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### **Avon & Somerset Constabulary signs up to Arqiva's mobile data trial**

- **Fourteen fixed in-car terminals allow officers to perform essential data applications on the move**
- **Dual bearer solution working over TETRA and GPRS to ensure seamless data flow**
- **Fully managed solution incorporating training, support and maintenance**

Arqiva today announced that the Avon & Somerset Constabulary has signed up to trial its Police Mobile Data Solution. The fully managed solution allows officers to perform essential data operations, such as checking suspect and vehicle details, address mapping functions and soon the ability to receive briefing documents via their in-car devices. The trial - which commenced in December 2006 - involves the installation of 14 fixed in-car terminals which interface with the Police National Computer (PNC) and the Voter's Register, enabling officers to maintain a high level of visibility and efficiency.

Arqiva has provided the Avon & Somerset Constabulary with a dual bearer solution, working over TETRA and GPRS to ensure a seamless data flow as officers move between network coverage areas. In preparation for the trial, Arqiva also provided a desktop training package for 70 officers from the Avon & Somerset Constabulary and worked alongside trainers from the force to instruct the triallists. The fully-managed solution also includes a support service from Arqiva's local field maintenance engineers based in Portishead. This close working relationship means that Arqiva can respond quickly to feedback from the officers and optimise the performance of the Mobile Data Solution. The fully scalable solution also has the potential for added applications such as access to Command & Control and crime reporting systems.

"This technology is long awaited and we are delighted to be involved in trialling Arqiva's Police Mobile Data Solution," commented Ian Steel, project manager for mobile information at the Avon & Somerset Constabulary. "Arqiva has demonstrated a real understanding of our

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needs and responded to our feedback, allowing us to assist with the evolution of this product while shaping our own strategy on mobile data use.”

Peter Harris, mobile data product manager at Arqiva added, “We have worked closely with the Avon & Somerset Constabulary to tailor this solution to their individual needs. With the increasing demand for greater police efficiency and visibility, it's important that our solution is as user-friendly as possible. This is one of a number of trials currently underway with police forces across the UK involving both multiple bearers in TETRA and GPRS as well as multiple devices in the form of Mobile Data Terminals and Personal Digital Assistants. With its scalability and flexibility we are confident that, in time, ours will be the solution of choice to meet the demands of modern policing.”

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**More on Arqiva**

Arqiva has a 50-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age. The company has five operating divisions:

- **Public Safety** – provides frontline communications for the UK emergency services, government agencies and commercial organisations including design and installation, system maintenance and fully managed services for mobile radio, telecommunications and mobile data solutions
- **Satellite Media Solutions** – provides high quality and flexible solutions to a diverse range of international customers. Includes permanent and occasional broadcast services as well as IP, voice, data and digital media networks. Operational bases in London, Gerrards Cross, Winchester, Feltham and Bedford.
- **Terrestrial Media Solutions** – provides national transmission for UK commercial television including ITV, Channel 4, Five and associated digital multiplexes, playing a leading role in the run-up to digital switchover. Transmission services also provided to vast majority of UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital.
- **Mobile Media Solutions** – new division dedicated to establishing a Mobile Broadcasting network in the UK. Arqiva is platform-neutral and has mounted pioneering technical and commercial Mobile Broadcasting trials with partners such as Microsoft, O2 and Nokia.
- **Wireless Solutions** – provides market-leading, multi-operator infrastructure systems and services to wireless telecoms, transport and interior public space businesses. This is done through a portfolio of over 2400 towers, masts and managed sites, plus InBuilding (indoor coverage) and CityCell (urban coverage) products.

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