

High-tech smooths Katrina communications

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Responders in the Gulf Coast are using a high-tech means of sending urgent messages instantly and securely to a specific recipient.

MIR3 says five disaster medical teams in the hurricane-battered area are using the San Diego company's Intelligent Notification technology to both simplify and speed up priority communications among members and outside authorities.

High-speed communications can be sent through MIR3 platforms over many types of devices ranging from landline telephones and faxes to PDAs, satellite phones and pagers.

CEO Amir Moussavian said in a release, "Our customer base consists of government agencies, the military and companies that must quickly and securely communicate interactively about business continuity and emergency issues."

MIR3 said its system was also put to use by a private weather forecasting company in the days leading up to Hurricane Katrina to relay weather updates to clients in the energy industry.

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