Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project

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Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project Structure

The Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project is a collaborative effort between a consortium of agencies and Cisco Systems, with the City of Danville serving as host agency.

Sprint / Nextel has provided T-1 Lines, VoIP and Pushto-talk Phones

NIJ CommTech is a participant observer and serves as an advisor to the City of Danville Police Department.

Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project Participating Agencies

Pittsylvania Co., Virginia



Caswell Co., North Carolina



Virginia State Police



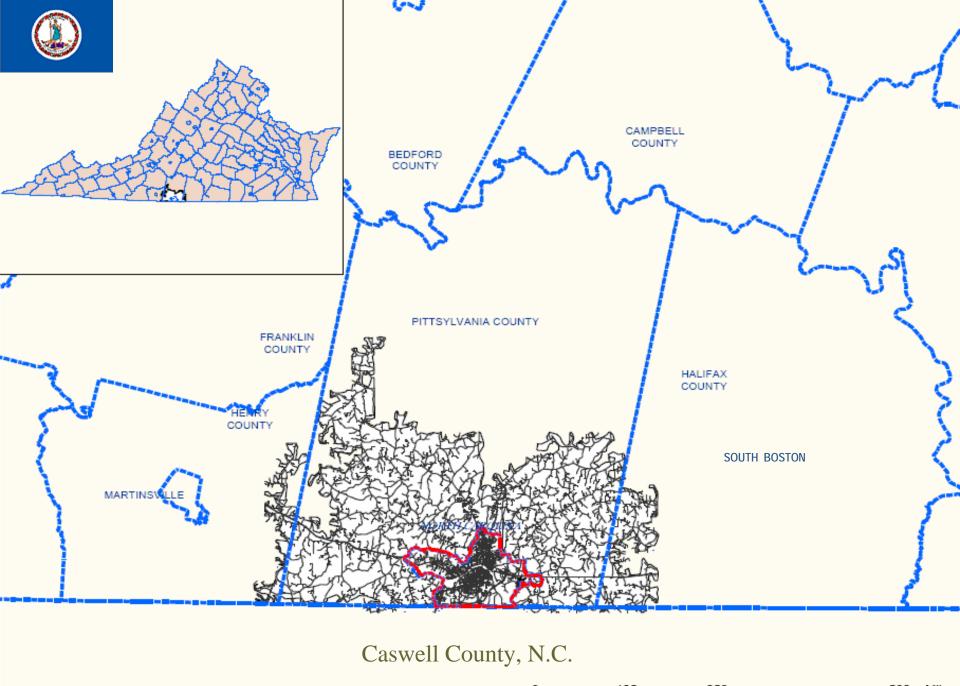
North Carolina State Highway Patrol



Town of South Boston & Halifax, VA





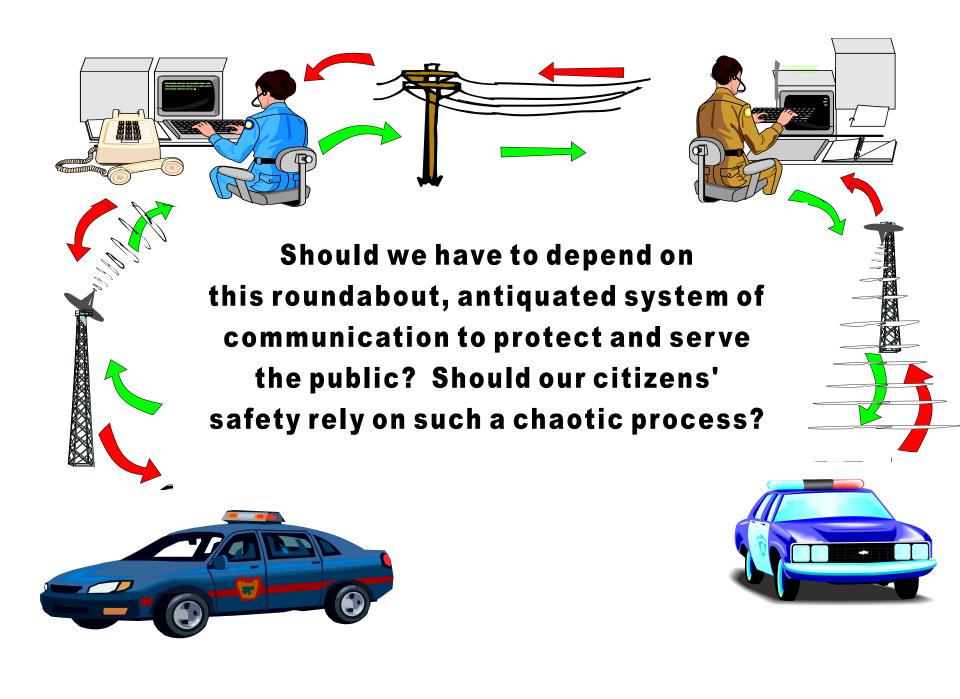


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Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project Problem Statement

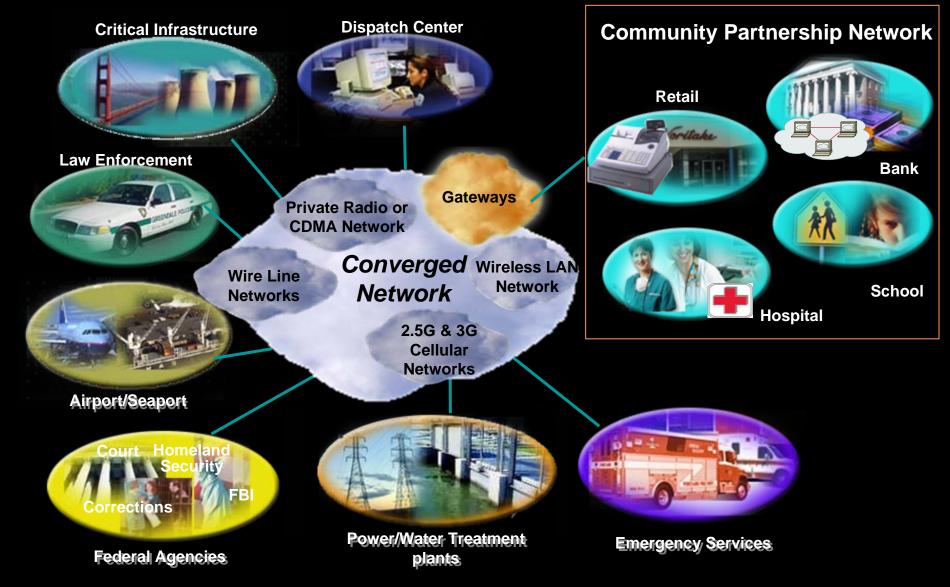
- Lack of a common frequency to connect Virginia and North Carolina agencies
- During emergency situations, officers were forced to rely on dispatchers relaying information via landlines
- Timeliness and accuracy of information being relayed



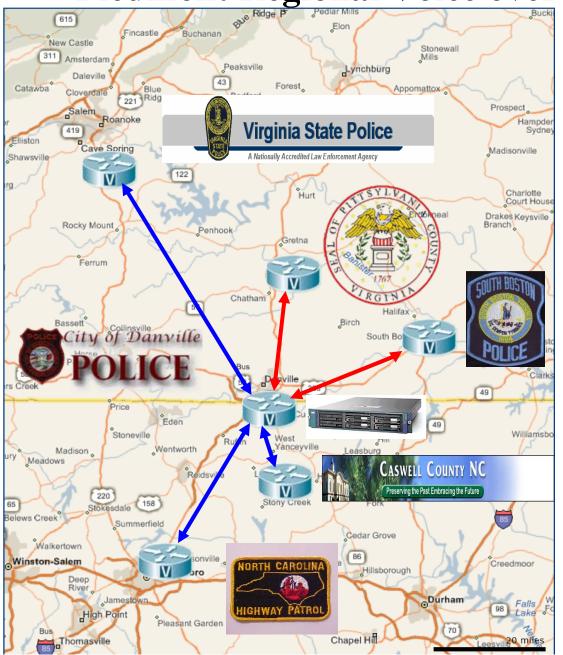
Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Project Needs Assessment

- Improved officer safety through direct communication and coordination
- Ability to create interoperability through relatively simple system modifications as opposed to system replacement
- Flexible and affordable interoperable solution

Project Goal - Implement a flexible and expandable integrated radio system using a Voice over IP network



Piedmont Regional Voice over IP Pilot Program











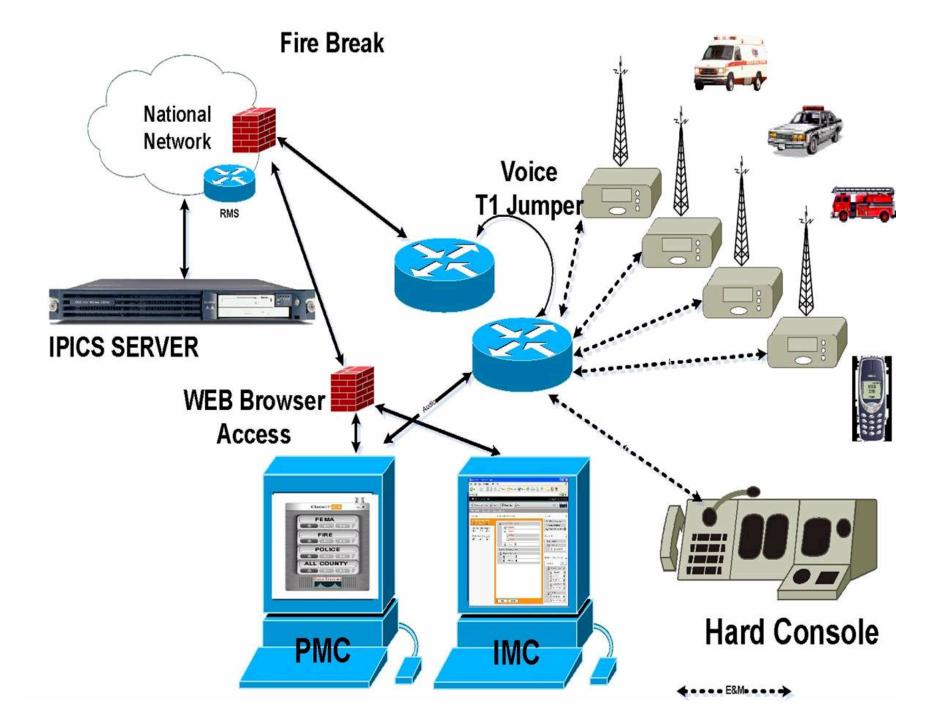


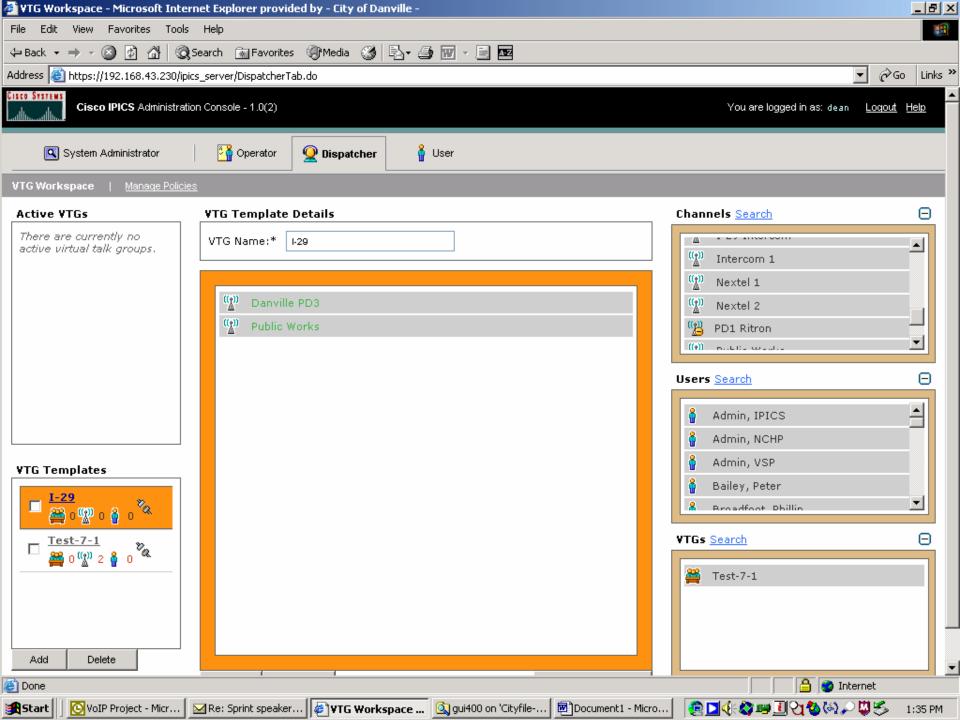














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