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**NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE PEGASUS ER-ITN AS A NATIONWIDE ACCESS CONTROL TOOL FOR CRISIS SITUATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Nation's Sheriffs are the highest constitutional officers in their respective counties / parishes and Sheriffs and their partners in local law enforcement have been and are on the front-line of disaster response and recovery;

**WHEREAS**, the events of 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the BP Oil Spill and other large-scale disasters over the past decade have made it abundantly clear that traditional manual methods of managing large-scale disaster scene checkpoints are inefficient at best and often counter-productive, and that it is absolutely essential that law enforcement checkpoint operators have modern information tools to manage access control and other aspects of disaster reentry across multiple jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, currently, the access control provisions of DHS/FEMA official documentation for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) are essentially silent on the subject of access control and, as a result, a huge gap exists in the implementation of NIMS with respect to access control;

**WHEREAS**, the nation's Sheriffs are and wish to remain on the leading edge of putting technology to work to solve disaster reentry and access control issues uniformly across the country;

**WHEREAS**, by National Sheriff's Association (NSA) Resolution 2008-2, the NSA has adopted a standard for Sheriffs and their law enforcement partners to use to better manage disaster reentry through credentialing and other technologies (the "NSA Standard"), and, in the Resolution, named the Pegasus Program as its Certification Authority for credentialing and access control-related issues;

**WHEREAS**, under the NSA Standard, the Pegasus Program has begun the process of certifying Pegasus-certified FRACs and deployment of the Pegasus ER-ITN as a data system to support any credential accepted by local, State and Federal law enforcement, including Pegasus-certified FRACs, and which also serves as a law enforcement information tool for managing disaster reentry;

**WHEREAS**, the State Sheriff's Associations of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have adopted programs to adopt the NSA Standard as "partners" of NSA and to build coordinated

statewide disaster reentry programs around the NSA Standard, the Pegasus-certified FRAC and the Pegasus ER-ITN, all with a view of the Pegasus ER-ITN serving as a nationwide access control tool for crisis situations;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes a strong and urgent need for a nationwide access control tool for crisis situations, which is adaptable for use in any jurisdiction by both emergency first responders and critical infrastructure private sector first responders, and which augments any existing local access control system currently in place;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the Pegasus ER-ITN as such a nationwide access control tool for crisis situations, as part of the Standard adopted by NSA under NSA Resolution 2008-2;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Sheriffs' Association urges the adoption of the Pegasus ER-ITN by IACP and other national law enforcement associations, as well as its recognition and implementation by DHS and FEMA as the accepted nationwide standard access control system for declared multi jurisdiction events, and its incorporation by DHS / FEMA into the access control provisions of NIMS official documentation.

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