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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Important Update: Rapid ID (RID) Edge Device Certification Information

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On May 11, 2009, FDLE published a Rapid ID (RID) Edge Device Certification letter to vendors outlining requirements for certification of their equipment and software. This letter can be viewed at www.falconichs.com.

FDLE certification is required for RID edge devices to communicate with the Falcon Rapid ID system. All RID hardware/software vendors MUST obtain FDLE certification for their products. It is imperative that users confirm FDLE certification prior to purchasing equipment; uncertified equipment and software will not be permitted to connect to the Falcon RID system.

As stated in the vendor memorandum referenced above, on June 1, 2009, FDLE will begin certifying RID edge devices. Starting May 15, only certified RID edge devices will be approved for connection to the Falcon RID system. For the purposes of the memo, RID edge devices are considered to be the combination of hardware and software allowing the edge device to function with FDLE's Falcon RID system. All RID edge devices deployed in the RID Pilot (essentially devices deployed prior to May 15, 2009) must be certified by November 15, 2009. It is the vendor's responsibility to have these existing edge devices certified. The agency must ensure that the vendor installs/updates the new version to those Pilot RID edge devices within 90 days of vendor hardware/software certification. Close communication between RID agencies and vendors is essential to continued access to the Falcon RID. A list of certified vendor hardware and software combinations will be available at www.falconichs.com.

Important Information for:

All Criminal
Justice Agencies

Please note that FDLE has published all relevant information needed to configure and certify devices for use with the Falcon Rapid ID system. This information is available to vendors and users as identified above. Vendors are responsible for assuring that certification is complete and for meeting the requirements referenced in the Vendor memo, linked above. Agencies must enforce vendor compliance with these requirements for new and/or continued access to the Falcon Rapid ID system. FDLE has published this information to avoid any confusion regarding compliance responsibility.

If you or your vendor has any questions regarding Rapid ID (RID) Edge Device Certification, please visit www.falconichs.com for contact information. Other Falcon related questions should be directed to your regional IDT FDLE representative.