

GovSec Conference Recap Blog #1

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As part of Technology Week in Washington DC, GovWin attended GovSec, the government security expo and conference, held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. GovWin's presence was extensive at the conference, seen as an exhibitor on the expo floor and a presentation by GovWin's Justice Public Safety/Homeland Security Analyst Justin Spratley.

Among an extensive presentation schedule, Keynote speakers included Bill Bratton, Former Police Chief of LA/NYC/Boston, and Chairman, Altegrity Risk International, Anthony Zuiker, Creator and Executive Producer of CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, and Steven R. Chabinsky, Cyber Division, FBI. Mr. Bratton spoke on the Practice and Technology of Policing Today and in the Future: Not Just Part of an Exit Strategy Anymore, and outlined how and why policing and rule of law fundamentals must be a central core element of any realistic plan to assist troubled nations and emerging democracies. Mr. Zuiker gave a presentation on Cross Platforming: A Visionary's Use of Technology.

GovWin's own Justin Spratley spoke on Technology Trends for First Responders: Cutting Edge Implementation Strategies and Case Studies. Mr. Spratley touched on important key trends in the IT market. Mr. Spratley also highlighted specific technologies including wireless access in patrol cars, inter-agency radios, CAD with GPS tracking, Emergency Notification, Patrol Car Cameras, AFIS, License Plate Readers, Next Generation 911, Video Surveillance Networks, 700/800 MHz Trunked Radio and Offender Electronic Monitoring. Mr. Spratley made market observations including predictions of steady growth in the JPS market through 2014. Also, with tight budgets, cost saving and risk avoidance are key concerns. Regarding Corrections policy, major changes will be seen in the coming years.

Steven Chabinsky, Deputy Assistant Director, FBI spoke on The Cyber Threat: Who's Doing What to Whom. He explained that serious cybercrime criminals tend to be businessmen, "white collar criminals" and have become more popular with organized crime as well. The environment where these crimes take place is one of the biggest difficulties the FBI has, as nicknames, email addresses, ICQ Numbers in their forums, etc. can change very quickly. The FBI has seen a specialization among cyber criminals, giving a sophistication and organization to cybercrime. In response, the FBI has begun to successfully infiltrate and gain the confidence of cybercriminal circles. "Basic Cyber Training" has also become a part of an agent's training in the FBI as well.

Erik S. Gaull, DC Metropolitan Police Department, spoke at the Critical Infrastructure Planning and Protection Track on Pandemics: COOP Considerations for Public Safety Agencies. Mr. Gaull addressed how Fire, EMS, and Police Departments would provide service amidst a global outbreak of transmissible disease. Challenges facing these departments include fewer workers due to the fear of infection, and the risk for their family and themselves, higher call volumes, stressed hospitals/clinics, and a lack of people/parts to perform maintenance. Mr. Gaull provided a strategic plan outlining policy development, and a labor-management partnership to prevent an infrastructure breakdown. On a micro-scale, Mr. Gaull suggested keeping your people healthy through insistence of hand washing and stockpile antiseptic wash and respiratory protection (N95 or N100). Inoculations of ESS personnel with pre-pandemic strains also were suggested as preventative measures to decrease spreading to personnel, contributing to fewer workers available in times of crisis. Technical planning would include the ability to reroute the agency's PSAP and exploring telework for Administration or 911 Personnel (which would require testing to ensure viability).

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