



The MultiPod COBRA is a brand-new firefighting concept incorporating a lighter weight but fully functioning COBRA firefighting system into a Primetech MultiPod

FRS's interest grows in Primetech MultiPod and MultiPod COBRA

Gloucester FRS explores potential of Primetech MultiPod for Community Protection Vehicles, Primetech launches reduced weight MultiPod COBRA

In an exclusive partnership with Swedish company Cold Cut Systems, MultiPod will also be the host for a unique lightweight version of the COBRA high pressure lance-based firefighting system. The MultiPod COBRA is the flagship product for Primetech and Cold Cut Systems who will be exhibiting at the LGA Fire Conference and Exhibition from March 7-8 in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

The MultiPod COBRA is a brand-new concept which follows on from Primetech's successful frame unit. MultiPod COBRA retains the same water carrying and firefighting capability as the standard COBRA model. However, it now has the benefit of a substantial reduction in weight, with the same 7-8 minutes of operation, therefore enhancing the speed and flexibility of a lighter weight device on utility vehicles.

Roland Anderson, global sales and marketing director for Cold Cut Systems, said: "The MultiPod system looks very interesting for smaller vehicles. It now looks as if, with the

new lighter Cobra system integrated with the MultiPod, we will have a solution for pickups in most parts of the world. It is a 300-bar pressure system, so the pressure is still the same as for our larger systems but with a lower flow rate, but it is not for a frontline pumper application, it is a pickup-based system.

"This new MultiPod COBRA, designed and built in partnership with Primetech, will complement our existing Cold Cut COBRA range. MultiPod COBRA is not a replacement for our existing larger units, it is an ideal alternative should an organisation be wanting to utilise a smaller vehicle, but wanting to have the same benefits of cutting and extinguishing capabilities. MultiPod COBRA is an excellent new option for fire and rescue services worldwide."

One of the unique features of the MultiPod demountable body system is that no vehicle modifications are required. MultiPod can be easily and quickly mounted on any standard utility vehicles.

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is one of the first organisations to explore the

collaborative and flexible emergency response potential of MultiPod. When looking at the concept of a multi-capability Community Protection Vehicle, MultiPod fits in with the drive for increased levels of collaboration between the emergency services, to improve public safety in an era of tighter budgets, along with the need for diversified, expanded and more effective use of service resources.

The 'Community Protection Vehicle' project for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is still in its conceptual planning, specification and evaluation phases, although certain key features and benefits are starting to emerge. The CPV would have the option to carry medical equipment, including a defibrillator, rescue tools and additional community support kit.

System configurations are designed to provide quick response options for providing collaborative support for paramedics, and for firefighters dealing with small fires which do not require the deployment of a full fire tender.

Commenting on the development of the new collaborative Community Protection Vehicle concept, Andy Hermiston, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, said: 'Fire and rescue services in the UK continue to progressively develop and broaden our community protection role by adding value in what would have been previously perceived as unconventional ways.

"Vehicle such as the Community Protection Vehicle (CPV) allow services the ability to respond quickly to any emergency with the right resources whilst optimising our capacity to deliver lifesaving prevention and intervention responses to meet the new and ever increasing public expectation of the fire and rescue service."

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Primetech dual satcomms-through-one-receiver breakthrough supports high profile media expedition

A Primetech-supported media communications vehicle, equipped with a newly developed C-COM/Avanti Ka-band satellite solution, provided reliable voice and data communications for a high profile off-road media expedition in remote Scottish locations. In the process, deployment of the system provided proof of concept for an advanced new combined satellite signal solution for accessing two satellites through one satellite receiver, delivering improved resilience. The system has a

wide variety of emergency service applications.

In the case of the proposed trans-Scotland drive for motoring media, such as *Top Gear* and *The Daily Telegraph*, Primetech worked closely with its partners, satellite operator Avanti and satellite receiver manufacturer C-COM, to develop, install and test a radical new solution that allows two satellites to be accessed through one satellite dish instead of two, a technological breakthrough that is of strong interest across a wide variety of sectors.



Primetech, Avanti and C-COM's dual satellite solution through one satellite receiver provided media teams from *Top Gear*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Car* magazine with full media communications facilities despite being in extremely remote locations