

#### Icom America Systems

# Introduction to RedHawk SA

GPS Speaker Mic with LCD

Dismounted Team Situation Awareness Communications, Command & Control



# WHERE IS EVERYONE?



## **RIGHT HERE!**

ADD PERSONAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TO ANY TWO WAY RADIO! Introducing: RedHawk SA GPS Speaker Microphone with LCD

TRACK TEAM MEMBERS IN REAL TIME THROUGH ANY RADIO >NO PC NEEDED! >SEE EVERYONE ON THE LCD OF YOUR SPEAKER MIC Connects also to many off the shelf GIS software packages for Team Leader, Incident Command Tracking and Control with PC, LAPTOP, PDA.





# GET MORE OUT OF YOUR RADIO!

Icom's RedHawk SA *is not* just *a conventional GPS Mic.* 

Traditional GPS Mics only send data to a PC located at a distance.

All users on the same radio channel receive and store all positional data transmitted from others.

Replaces a conventional speaker microphone.

Has a built-in GPS receiver, LCD display, Joystick Control.



# GET MORE OUT OF YOUR RADIO!

With the built-in LCD Display, provides users with:

Total Situational Awareness,

Increased personal and team safety.





## **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Attaches to most any 2 way radio (portable or mobile) via an accessory cable:

On Releasing the Unit's Push to Talk (PTT) button, sends to all other RedHawk SA units operating on the same radio channel the User's Positional Information.

**Data Sent:** 

Unit Location (ID, Group #)
Speed
Direction
Altitude
Heading



The Unit may also be polled by another field unit.

The User interfaces with the LCD via the built-in joystick.

(or via software with a PC at the Command or Dispatch station)



Positional data that is transmitted from a Mic in the field is received and is stored in each GPS-Mic that is on the same radio channel and set to the same Group ID.



The Accessory may be used with either analog or digital P25 radios. This depends on the radio or radio channel being used:

Analog (sending FFSK data burst over audio carrier)

Digital (P25 or other): sending data inaudibly over the radio data channel of a P25 compatible two way radio.



Data may also be received on a PC or Laptop or PDA where a Radio, RedHawk unit and a PC are used.





#### UNLIKE OTHER LESS FUNCTIONAL GPS MICS, NO EXPENSIVE CONTROLLER IS NEEDED AT THE PC TO DECODE THE INCOMING DATA!

Using an analog radio system, connect a radio to the Mic and then use a USB cable from the Mic to the PC.

For P25, simply connect the radio receiver's data port to the PC.





#### **USER INTERFACE:**

User may consult the various menus of the console using the built in joystick control.



# **User**, **Functions**





**FINDER:** View other User's positions relative to the receiving party. See field unit's speed, location, request a position update and navigate with an ETA to the position of selected group members.



**TRACKS:** The Mic console also works as a standard GPS Tracker. Stop tracks, start tracks automatically with Power Up of the console as well as by time / range. View track list details, delete tracks.



**WAYPOINTS:** Add, view, change name/symbol for, and navigate with ETA to waypoints; send to groups or individuals. Stores up to 50,000 waypoints.



# **User Functions**



**SATELLITE**: Provides start up information ahead of a Mission: View GPS signal capture and constellations seen, VDOP accuracy status of GPS receiver, satellites & signal strength. See User's location, elevation, speed, date, time,



**COMPASS:** Toggle between two compass views: (1) Due North (2) Floating. Use the Compass to set a course to a filed unit or a received or stored waypoint



**UNIT STATUS**: View speed, course, time, location, distance moved, average speed and convert DASTRUM used to ORG, UTM, or USNG..





# **User Functions**



MESSAGES: Leverage your radio to send and receive confidential information and waypoints securely: Send & receive text messages to groups or individuals; view inbox by time/date received.



**EXTRAS:** Calendar displays dates from the year 2000 through year 2099



SETTINGS: Customizes and sets up the console: Configure the unit for analog or P25 digital operation; set format for Time, Date, Datum; Adjust LCD Contrast Distance/ Speed,/Elevation, Temperature units; Set User Name; Manage Power, Set SOS TX Time; and Data Baud Rate.







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## **Using the FINDER Function**

- See all Field Units on a List
- See their relationship with your based on their last position received (distance, bearing)
- Bore down, select and review more detailed information showing a field unit's last location, speed, direction, heading and elevation
- Poll a unit for a position update
- Set a Course to a Field Unit's last known or last received/polled position







## **Using the Joystick control:**

- Poll a Field Unit for a positional update
- See other Field Unit's as how they relate to your position
- Set a Course to Field Unit
- Once you are moving, show your Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) based on a straight line of travel



# er Interface Examples,

Messages

#### INBOX WRITE NEW



Using the Mic's Virtual Keyboard and the built-in Joystick control, Send and Receive Text Messages

- Sends a message to an individual or group
- Messages may be 39 characters in length

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## **Using the WAYPOINT Function**

Maneuvering through the menus:

- Mark a Location as a Waypoint
- ► Name the Waypoint
- Attach a pre-set Icon to the Waypoint
- ► Store the Waypoint
- Send the waypoint to an individual or a group



# User Interface Examples

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#### WAYPOINT INBOX



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# **Using the WAYPOINT Function**

# Maneuvering through the menus:

- Receive a Waypoint
- Store Waypoints in a Waypoint List
- ► Go To a Waypoint

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## **Using the SATELLITE Function**

Before embarking on a Mission provides the user with an easy way to validate operation of the unit:

- Information on number of satellites seen, signal strength
- ► 2D or 3 D Lock
- ► User's position
- Accuracy of the system (PDOP)



# Used as a stand-alone speaker Mic

#### **TEAM MEMBER TO TEAM MEMBER**

In real-time all Group Members that are on the same radio channel may see all other members of their Group displayed on their unit's LCD display without the use of a PC in reference to their own position along with relative distance and bearing, last known direction, speed and elevation.



# Flexibility: Both On-Man and Command Real-Time Situational Awareness

#### With a REDHAWK unit and 2 Way Radio: Team Member to Team Member

See other units, poll, send and receive text messages and waypoints. Set a course to a field unit or waypoint.

With a PC, Laptop, PDA or Tablet PC and a radio: Team Leader or Incident Commander to Field Team Members

See field units in real time on a Map, send and receive text messages and waypoints, poll a field unit



#### TEAMS IN THE FIELD VIEW ON THE LCD SCREEN









#### **Connecting a Radio/GPS Mic to a PC/PDA/Laptop**

Using optional GIS software and a PC or like device an Incident Commander or a Team Leader can monitor all field unit movements in real time overlaid on a map or any GIS projection.

Command may poll field units receiving updated and the latest positional data, send, receive and view text messages and waypoints, etc..







**VIEW ON OPTIONAL GIS SOFTWARE CORRESPONDING VIEW** for Laptop/PC/PDA - ----



REDHAWK

on LCD Display





Many off-the-shelf GIS software packages are available.

Complementary data string-sets are provided free of charge to software developers, GIS departments for adaptation to existing and proprietary GIS/CAD systems

Following are just some of the software capabilities available.





Poll any radio/user to provide real-time update of resource locations

Display all units in the field







- Use the software's map markup tools to designate and illustrate a search area, search area covered, annotate hazards
- Establish "no-go", or "danger zone" using GIS fencing
   Alert Command if anyone that has entered a restricted area





Add satellite imagery providing a 3 dimensional view of the operation providing Command with a birds-eye view of the operation. Better identify hazards for field operatives.

Using Aircraft and a GPS Mic connected to a radio plot the perimeter of a fire, transmitting the data live to a PC or to users in the field.





Track teams live, in real-time.
 Playback complete stored tracks documenting the mission for after action review, training or audit.
 Create reports, map books, share information.
 Create a new layer for every operational period





#### Create a complete mission document

Insert Custom or ICS compatible symbols





Send a waypoint for a mission to the field as selected on a GIS map using a stylus or touch screen

Sending waypoints electronically avoids errors when compared to the use of traditional, verbal transmissions

Sending text messages or waypoints electronically keeps information secure



# Some Case Studies and Applications:





Hardware Validation: Y 2007: Rocky Mountain Colorado National Park Rangers have successfully tested the GPS Mic accessory connected to their model BK radios for a 4 month period validating feature, functionality, user friendliness, accuracy and durability. Results:

- Using the GPS Mic accessory augments situational awareness, Ranger safety.
- Creates tracks for download
- Communicates position to Dispatch
- Finds injured Rangers





- In an Emergency: an SOS signal may be send out via a timed GPS position burst over the radio: even if the unit is out of contact with Dispatch.
- Approaching Rescuers with similar devices are then used to locate the Ranger.
- Conversely, anyone on the same radio channel with a like unit (or PC) may POLL and request any field unit to transmit an updated position.







#### CASE STUDY 2: USE IN ACTUAL "DEAN CHRISTY" SEARCH, SAN BERNADINO, CALIFOIRNIA, USA SHERIFF





Search called off for hiker lost in San Bernardino Mountains

The Associated Press. Article Launched: 01/13/2008 05:52:27 PM PST

GREEN VALLEY LAKE, Calif.—The search for a hiker lost for over a week high in the snowblanketed San Bernardino Mountains was called off Sunday, authorities said.

About 80 people combed the area near Green Valley Lake for Dean Christy for a final time but found no trace of him before the search was ended at 3 p.m., Sheriff's Sgt. Rick Ells said.

Christy, 62, made a cell phone call for help Jan. 4 when he became disoriented in fog at an elevation of about 7,000 feet. Sunday's search concentrated on a 1 kilometer area around where the phone call came from, Ells said.

"We've searched as well as we can," Ells said. "We've pretty much covered all the area we can."

Rescuers were assisted by four snow cats, three helicopters and five search dogs. Although some snow has melted since the storm that caught Christy, movement in the rugged, densely wooded area has been made difficult by drifts as deep as 6 feet.

Christy was wearing a down jacket, gloves and hiking boots, but had no food or water.





- Individual field units may see in real time on their LCD screen progress and location of other teams.
- Users in the field may mark and name waypoints corresponding to potential evidence found and sending their details to other units without using voice.
- Send and Receive Text messages, and waypoints.







- When connected to a PC and using GIS software, provides Incident Command with a 3 dimensional view and live updates of field units.
- On the GIS software, command may tap an area on the PC;s screen and send that waypoint to field users.







### " CHRISTY SEARCH", Tracks Days 1 to 5,

 Photo Courtesy: San Bernardino (CA., USA) Sheriff







## Case Study 3: Windsor, Colorado Tornado:

NWS Radar at 11:34 AM, May 22, 2008 Photo's courtesy Rampart Search and Rescue R3.





# Case Study 3, Search and Rescue

#### Within the First 10 Minutes

► Windsor proper, 18,670 inhabitants

- Affected people, property, livestock, infrastructure, and 5 communities, 600 homes damaged
- ►1 death
- 1 x 38 mile wide path within 10 minutes





## **Search & Rescue Teams Deployed**

During the first Operational Period of the first day, teams were deployed and were in night- time operations







- Teams in the same operational period were given Missions and were inadvertently sent to the same area on multiple occasions, wasting time and valuable available human resources.
  - Street signs were missing, out of town responders had difficulty in relaying accurate location information to ICS





#### TEST OF TECHNOLOGY UNREHEARSED:



Second Operational Period : 2 way radios were equipped with the K&A Infinity Mic device.

5 Divisional Teams with Poudre Valley Fire & Rescue used the Mic Speaker Microphone over the next 3 operational days.





# Result:

Reduced Confusion at Incident Command.

- Full Time and Volunteer Responders were used more effectively.
- Waypoints were sent via the consoles with details as to damage assessment of individual buildings.
- Text messages reduced radio traffic and keeping confidential any sensitive discoveries.





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### With the GPS Mic Console:

Individual Team Members could see areas covered by other Teams and Poll and update location of all Members without the use of verbal communications.

Waypoint marking, naming of waypoints and their transmission aid in transmitting damage assessments to authorities.





#### Case Study 4: Wildland Fires

Providing real time updates to Incident Command and Field Units of Fire Perimeter and Progress.

For Live Updates: A Helicopter was deployed to do a perimeter run of the fire where a GPS REDHAWK Console that was connected to a two way radio transmitted positional information once every 3 seconds. (Using the console's SOS button)





As positional data was received from the helicopter:

#### Field Units:

- See the perimeter of the fire on their Console's LCD Screen.
- See the Perimeter as it relates to their position in the field
- See Location and Tracks of all Fire Personnel on the same radio channel.





#### At Incident Command with a PC:

- See the perimeter of the fire overlaid onto GIS mapping.
- See the location and progress of all personnel in the field.
- Poll field units for updates
- Alert Incident Command of any units in a danger zone as created by a Geo-fence











#### **Case Study 5: For Crowd Control and Safety**

Formula 1 Grand Prix, SES, Melbourne, Australia Incident Command and Responders:

- See the Location and Progress of all personnel in the field.
- ► Manage better available Assets and Resources.
- Ensure that tasks and areas are covered and missions are completed.





#### Formula 1 Grand Prix, SES, Melbourne, Australia



# Increase operational security

### **Other Applications:**

- Motorcycle Police and Bicycle Patrols
- Campus Security
- Oil Field Production and Power Utility Workers
- Lumber and Resources Management
- Tactical and Specialized Police Units
- Lone Worker situations
- Resort Area, Parks, Recreation Area Management
- Ski Patrols
- …and more!

#### Get More Out of Your 2-Way Radio!





# Icom REDHAWK SA: It saves you time, money, Increases your operational effectiveness.





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# Situational awareness is now in your hands!