provided communication redundancy increasing security inside and outside the DC beltway. Safeguarded with over 6000 uniformed police officers from local agencies throughout the nation and numerous Federal law enforcement agencies, the inauguration ceremonies were protected from security threats.