

computer processor including a third user interface and a third input means for inputting data in said third computer processor;

(iv) a communications server for managing communications between users located at said locations; 5

(v) a communications network interconnecting said server and said computer processors, said server and each said computer processor having respective IP addresses;

(vi) a public radio system comprising a plurality of public safety radios, at least one public safety radio being associated with said emergency responder location; 10

(vii) a local radio system comprising a plurality of local radios, at least one local radio being associated with said communication endpoint; 15

(viii) a radio bridge device for facilitating direct radio communications between said public safety radio system and said local radio system, said radio bridge being installed at said communication endpoint and including hardware means for enabling connection 20 between the radio systems, said bridge further including a processor that communicates with said server to receive activation and deactivation instructions sent from an authorized user, said instructions being sent as IP packets over the communications network; 25

(ix) computer software means associated with said computer processors for selectively controlling and monitoring the system to include activating and deactivating said radio bridge and producing user interfaces allowing a user to manipulate the functions of the system in accordance with specified user privileges; 30

sending an emergency notification to said emergency call center, said emergency notification comprising at least one of a telephone call to said emergency call center and an email sent to said emergency call center; 35

categorizing a nature of the emergency notification to determine whether direct radio communications are required between said local radio system at said communication endpoint and said public safety radio system; and

selectively activating said radio bridge for facilitating direct radio communications between a first communicant using a public safety radio and a second communicant using a local radio, said selectively activating including transmission of an IP packet containing a command directed to the radio bridge device located at said communication endpoint wherein said IP packet is interpreted by the bridge device, and said bridge device changes a status of the local radio system such that radios in the local radio system can transmit and receive messages to/from radios in said public safety radio system; and wherein:

said third computer processor includes a plurality of computer processors located at respective communication endpoints, such as school locations, each of said plurality of computer processors including corresponding user interfaces and corresponding input means for inputting data into said computer processors, and wherein said computer software means generates visual displays on the user interfaces, said visual displays including a school district activation screen showing (i) a listing of schools within the school district, (ii) a status of the radio bridge for each of the schools, (iii) a type of activation including at least one of a 911 activation, a security activation, or both a 911 and security activation, and (iv) a message window containing a message sent to selected schools within the district based upon the type of activation.

7. A method, as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

said communication endpoint includes a plurality of communication endpoints and a corresponding plurality of computer processors, user interfaces, and input means for inputting data in said system, and said software means generates visual displays on the user interfaces including at least one visual display including an administrator screen showing (i) configurable notification groups for receiving selected activations, (ii) a flag list setup for establishing preconfigured messages that may be sent to and received by said communication endpoint.

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