

Hawkins says police will deploy new technology

Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. last week announced the introduction of new crime-fighting technology into the Orange Police Department.

Hawkins said the department is on schedule to upgrade its computer-assisted dispatch and records management system. He said the new system will have the capability to merge data from state, national and local crime and records databases and present it to the dispatcher and patrol officers.

As for the records system, Hawkins said the officer would be able to fill out an incident report from the

police car. This, he said, would permit his supervisor to review the report without the need for having the officer return to headquarters.

The ability to file reports remotely, said Hawkins, will provide standard and custom reports on the statistical data entered into the database.

The benefits to the department, said Hawkins, include getting data at the incident site, improved productivity and reporting accuracy, reduced overtime and operational costs, and integrated communication with other agency databases.

“This new dispatch system is another step forward in Orange’s strategy of deploying state-of-the-art crime-fighting technology,” said Hawkins in a statement. “We have leveraged federal grants to deploy surveillance cameras, put computers in police cars, and now connect our patrols with national crime databases.” The vendor Enforsys is working with Orange to deploy its Polysis CAD, and RMS systems. PoliSys is a multi-media, browser-based software that includes computer-aided dispatch, records management system, and full mobile computing. Its capabilities include

GIS-enabled crime analysis, National Incident-Based Reporting System interface and numerous reporting functions, including a statistical compilation of Uniform Crime Reports.

Hawkins said while the PoliSys system integrates the main functions of the programs, as well as mobile data computers, it serves the needs of reporting, vehicle maintenance management, personnel scheduling, and time and attendance. It interfaces with other data sources, such as the National Crime Information Center and the State Crime Information Center.