

# Visual Analytics for Command & Control

**Creating Actionable, Relevant Information  
from Multisource, Evolving Data**

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**Goal: Provide  
information**

**Keys to success**

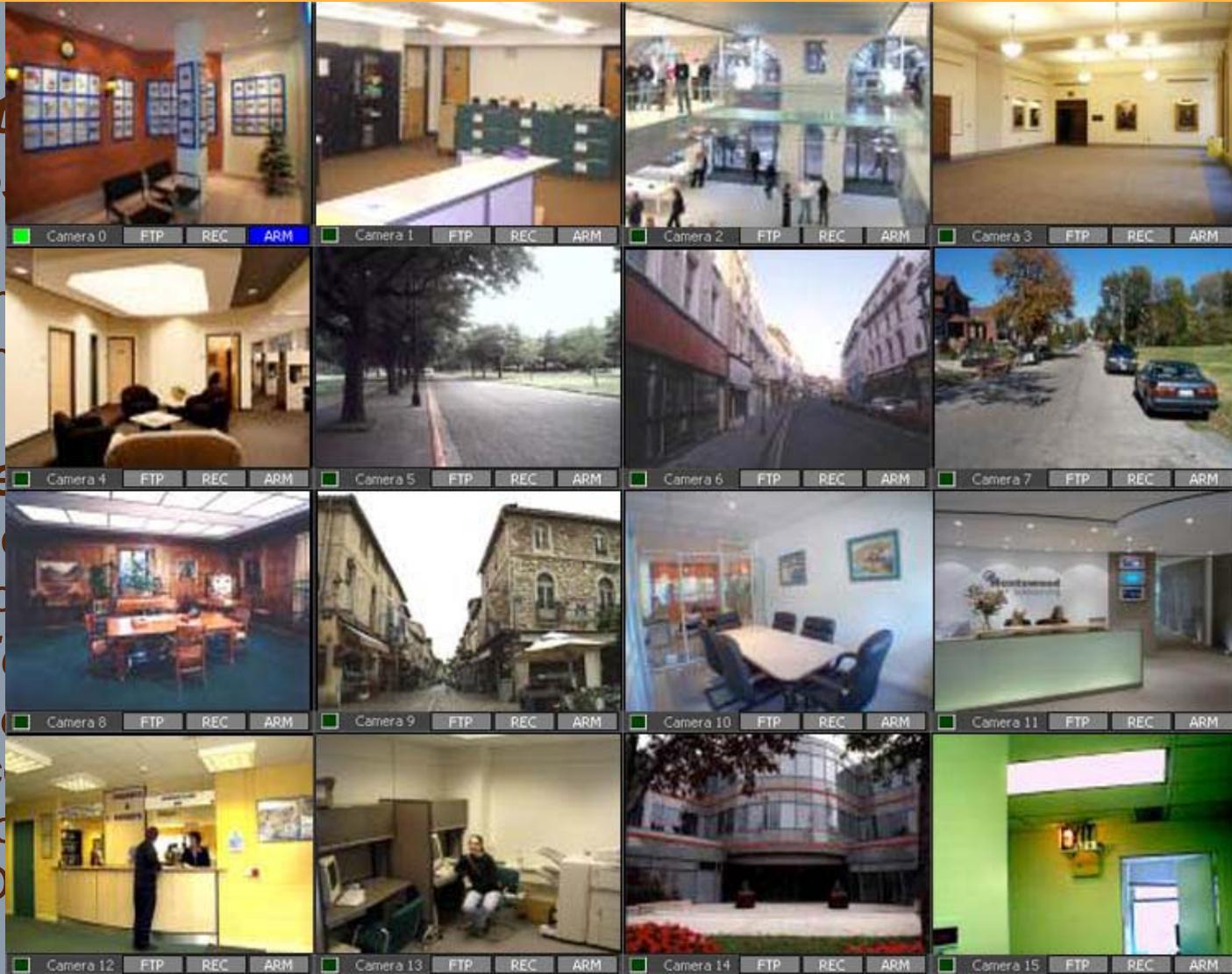
- Usability
- Appropriateness
- Reliability and
- Security

**Unique requirements**

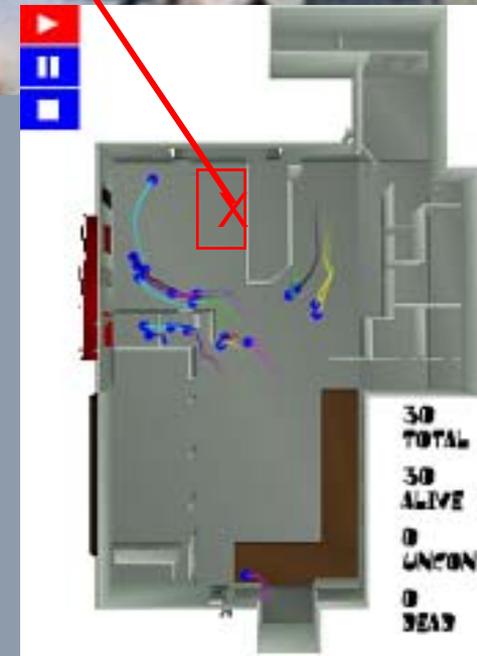
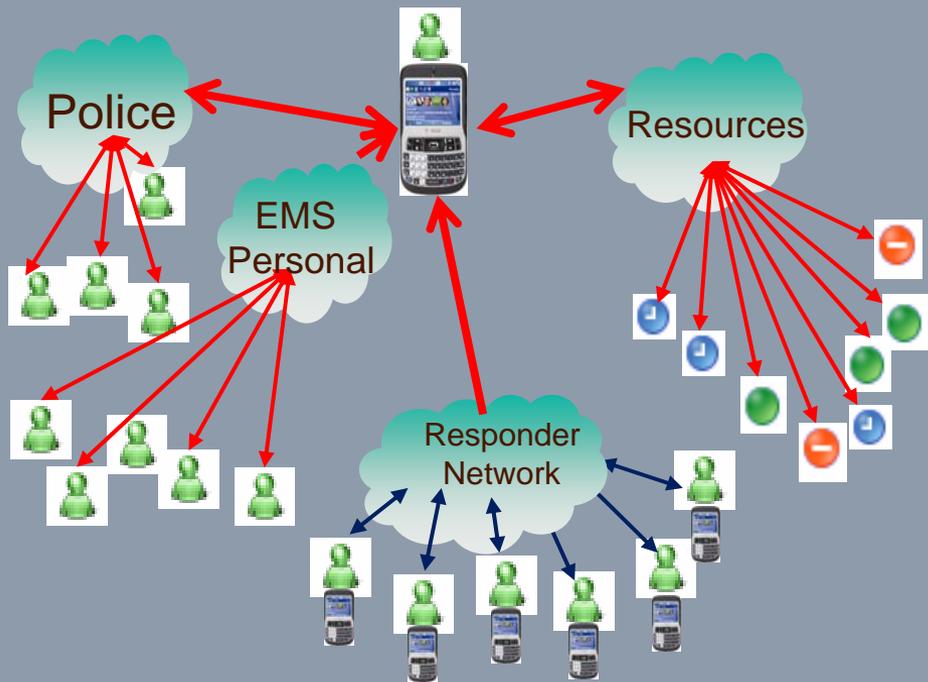
- Display/device
- Seamless so

**Example applications**

- Command and control operations
- In-field response
- Scalable CO



# Command and Control Visual Analytics Solutions



# Mobile Visual Analytics: Research Issues

*What information is needed for decision making and action?*

*What rate of update (e.g., avoid paralysis by analysis)?*

*How to create appropriate visual representation/abstraction of this information?*

*How do you adjust algorithms to enable on-device mobile analytics?*

*How do you balance local-remote distribution of work?*



# Command and Control Visual Analytics: Solution Approach

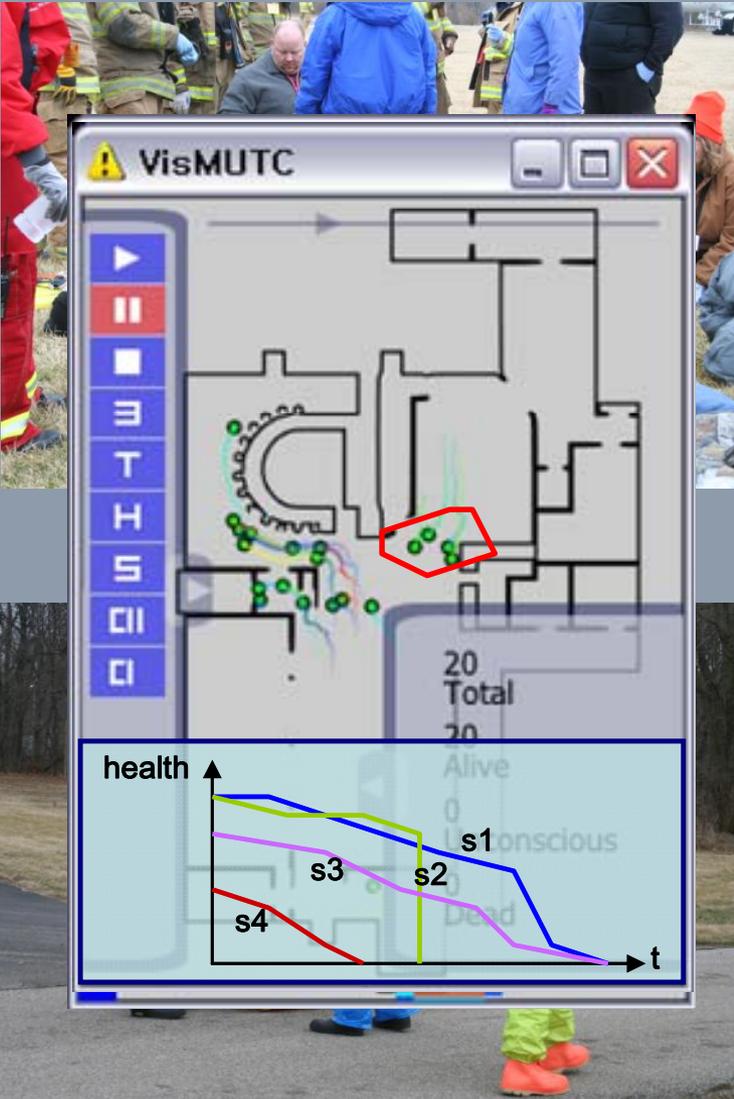
*Understand the user, their task,  
and the task environment*

*Perform cognitive analysis of  
task*

*Abstract data deluge to relevant  
information for decision making*

*Utilize simplified, abstracted,  
task-adapted representation to  
enable more effective realtime  
decision making*

*Continuously refine with real  
users and real-world scenarios*



# Command and Control Visual Analytics: Solutions Examples

## *Scalable Common Operation Picture / Situational Awareness*

- Utilize the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center, local police, former school

## *In-field investigation*

- Social networks
- Real-time response
- Investigative phase

## *Mobile video/image analysis*

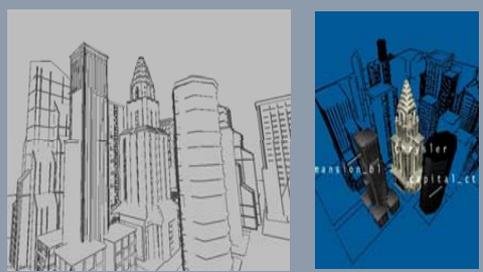
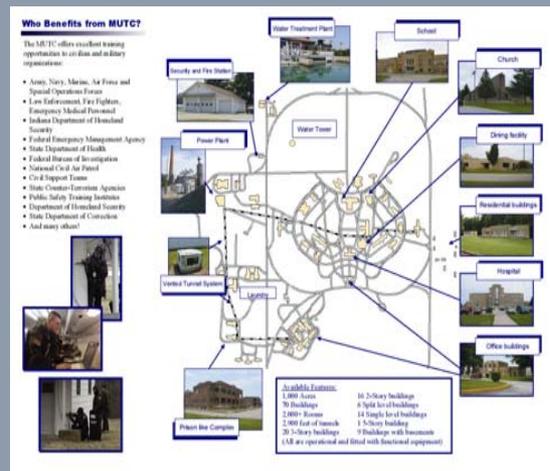
# Muscatatuck Urban Training Center Mobile and EOC Visual Analytics

## Goal

Demonstrate a mobile, low-cost exercise monitoring system

## Solution approach

- Provide increased EOC and in-field situational awareness through integrated visual analytics
- Track, display, and interact with actions and events during and after training exercises
  - Track up to 25 exercise participants responding to and within a scenario building
- Provide a national capability to train, test & experiment with joint, interagency, inter-government, multi-national teams



Varying PDA rendering style for device characteristics and to highlight information



PDA view of personnel tracking in a fire simulation.

# Components

## *Personnel/asset tracking*

- Interior and exterior tracking, sensors

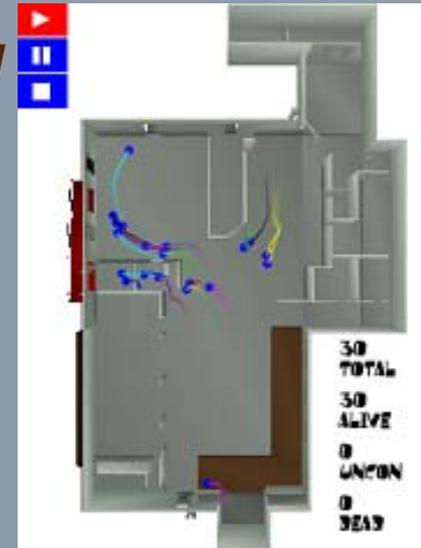
## *Video/audio recording & monitoring*

- Streaming and recorded

## *COP and AAR displays*

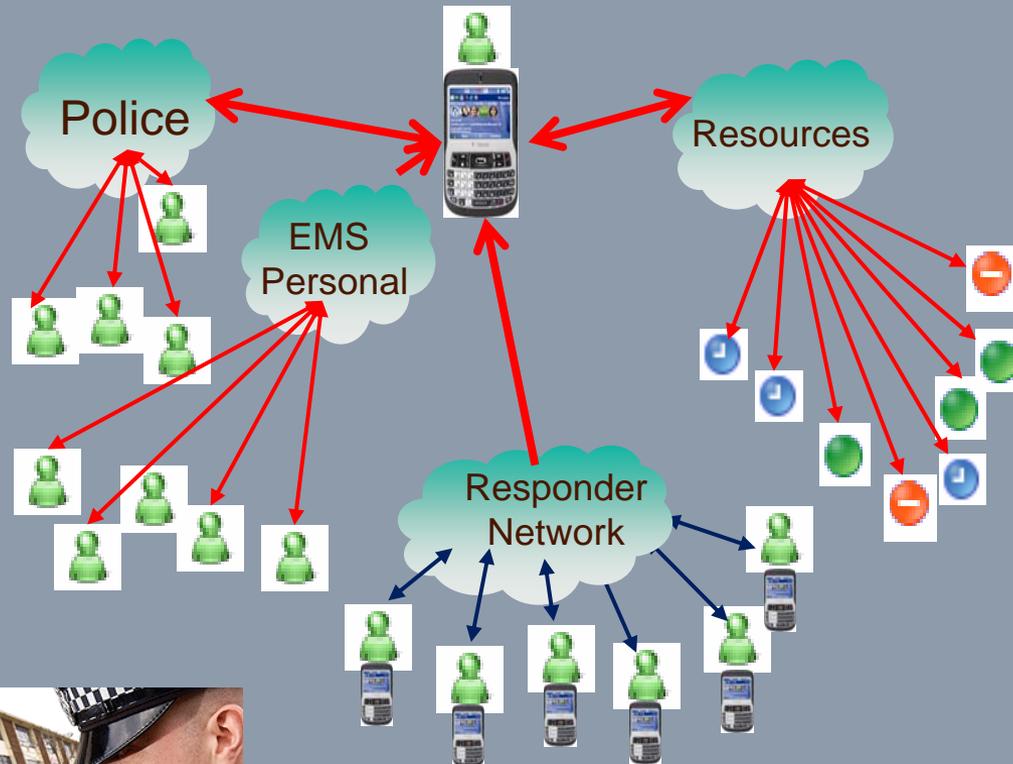
- Integrated tracking and video display for situational awareness and review

## *Real-time data, video, sensor, communications, and network integration*



# Social Network Information for First Responder Scenarios

- How do you coordinate resources, and First Responders in an emergency?



- By leveraging social network principles we can improve coordination among responders.

- This approach will enable multiple groups to work and share information/resources in a more efficient manner.

# Mobile Image/Video Analytics

## Goal

- Image and video analysis on a mobile phone with a camera
- Content-based organization and summarization
- Augmentation with web-based information retrieval

## Requirements

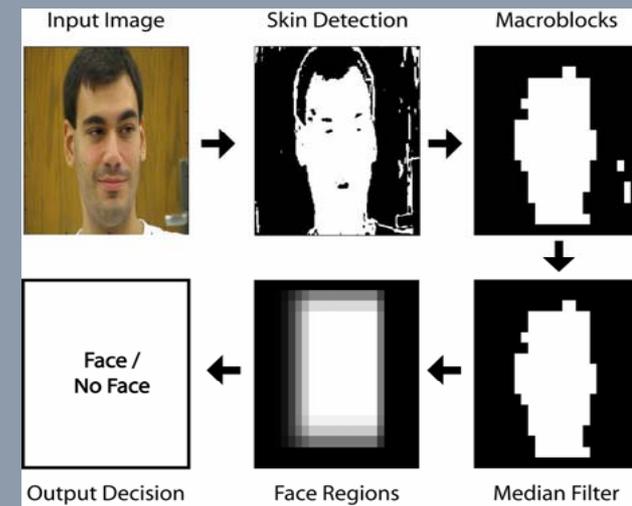
- 1-2 seconds processing
- 80% accuracy

## Example questions

- Indoor/outdoor
- Motion / no motion
- How many faces?

## Use

- Border security, surveillance, location-based information retrieval



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