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McDuffie County Reports Kenwood NEXEDGE® System is Affordable Path to Narrowbanding and Digital

(Suwanee, GA) Kenwood USA Corp., Communications Sector, reports that after several months of operation, the NEXEDGE® system purchased by the McDuffie County Sheriff's Office "...has exceeded our expectations for coverage and performance" according to William T. (Tracy) Neal, Communications Director, McDuffie County. The system, financed primarily by grants, was, in Neal's words, "...a pretty big leap for us, in getting away from a conventional analog repeater system." McDuffie County has responsibility for two counties' 911 system, Glascock and McDuffie, and decided on NEXEDGE as the most economical path to narrowbanding.

"These radios will do so much that we probably won't even use a third of the features, at least not initially," stated Neal. "We moved from 100 W mobiles to 50 W mobiles and have expanded our coverage area." Neal also stated that the digital technology has an added benefit of increased officer safety for the sheriff and police staff using the Kenwood NEXEDGE portables and mobiles, because, according to Neal, "it is completely secure" and scanners can no longer pick up the public safety frequencies. Neal credits Wilson Communications, the Grovetown, GA Kenwood dealer that sold the system to McDuffie County, with the NEXEDGE installation and service expertise that facilitated the system's deployment.

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