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Re: BST Systems Inc. PAC- BARRIER

The Oxford Community Police Service has with great pride provided field-testing for the PAC – Barrier, POD since August 2004.

The POD (Police Officer On Duty) Barrier system was displayed to myself and staff prior to the commencement of field-testing of the unit and we were very impressed.

All Police Services and Emergency Services have experienced the frustrations and difficulties of containing physical areas to prevent the public, whether pedestrian or vehicular, access to designated areas due to Criminal Investigations, Crime Scenes, Motor Vehicle Collisions, or natural disasters to name a few. During the past 25 years items such as portable wooden barriers, portable signage and plastic tape marked “Police or Fire Line Do Not Cross” have been popular. These items have been useful but not effective and in more serious incidents required the posting of our valuable Human Resources to prevent the public from accessing the designated area.

The Pac-Barrier POD is a revolutionary concept. The Oxford Community Police Service has found it to be very effective and its current use is expanding with the ideas and innovations of the front line Officers. The POD is portable, easily assembled by one person and a physical barrier which the public once again, whether pedestrian or vehicular, respect and in 98% of the cases do not attempt to circumvent.

The POD, once erected, can be left unattended by Human Resources and Police Vehicles and still restrain the public from circumventing the barrier. As an actual example, the POD was erected at a serious Motor Vehicle Collision location to close off the entire street to vehicles and pedestrian traffic while the Traffic Reconstruction Investigators committed to their tedious investigation. The POD was not manned by an officer or vehicle for over six (6) hours and not one person attempted to pass around the POD to position themselves closer to the actual incident. The investigating Officers felt secure in the fact that no one was about to drive through the POD and impede their investigation or cause them personal injuries by not seeing them. With the POD in place during this investigation, the Human Resource requirement was one less Officer to guard and protect the investigators. The Oxford Community Police Service believes that fiscally this saved the Police Service a minimum estimated \$400.00 in Human Resource Time and Vehicle Expenses for that one incident. Further, the Officer who was not required was able to continue on and meet the requirements & responsibilities to our Community on other calls for service.

The Oxford Community Police Service will be implementing more Pac – Barrier POD's during the 2005 calendar year as it provides for more efficient Police Service Delivery while enhancing a safer working environment for our Officers.

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Sincerely

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