

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO Fire-Rescue Department

3Cs RECOGNIZED AS LAUREATE BY THE COMPUTERWORLD HONORS PROGRAM

Global Information Technology Awards Foundation Pays Tribute to Individuals and Organizations that Use Information Technology to Benefit Society

San Diego — April 16, 2007 — The San Diego Regional Command and Control Communications Network (3Cs) has been recognized as a Laureate by the Computerworld Honors Program.

3Cs is a collaboration of San Diego Police, San Diego Fire-Rescue, San Diego Sheriff's Department, CalFire San Diego, and the County and City Emergency Operations Centers. It utilizes state-of-the-art communications tools for public safety – including video downlink from helicopters, web streaming, real time video, video conferencing and mapping tools. Funding is from \$6-million in Community Oriented Policing grants, and grant funding from Homeland Security and local Indian tribes.

"3Cs was really born out of the Cedar Fire, when several public safety agencies came together to confront an emergency," said San Diego Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Public Safety. "We saw then how important it was to be able to have inter-agency communication."

The goal of 3Cs is to ensure that public safety first responders have the most up-to-date information possible when responding to a large-scale incident.

Each year, members of the Computerworld Chairmen's Committee, a group of 100 Chairman/CEOs of global technology, nominate individuals and organizations around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social and economic progress. Ten categories are recognized; the 3Cs Project is in the Government and Non-Profit Organization category.

"Each year, the Computerworld Honors Program seeks to recognize organizations, from a variety of sectors, for their ongoing efforts to utilize technology in order to benefit society," said Ron Milton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation and Executive Vice President of Computerworld. "We are proud to provide a platform to publicly acknowledge these contributions."

This year's Honorees will be commemorated during the 19th Annual Laureates Medal Ceremony & Gala Awards Evening on June 4, 2007 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

At that evening event, additional honors will go to 50 Finalists - 5 Laureates from each category - whose entries were judged outstanding innovations within the information technology field. That field will then narrowed further with the presentation of the 21st Century Achievement Awards. These awards are given to only one Finalist in each category, singled out for special recognition by the Program Judges to be the very best among their peers.

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