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3 Indiana Police Departments Participate in Pilot Program Involving a Data Network

Road patrol officers in the Carmel, Fishers and Noblesville (Indiana) police departments participated in a pilot program involving a data network to access motor vehicle

and warrant information. The network was provided by GTE Wireless, and the wireless mobile information software by Cerulean Technology, Inc., of Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Noblesville Chief Dick Russell said, "The data program and mobile information software makes it easier for officers to access records of motorists they stop for driving infractions, and they may even be able to see those records before they approach a vehicle."

Carmel Chief Mike Fogarty said, "We

believe this program will make our officers more effective and efficient when they patrol our streets."

Fishers Town Marshal George Kehl said, "Being more efficient means they will be more productive also. That means the taxpayers are getting more for their money."

By simply entering a license plate number into a laptop computer in a patrol car, the PacketCluster® Patrol™ software system enables officers to scan local and national law enforcement data bases over GTE Wireless' CDPD network to retrieve complete motor vehicle records and criminal warrant information in seconds, the companies said.

The pilot program ran through the end of last month. Eight officers in Carmel, two in Fishers and two in Noblesville participated. Each department will compare how long it took to retrieve information using the data program with the time to use a dispatcher and the existing radio system. The three chiefs said the review results will determine whether to implement the system.

Disney World Area Call Center Installs New E-9-1-1 System

The Reedy Creek (Florida) Improvement District emergency call center installed a new 9-1-1 system that greatly improved its emergency response.

Communications Supervisor Bo Jones described the change: "Our facility has gone from out-of-date to state-of-the-art with the click of a mouse button."

It's appropriate that a mouse has something to do with the improvements at Reedy Creek because it provides emergency service to Disney properties in Orlando, Florida. It even has nicknamed the emergency center "Dalmatian Station" and painted black spots on the white building, resembling those of the Disney dalmations.

Reedy Creek's 43-square-mile service area includes three major theme parks - a fourth is on the way - 20 hotels and resorts, three water parks, a campground and the roadways connecting them all. On an average day, Reedy Creek is responsible for the safety of about 300,000 people and processes about 1,000 calls to 9-1-1.

The 9-1-1 call-takers were using an internally developed system that

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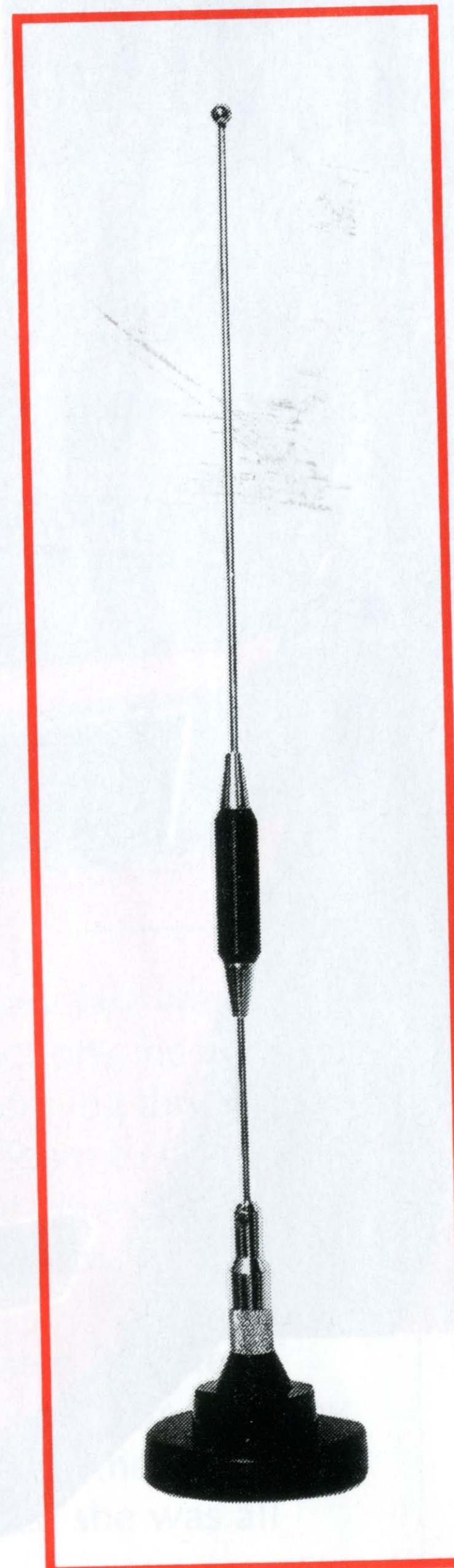
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