Mobile Solutions™ Success Story
Emergency Response

Following Hurricane Katrina, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) realized they needed a system to track their grant purchased assets. They contacted ID Group, a local Mobile Solutions™ Certified Partner of Elliott Data Systems, the expert in producing secure identification and accountability solutions for emergency response. The professionals at ID Group provided an accountability solution that would identify and track assets as well as expand their inventory of resources during any emergency event.

With three Task Force Teams and 82 counties, MOHS needed a system that could sync all of the regions' inventory data purchased with Grants. They decided to implement Elliott's Mobile Solutions™ Asset Manager and Data Server solutions. These two modules allow each Task Force Team to enter their assets into the database and share this information statewide. To support these systems MOHS will also use Tethered Scanners and Mobile Handhelds to input and track the state's resources. Assets are tagged with a barcode, which allow these scanners and handhelds to check assets in and out as well as assign items to personnel or events. Asset Manager is capable of managing a broad range of items from protective gear to vehicles. In an emergency situation, every piece of equipment can be scanned as it moves in and out of the secured area. This allows MOHS to identify and track every asset used during the course of an emergency event.

Mississippi is now implementing this system throughout the state with great success. The state has the ability to reallocate currently owned assets among multiple counties based on the information shared by the MOHS Data Server which can be accessed at any time. The flexibility and mobility of the Asset Manager system has proven to employ the state's assets in an efficient manner, allowing for unused resources to be moved to other locations where they will be better utilized. This efficiency saves money for the state and taxpayers by eliminating the need to buy new equipment when a Task Force can simply request to employ available assets located throughout the state.

Overview

Customer:
Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS)

Challenge:
MOHS needed a statewide asset management solution to track and manage all state assets purchased with grant money. This system would allow the state to better utilize all assets and also call upon such assets in case of a disaster.
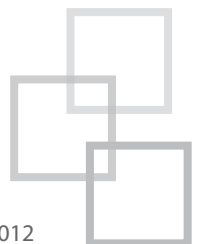
Solution:
Implement the Elliott Mobile Solutions Asset Manager and Data Server systems with Tethered Scanners and Mobile Handhelds to account for state assets and allow them to be accessed by emergency first responders at any location throughout the state during emergencies.

Results:
Once each Task Force Team syncs its inventory using the Asset Manager system, the required assets can be quickly identified and requested during an event. The system tracks the assets as they are moved throughout the state, allowing for more efficient usage of the state's assets.

Learn more about the
Emergency Event Manager Solution
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Mobile Solutions System
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> Mobile Handheld Devices
> Asset Tags
> Data Server Software

Taskforce Teams
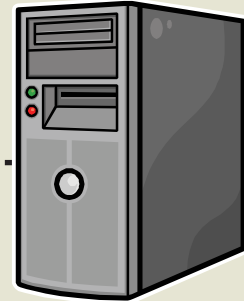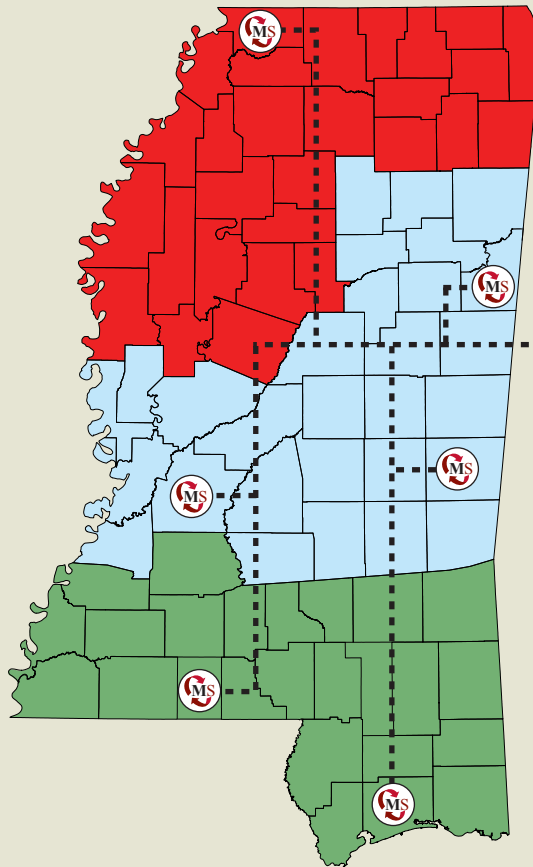
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"While working with the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, we considered all of their needs and goals before proposing the Mobile Solutions System to their team. The flexibility of the system and it's sharing capability allowed us to design the solution around MOHS and not the other way around." said Sam King, President of ID Group. *"MOHS now has an asset management solution that has proven to benefit emergency response teams across the state."*

Mississippi Taskforce

MOHS Data Server
The state's Data Server gathers data collected from each region and automatically sends that data to the state Asset Manager database.

During a disaster, this system becomes an invaluable tool for emergency first responders. MOHS can easily view the state's entire inventory and call upon the needed resources for use during an emergency. The Mobile Solutions™ System provides an efficient and quick way for the state to request and obtain the resources necessary during a disaster.

MOHS's Mobile Solutions™ system allows them to track the usage of grant money by county and city as well. The system can quickly produce reports on the activity of assets acquired by federal funding during or after an emergency event. These reports can also be used by MOHS when applying for additional grant funding.

MOHS has recently expanded their Mobile Solutions™ system by adding Elliott's Emergency Event Manager Solution (EEMS). EEMS easily integrated with their existing Asset Manger and Data Server systems to identify, track and manage personnel during an event. By having all the Task Force Team Members in a database with their Qualifications, MOHS can now easily know what training is needed and spend its training allocation dollars much more efficiently. While MOHS is currently operating on a Task Force level, they can easily implement the Asset Manger system on the county or city level to further streamline operations.

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