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Another NU First -- Trunked Radio Technology Comes to Evanston

On January 13, Northwestern University personnel gathered with a team of Motorola employees to celebrate the implementation of the Smart Net Two-Way Radio System. This past summer, a 900 MHz four-channel trunked system was installed on the Evanston campus and a two-channel conventional system was installed to serve the Chicago campus.

The primary users of the Smart Net system are the Northwestern University Police, Facilities Management, Dorms and Commons, Athletics, and Information Technology. Motorola CEO Chris Galvin was pleased to showcase his company's communication capabilities and continue to build on the Motorola - Northwestern University customer partnership.

Henry Bienen, president of Northwestern University, said that "Northwestern University is the first university in Illinois to employ 'Trunked Radio' technology. This continues Northwestern University's trend of 'firsts' in the state of Illinois including the building of our voice switching centers and installation of high-speed networks."

Bienen was pleased with the partnering excellence between Motorola and the University on this project stating "The new radio system is one of many positive interactions we have had with Motorola over the years."

Specific benefits of the Smart Net system include:

- replacement of numerous outdated and unreliable distributed two-way radio systems in campus departments
- elimination of interference for critical users
- improved coverage in buildings
- the ability to meet growing demand on campus for this type of technology.
- Northwestern University vice president of information technology, Mort Rahimi, stated, "The selection of Motorola's radio system will best serve our entire user base and will easily be expandable to serve the University's future communication needs."