

## **Beverly Hills Demonstrates ICIS for Homeland Security Chairman Thompson**

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Beverly Hills welcomed Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson to the City to showcase the success of its UNITE (Unified Network of Interoperable Technology Enhancements) project, which includes the ICIS radio network. Beverly Hills' numerous dignitary visits and high profile national and international events make coordination with local, federal and regional partner agencies critical to the success of the City's emergency response operations. Through UNITE, the City tests and deploys cutting-edge technologies which are designed to enhance public safety and protect citizens during natural or manmade disasters, and from the threats of terrorism. Chairman Thompson was provided with a first-hand view of how Beverly Hills is field-testing several innovative technologies in partnership with both the Department of Homeland Security and the State of California's Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA). During the briefing, the interoperability and wide-area coverage of the ICIS radio network was demonstrated for Mr. Thompson. The Chairman was extremely impressed with the technical capabilities of this regional radio system and the cooperative working relationships developed among the member cities.