

Dakota County (MN) Selects Police Central for Phase One Jail Management Project

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The Dakota County (MN) Board of Commissioners and the Dakota County Sheriff selected Police Central, Inc. in September 2007 for Phase One of their Jail Management Project. This Project seeks to replace an aging Jail Management computer system in use by the Dakota County Sheriff for many years. Phase One of the Project involves a detailed requirements analysis as well as certain custom features definition desired by the Sheriff for the Dakota County Jail.

Upon successful completion of Phase One, both the County and Police Central anticipate a Phase Two contract that will provide for the installation of existing Police Central Jail Management Software, as well as Police Central Warrants and Civil Process Software. Also during Phase Two, Police Central will develop certain custom features identified during Phase One. All of this Police Central software will be managed by the Dakota County Sheriff's Department. The new software will combine Jail, Warrants and Civil functions of the Sheriff's Department into a single, integrated system. In addition, the Police Central system will be integrated into other applications currently used by the County.

"We have been working for a long time to replace our aging computer system for the Sheriff's Department" stated Chief Deputy Dave Bellows. "The Dakota County Sheriff's Office looks forward to implementing a state of the art jail management software system with PCI."

"Dakota County continues to grow rapidly" continued Bellows. "It is important that we have the systems in-place to manage our modern Jail facility safely and efficiently -- for our arrestees and our staff. And, because we already have other systems in-place, it is important that our new Police Central system will communicate with them".

"We have commenced Phase One with discussions at Dakota County to define and clarify some of the County's needs" said Bruce Taylor, President of Police Central. "As the entire project unfolds, we will install our base-line Law Enforcement software at the Sheriff's office, and then add certain high-level features that we will develop for the County" he said. "This adds to our number of Law Enforcement agencies in Minnesota, and capitalizes on our software interfaces that communicate directly with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension."

If the County elects to proceed with Phase Two of the Project, work will commence on the Dakota desired features very early in 2008 and that phase will be completed before the end of the year. The result will be a new system for the Sheriff that will manage the Jail, Warrant Division and the Civil Division. It will pass required information to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Minnesota Courts, and interface directly with other Dakota County systems.