

Announcement

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Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Kicks off MDT/MRE Pilot Project

In early May the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office began a pilot of MDT 7.1 and MRE 6.3.

The MDT portion of the pilot includes deploying AVL over their high-speed data network. Using a combination of the new MDT 7.1 capability of directing high-load transactions (e.g. AVL, Unit Status ALL queries) output to a particular port, and Padcom's TotalRoam software's ability to direct this data to a particular radio network, the high-load data will not be transmitted over the data radio network if the high-speed network fails or if the vehicle is out of high-speed coverage. This ensures that the data radio network will not be flooded with such data traffic and allows HCSO to utilize their EDACS radio system as a backup system.

The MRE pilot will introduce Patrol Deputies to mobile report writing and in car report approval. The initial pilot includes approximately 24 deputies in two squads and will run until mid June. The rollout will then continue to the remaining 800+ deputies by training approximately 48 deputies every two weeks.

Hillsborough (the 4th largest Sheriff's Office in the United States) encompasses the north and east sides of Tampa Bay, with 2022 sworn, serving a population of about 1,177,060.

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