

Dakota County (MN) Completes Go-Live Cutover to Police Central Jail Management System

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The Dakota County (MN) Sheriff's Office today completed Go-Live cutover to its new Jail Management System, provided by Police Central, Inc. (PCI). This new JMS replaced an aging Jail Management computer system which was in use by the Dakota County Sheriff for many years. The JMS Project involved detailed requirements analysis starting in late 2007, development of custom features desired by the Sheriff for the Dakota County Jail, and conversion of historical jail data prior to Go-Live with the new system.

The new JMS software will support all of the critical functions managed by the Dakota County Sheriff's Department. The new software combines Jail and Warrants functions of the Sheriff's Department into a single, integrated system. Civil process support is now in the testing phase and will be added to this integrated system later this year.

"We have been working for a long time to replace our aging computer system for the Sheriff's Department," stated Chief Deputy Dave Bellows. "Police Central provided great JMS software and worked extremely well with our Dakota County team to define and develop additional features and functionality we needed," according to Bellows.

"Dakota County continues to grow rapidly," continued Bellows. "It is important that we have modern systems to manage our modern Jail facility safely and efficiently -- for our arrestees and our staff. We couldn't be more pleased with the teamwork that Police Central demonstrated throughout the project, and with the great new JMS we are now using every day to manage the Dakota County Jail operations."

"We are pleased to add the Dakota County Jail to our growing list of law enforcement agencies in Minnesota and across the US who are using our software to manage their daily operations," said Bruce Taylor, President of Police Central. "The Dakota County project allowed us to expand our JMS to include some great new features to improve officer productivity while safe-guarding inmate and officer safety," he said.

The new Dakota County JMS installation includes software that communicates directly with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and interfaces with Dakota County's public Website and other Dakota County systems.