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WINTER PARK, Fla. an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (September 5, 2008) – The Florida Local Government Information Systems Association (FLGISA) has awarded the City of Winter Park's Information Technology Systems (ITS) Division the 2008 Most Innovative Use of Technology Award for their recent enhancements to Winter Park's public safety technology. The award recognizes both leadership and innovation in a community within the FLGISA membership.

Over the past three years, creative state-of-the-art solutions have enabled Winter Park's ITS division to produce new, improved and secure communication capabilities for Winter Park's public safety first responders. New technology solutions currently include the ability to fingerprint suspects in the field, transmit large files such as photographs, and wirelessly transmit arrest affidavits to the Orange County sheriff's office. This technology will also include the capability for GIS-based tracking from public safety vehicles in the near future.

According to Parsram Rajaram, Winter Park's ITS Manager, "We are extremely proud to be selected for this award from a group of 20 other Florida cities. These technological advances were made possible due to the collaborative efforts between ITS and public safety departments."

The mission of the Florida Local Government Information Systems Association (FLGISA) is to provide a forum for managers of Florida's local government information systems departments to be able to share experiences, learn new technologies and influence legislation that affects how information is processed. Ultimately, the mission of FLGISA is to assist managers in providing the best possible service in the most efficient way to our customers, the citizens of the state of Florida.

For more information regarding the city's Information Technology Systems Division, please visit the city's official Web site at www.cityofwinterpark.org.

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