ITT Technical Institute Incorporates Autodesk Crisis Command Software Into Its Criminal Justice Program Curriculum Nationwide

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Using Autodesk Technology, First Responder Trainees Learn How to Prevent, Plan
                    for and Respond to Emergency Incidents
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SAN RAFAEL, Calif., June 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that the ITT Technical Institute, a leading private college system focused on technology-oriented programs of study, has incorporated Autodesk Crisis Command 2 software in several of its School of Criminal Justice courses. ITT Educational Services operates over 85 Institutes in 34 states nationwide. Its Criminal Justice courses explore emergency preparedness and crisis response, training students (including fire and police first responders, emergency management personnel and municipal IT managers) on specific measures for preventing, planning for and responding to emergency incidents. Autodesk Crisis Command 2 software provides tactical and strategic capabilities to first responders, allowing them to create, manage and share mission-critical information throughout an emergency response cycle. It also includes functionality for incident reporting and notification, administration, critical asset tracking, workflow and time reports, landmark and resource information, dynamic 3D visualization and more. Using Autodesk Crisis Command 2, ITT trainees acquire practical skills they can put to immediate use in the workplace to save lives and property.

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"The ITT Technical Institute is reaching out to emergency professionals, fire/police first responders, any agency or municipality personnel called into action during a crisis, with the latest technology tools from Autodesk to help them learn how to effectively prepare for, respond to and manage homeland security and other disasters," said Jon Hansen, assistant fire chief (retired) Oklahoma City Fire and Rescue, and Autodesk manager of emergency response solutions. "ITT is the first college system nationwide to deliver criminal justice courses that integrate real-life emergency response software tools and the Internet to teach students truly useful methods to make well-informed decisions when responding to an emergency."

"It is my belief that what is driving the criminal justice field today and in the future, is a convergence of human intelligence, communication and technology. In line with our strategy to offer a criminal justice program based on this convergence, we worked with Autodesk Consulting to develop a customized teaching curriculum and learning activities based on Autodesk Crisis Command software," said Fawzi Ben Messaoud, corporate curriculum manager of ITT Educational Services, Inc. "Our students are not only learning the concepts of criminal justice but also how to use technology to respond to emergency incidents and act decisively to save lives and property. These are immensely useful skills that students can bring with them to the workplace. We are excited to be the first to roll out such relevant and practical courses to our institutes nationwide."

Autodesk Custom Curriculum for Emergency Preparedness

ITT Technical Institute worked with Autodesk Consulting to create a custom-tailored curriculum based on Autodesk Crisis Command 2 for several courses in the ITT Educational Services Criminal Justice Program, including:

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    -- Essentials of Security
    -- Emergency Procedures
    -- Homeland Security
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The flexibility inherent in Autodesk Crisis Command 2 allowed Autodesk Consulting to easily extend the application to support additional aspects such as victim and evidence locations from either the exterior (city map) or interior (floor plan) perspectives. This extended the usability of the application for ITT Criminal Justice students beyond first responders to include crime investigators.

The curriculum includes a web-based system for ITT instructors to define planning exercises for ITT students, and a web-based tool for trainees to prepare Incident Action Plans and manage a scenario crisis. After the initial setup and deployment of the application, Autodesk Consulting is now hosting and providing 24x7 technical support. ITT is currently offering its criminal justice program at 53 campuses and plans are underway to roll out this program to all the remaining ITT technical institutes nationwide. For more information on ITT Technical Institutes' Criminal Justice courses, visit http://www.itt-tech.edu .

Emergency Procedures, City Maps, Floor Plans, Field Reports and Incident Tracking

Autodesk's solutions for emergency response are comprised of technology and tools that help emergency professionals save lives and property, as well as save money, shorten response time, and effectively prepare for, respond to and manage disasters. Crisis Command 2 is built using Autodesk's proven web-enabling solution, Autodesk MapGuide software, and is intended for situations where Web access is available to deliver the most up-to-date information to the field when responding to a crisis. Crisis Command 2 provides includes functionality for:

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    -- Incident reporting and notification to quickly notify managers and
       authorities
    -- Critical asset tracking to develop mitigation plans and facilitate
       federal relief grants
    -- Work orders and time reports to effectively manage and track assigned
       tasks
    -- Landmark and resource information (hospitals, shelters, etc.) to
       pinpoint incident and emergency response locations
    -- Fire attack preplanning; Fire-flow and bomb-blast analysis to calculate
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       water requirements, visualize affected areas and determine evacuation
       danger zones
    -- Dynamic 3D visualization to replicate urban topographies and aid
       decision making
    -- Administration, command and control tools to secure data, authorize
       users and manage an emergency.


    For more details and an online demo, visit
http://www.autodesk.com/emergency-response .
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Emergency Preparedness Critical for Municipalities and Response Agencies

Fueled by recent natural disasters and public security incidents, emergency preparedness has become critical for local and state municipalities and federal response agencies. Cities such as Sheboygan, Wisconsin, are centralizing, updating and leveraging infrastructure data and resources from their public safety and planning departments to provide first responders with near real-time access to the information they need to save lives. With the help of the latest CAD, GIS and emergency response planning software from Autodesk, trainees learn practical skills to implement in their occupations as fire/police first responders, crime investigators, federal relief agents, emergency management personnel and municipal IT managers.

Autodesk Consulting Adds Value and Customization

ITT partnered with Autodesk Consulting to design course-specific learning activities and hands-on applications based on Autodesk Crisis Command 2 software. Autodesk Consulting offers services that can help streamline business processes and help customers get the best possible return on their investment in Autodesk technology. For more information about Autodesk Consulting and customized software solutions for emergency response preparedness, visit http://www.autodesk.com/consulting .

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc., is a Fortune 1000 company, wholly focused on ensuring that great ideas are turned into reality. With seven million users, Autodesk is the world's leading software and services company for the manufacturing, infrastructure, building, media and entertainment, and wireless data services fields. Autodesk's solutions help customers create, manage and share their data and digital assets more effectively. As a result, customers turn ideas into competitive advantage, become more productive, streamline project efficiency and maximize profits.

Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit http://www.autodesk.com.

About ITT Technical Institutes

ITT Educational Services, Inc. is a leading private college system focused on technology-oriented programs of study. It operates over 85 ITT Technical Institutes in 34 states which predominantly provide career-focused, degree programs to approximately 40,000 students. Headquartered in Carmel, Indiana, it has been actively involved in the higher education community in the United States since 1969. The five schools at the ITT Technical Institutes [School of Information Technology, School of Drafting and Design, School of Electronics Technology, School of Business, and School of Criminal Justice] teach skills and knowledge that can be used to begin careers in our global technology-driven culture. Most ITT Technical Institute programs of study blend traditional academic content with applied learning concepts, with a significant portion devoted to practical study in a lab environment. According to U.S. Department of Education data, all of the ITT Technical Institutes combined granted the largest percentage of the total number of associate and bachelor degrees awarded in the United States in electronics and electronics-related programs in the 2000-2001 school year (the latest year for which statistics are available). All of the ITT Technical Institutes combined also granted the largest share of the total number of associate's and bachelor's degrees awarded in the United States in drafting programs during the same period.

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