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The City of Irving Wins IDC Government Insights Smart Cities North America Award

(IRVING, Texas) – The City of Irving is proud to announce that [Irving Connects](#), the City of Irving's Smart Cities program, has won the [IDC Government Insights' Smart Cities North America Award](#) (SCNAA) in the category of Next Generation Emergency Services. Irving was named one of two winners in the category for its Enabling Enhanced Interoperability for First Responders program.

The City of Irving's Information Technology (IT) Department spearheaded a project to adopt Motorola's Critical Connect solution. This innovative and cutting-edge technology allows Irving's first responders, as well as all the regional agencies that are part of the regional network, to access the city's Land Mobile Radio (LMR) system through Verizon and AT&T First Net via push-to-talk. This integration provides enhanced security and mission-critical availability, which allows first responders better coordination and response during emergency situations. Critical Connect also allows for enhanced interoperability by allowing the LMR system to connect with other systems all over the country.

Winners in the SCNAAs illustrate best practice examples of how forward-thinking municipalities are effectively leveraging technology and innovation to offer sustainable, new services and economic opportunities to meet the needs and expectations of diverse communities.

The SCNAAs were designed to recognize the progress North American states and municipalities have made in executing Smart Cities projects, as well as provide a forum for sharing best practices to help accelerate Smart City development in the region.

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The City of Irving is home to 10 Fortune 500 corporate headquarters, over 8,500 businesses, four 18-hole championship golf courses and the DFW International Airport. Centrally located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Irving has a population of 256,000+ residents and is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the state and nation.