

# Emergency Vehicle Preemption

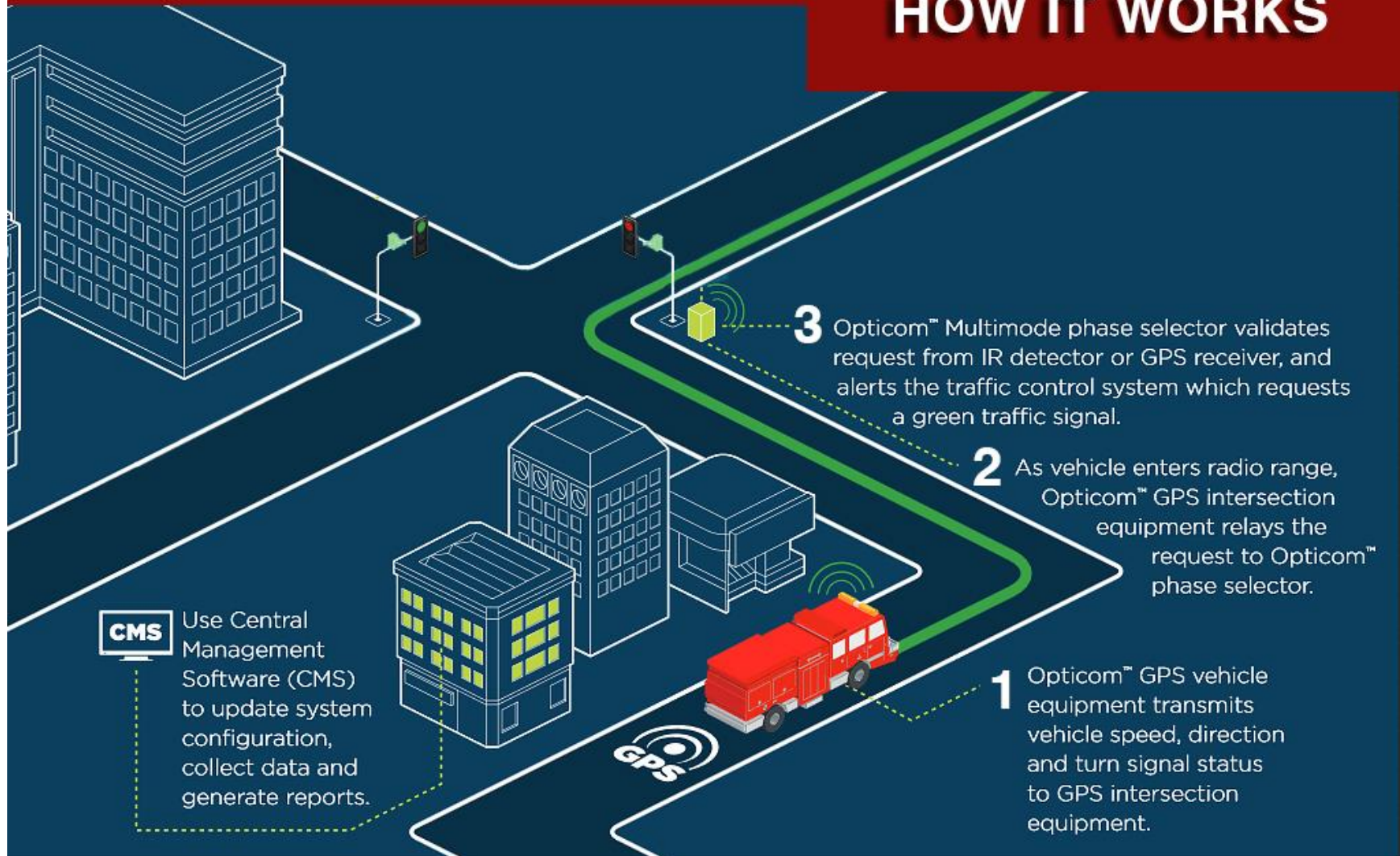
*“Extending Our Reach”*

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# EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION

## HOW IT WORKS



# Why we need emergency vehicle preemption?

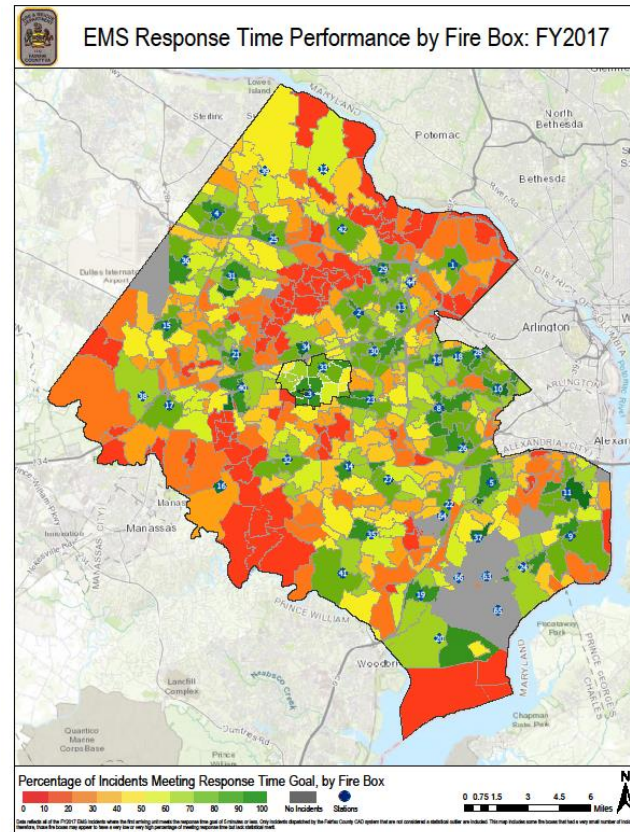
## Problem Statement:

Difficulty meeting National response time standards.

+ Currently, FRD meets national response time goals for EMS and fire incidents less than 55% of the time.

+ 2017 FRD surpasses 100,000 requests for response service.

- Increasing Population
- Future Development
- Increased Congestion



Data reflects percentage of FY2017 EMS incidents where first arriving unit meets the response time of 5 minutes or less. Note: fire boxes have varying geographical sizes and number of incidents.



# NHTSA Study: Fairfax emergency vehicle preemption

## Benefits of EVP:

- + Help reduce the risk of accidents at intersections
  - Improved safety and reduced liability
- + Better response times
  - Reducing response times anywhere between 14–23 %  
*\*Approx. 70 seconds on a route with 3 to 6 signalized intersection*

## Traffic Signal Preemption for Emergency Vehicles

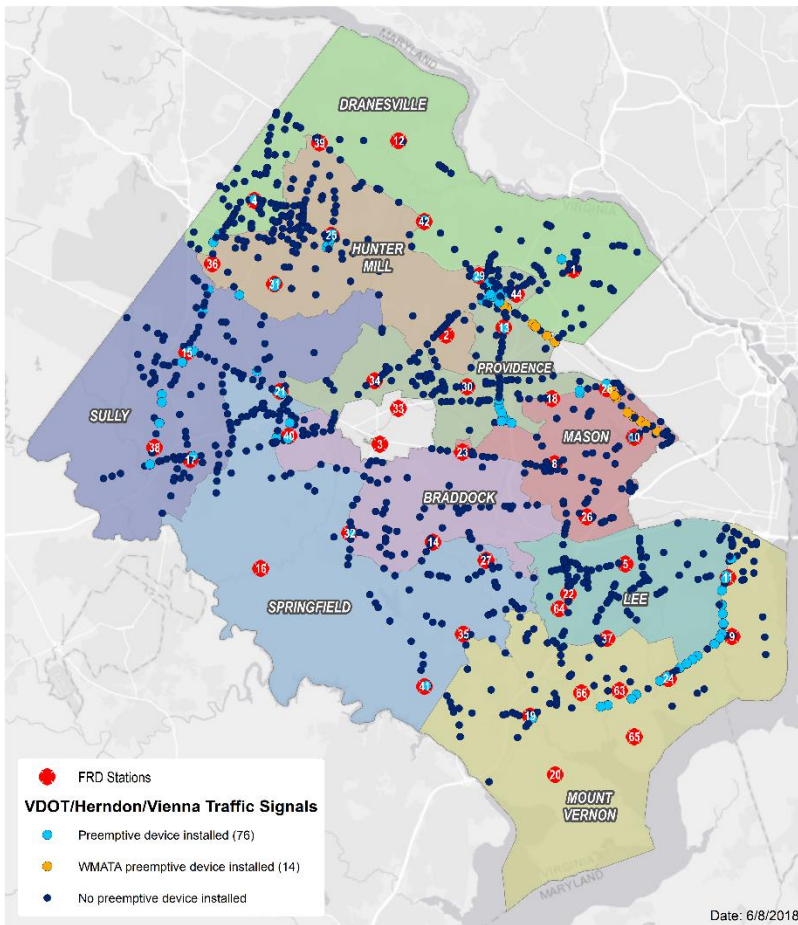
A CROSS-CUTTING STUDY



Putting the "First" in "First Response"

January 2006

# Implementing Preemption Technology



## + Strategic Initiative to Expand Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP)

- Cooperative Partnership with Stakeholders
  - VDOT, FCDOT, WMATA
- Fostering Interoperability
  - Prince William County, Loudoun County, Fairfax City, Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna

## + Pursuing Various Funding Sources

- Grant Funding
- CIP Funding
- Development Proffers
- General Fund

# Summary of Benefits

REDUCE INTERSECTION CRASH RATES  
by up to **70%**



IMPROVE RESPONSE TIMES  
by up to **25%\***



## OPTICOM<sup>®</sup> BENEFITS

**PREVENT INJURIES**  
AND RELATED COSTS



OFFER **QUICK PAYBACK**  
ON YOUR INVESTMENT



**DECREASE LIABILITY**  
FOR CRASHES WITH OTHER MOTORISTS



\*Independent studies available upon request

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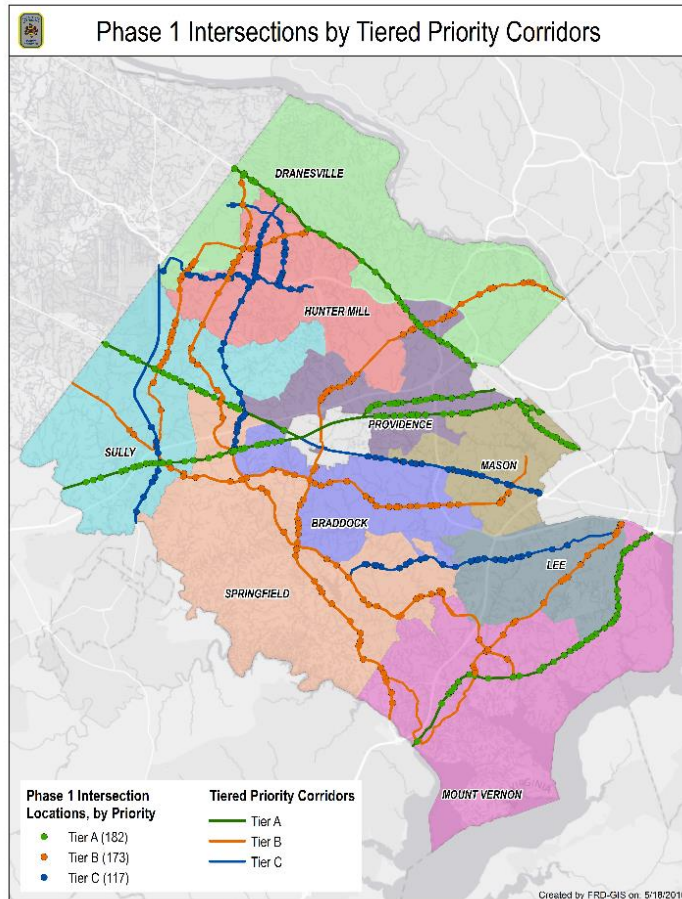


GLOBAL TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIES



# Fairfax County EVP Priority

## All Phase 1 Intersections



## Phase 1 – Tiered Priority

Phase 1 Signals, by Tiered Priority

Phase 1 Tier	Corridors Included	Total Unique Signals*	Percent of Phase 1 Signals (n = 472)	Percent of All Signals (n = 957)
Tier A	50, 29, 7, 1	182	39%	19%
Tier B	123, 286, 620, 611, 657/288/6656/606	173	36%	18%
Tier C	236, 28, 5320, 644, 828, 602/608	117	25%	12%
<b>Total</b>		<b>472</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>49%</b>

\*Signals in the Town of Herndon and Town of Vienna are excluded from this table

Fairfax County Signals covered by Phase 1 or Phase 2

Phase	Total Unique Signals*	Percent of All Signals (n = 957)
1	472	49%
2	127	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>63%</b>

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# EVP Proffer Methodology

- FRD requests EVP cash proffers for the following:
  - Mixed-use residential developments within proffer exempt areas
  - New residential developments with 50 or more dwelling units
  - Assisted living or senior living facilities
  - Large commercial buildings with significant increase in employees and customers
- EVP Request:
  - 1 Signal: 50 – 249 dwelling units (DUs)
  - 2 Signals: 250 – 500 DUs
  - 3 Signals: 501 – 750 DUs
  - 4 Signals: 751 – 1000 DUs
  - 5 Signals: 1000+ DUs
- FRD includes map of emergency response routes from two closest fire stations to proposed development.
- EVP installed on traffic signals based on FRD's Priority Plan and station input.



# EVP Installations

Total: 76 installed  
WMATA: 14  
Goal: 900+

MOU with VDOT  
Spec for Intersection projects

