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## **PacketHop Deploys World's-First Mobile Mesh Broadband 4.9 GHz Product for Public Safety**

*Aware Communications Suite Now Supports 4.9 GHz Band for Exclusive  
Public Safety Use – Enhancing Security and Interoperability*

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – April 24, 2006** – PacketHop™, Inc., the leader in next-generation mobile mesh communications software and real-time multimedia applications, today announced it has deployed the world's-first mobile mesh broadband 4.9 GHz product. The self-configuring mobile mesh communications suite was featured in a full-scale Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) in Long Beach, Calif., on April 22. The exercise utilized PacketHop's Aware™ Communications Suite, which provides seamless 802.11a/b/g and 4.9 GHz licensed public safety band support.

“The FCC wisely dedicated 4.9 GHz spectrum to public safety so that first responders can have reliable, secure and affordable access to spectrum for their mission-critical communications,” said John Muleta, former FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief and Partner & Co-Chair, Venable, LLP. “In the Long Beach exercise, it was exciting to see the first standards-based 4.9 GHz mobile implementation.”

The suite uniquely enables secure peer-to-peer wireless broadband communications, called mobile mesh, via software loaded onto standards-based mobile devices. PacketHop is the only company providing peer-to-peer mobile mesh communications software with server-less multimedia applications that operate with or without connecting to infrastructure.

Aware's server-less applications, which include real-time multicast video, GPS-enabled resource location tracking, whiteboarding and multimedia instant messaging, provide users with a more effective means to communicate. First responder agencies can leverage these applications at the scene of any incident. By removing the dependency on infrastructure, PacketHop's products deliver coverage wherever and whenever needed.

"With this support for 4.9 GHz, PacketHop brings the power of the Aware Communications Suite to licensed spectrum users," said Michael Howse, president and chief executive officer of PacketHop. "First responders now realize the significant benefits of licensed spectrum using commercially available technology."

PacketHop expects to announce general availability of the Aware Communications Suite with 4.9 GHz in Q2 of 2006.

For more information about the world's first mobile mesh broadband 4.9 GHz deployment and the Homeland Security exercise in Long Beach, Calif., please visit PacketHop's web site at [www.packethop.com](http://www.packethop.com) in the coming weeks.

### **About PacketHop**

PacketHop, Inc. develops software that creates instantaneous and self-configuring mobile mesh communications for public safety agencies, commercial enterprises and consumer markets. PacketHop's Aware Communications Suite is software that uniquely enables standards-based devices like laptops, tablet PCs and smartphones to create portable networks that can securely operate with or without access points. By making infrastructure completely optional, PacketHop delivers coverage wherever and whenever instant communications are needed – with unequaled resiliency, reliability and robustness. PacketHop's suite of distributed and server-less applications enable rapid and cost-effective wireless communications and include real-time multicast video, resource tracking, multimedia instant messaging and whiteboarding. Founded in 2003 and based in Silicon Valley, Calif., PacketHop is funded by venture firms U.S. Venture Partners, Mayfield, ComVentures and GF Equity Partners, as well as SRI International. For more information, please visit [www.packethop.com](http://www.packethop.com).

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