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St. Petersburg Police Department to Test “StarChase” Pursuit Reduction System

In an effort to reduce the dangers and risk associated with police pursuits, the St. Petersburg Police Department has partnered with “StarChase” Pursuit Management Technology to begin the field testing of their pursuit reduction system.

The StarChase system contains a miniature GPS module encased in a tracking projectile/tag and a launcher mounted on a police vehicle.

A compressed-air launcher, mounted behind the grille of a police cruiser, uses a laser to target the fleeing vehicle. It discharges a projectile/tag containing the GPS module which adheres to the suspect vehicle and transmits coordinates back to police.

The police can then view the location and movements of the tagged vehicle in near real-time on a digital roadmap via a secure Internet connection.

Information about the StarChase system can be viewed at http://www.starchase.com/

For interested media, Assistant Chief Melanie Bevan will host a live demonstration of the StarChase System on Friday, October 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Tropicana Field, parking lot #1, at #1 Tropicana Drive.

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