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## **Cygnus Law Enforcement Group Celebrates 2011 Innovation Award Winners**

*The annual awards showcase products of the year chosen by law enforcement professionals*

**CHICAGO (October 23, 2011)** — Finalists and winners of the 2011 *Cygnus Law Enforcement Group's Innovation Awards* were announced at an awards ceremony and banquet during the 118th International Association of Chiefs of Police conference and exposition held in Chicago. As in previous years, the awards program showcased cutting-edge advances in the field of law enforcement, judged by a panel of veteran law enforcement professionals for innovativeness, productivity, quality, contribution, ease of use and maintainability.

Entrants compete in 13 categories including Body Armor & Safety, Communications, Computers, Corrections & Security, Firearms & Weapons, Firearms & Weapons Accessories, Forensics, Software, Surveillance, Tactical, Traffic Enforcement, Training, Uniforms & Apparel, and Vehicles & Vehicle Accessories.

“The law enforcement community is very interested in the new products that rise to the top every year,” Brand Director Patrick Bernardo says. “They’re always looking for the equipment that will make law enforcers’ duties easier, and their time on the streets better managed and safer.”

From the lingering law enforcement challenges the products resolve, to the cost-effective products the judges thought cleverly useful, the submissions for the 2011 competition ran the gamut.

### **2011 Cygnus Law Enforcement Group Innovation Awards Category finalists and winners:**

#### **BODY ARMOR & SAFETY**

Finalists:

Brite Strike's APALS-AIR

Winter Walking's ICEGRIPS

Winner: Brownell's QD-360-ID

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Finalists:

The WTX-500 Series from Pryme Radio Products

The Threat4 x-6200 Series from Xacore

Winner: GTS and Honeywell Batteries' EEOC—The Emergency Operations Charging Case

## **CORRECTIONS & SECURITY**

Finalists:

Watchhound from Berkeley Varitronics Systems  
The Wolfhound Pro from Berkeley Varitronics Systems

Winner: Securitas Inc.'s NO-SHANK Toothbrush

## **FIREARMS & WEAPONS**

Finalists:

The LMT37/40mm Single Shot Launcher from ALS Technologies Inc.  
The Dazer Laser Guardian from Laser Energetics Inc.

Winner: Taser International's TASER X2

## **FIREARMS & WEAPONS ACCESSORIES**

Finalists:

The Blackhawk Taser X26 Duty Holster From Blackhawk  
The eMACS Ammo Burner from TWB Designs Inc.

Winner: Lancer Systems' L5 Advanced Warfighter Magazine

## **FORENSICS**

Finalists:

ChemPrint from Escent Technologies  
The Omnivore from Ocean Systems

Winner: Fulcrum Biometrics' FbF mobileOne

## **SOFTWARE**

Finalists:

The Bag & Tag solution from Foray Technologies  
PowerDMS Standards from the PowerDMS Suite

Winner: LexisNexis' Accurint Mobile

## **SURVEILLANCE**

Finalists:

The COVRT 18 from 5.11 Tactical  
The BriefCam VS Enterprise from BriefCam

Winner: The FLIR Systems H-Series BHS

## **TACTICAL**

Finalists:

The JTC-CLAW from Jersey Tactical Corp.  
The Tactical Microphone Keepr from TMK/Webster Innovations

Winner: Lenco's Gas Injector Unit

## **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

Finalists:

DrugWipe from Affiniton  
The Portable Vehicle Barrier from Tamiami International Equipment

Winner: Kustom Signals' ProLaser 4

## **TRAINING**

Finalists:

The Perpetrator Shooting Target from Officer Under Fire

The StressVest from StressVest Corp.

Winner: Dummies Unlimited Inc.'s SWAT Targets

## **UNIFORMS & APPAREL**

Finalists:

BandZorb Disposable Liners from BandZorb LLC

The Walkieclip from Safety Innovations

Winner: Riverside Ventures' BadgeKeeper

## **VEHICLES & VEHICLE ACCESSORIES**

Finalists:

The AutoVu SharpX from Genetec

The iForce from Rockwell Collins

Winner: Havis' 2011 Ford Explorer K-9 Transport Unit

## **PARAMOUNT AWARD**

Last year, a brand new award was added to the Innovation Awards program. In addition to the 13 customary category awards, a 14th special recognition award was added to pinpoint the most innovative product of the group. This year we've again presented a Paramount Award.

In order to better recognize the driven companies that keep our police officers best equipped to tackle their daily undertakings, the Paramount Award was created to highlight the most impressive product across the categories of evaluation including innovativeness, ease-of-use, maintainability and cost effectiveness. In addition, the criteria for the "best in competition" award added originality and uniqueness—something that hadn't quite been envisioned before and enhances law enforcement not by category alone, but as a whole.

Finalists:

The Omnivore from Ocean Systems

The BriefCam VS Enterprise from BriefCam

Winner: Fulcrum Biometrics' FbF mobileOne

*Read more on the product finalists and winners via the article on [Officer.com](http://Officer.com).*

*Look for more information including photos and specs on the finalists and winners and judges' comments on the category winners in the December issues of Law Enforcement Technology and Law Enforcement Product News magazines.*

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### **About the Innovation Awards:**

Launched in 2005, the Cygnus Law Enforcement Group Innovation Awards recognize new products and services introduced to the law enforcement market during the previous year. Manufacturers submit their newest and most

innovative products for evaluation by a panel of independent judges composed of law enforcement professionals. A banquet is held each year to honor entrants during the annual IACP conference.

The panel of independent law enforcement professionals participating in this year's awards judging includes officers, sergeants, lieutenants, commanders and chiefs from various size agencies at the municipal and state level, with an average length of service for the judges of 22 years.

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