

WHAT'S HOT

11 innovative new products unveiled at IACP conference

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The benefits of attending the annual IACP conference are myriad—from the classroom sessions to the keynote addresses to networking opportunities. The showroom floor is an excellent educational opportunity, too: Nowhere else do so many law enforcement product manufacturers convene to unveil their newest offerings to the

market. In this sense, the showroom floor in Denver served as a bellwether for the profession, and the good news is, despite a tough economy, there are many innovative products newly available to cops that will make them safer, more efficient and better informed.

Following, in alphabetical order, are the editors' picks of the hottest products unveiled at IACP.

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5.11 Tactical's Patrol Duty Uniform

This was a big announcement: Beginning in spring of 2010, 5.11 Tactical will offer a full line of class A and B patrol duty uniforms. These are fade-resistant, comfortable, wrinkle-free and breathable, and feature all the pockets you've come to expect in a 5.11 product! What was really impressive was a video in which the uniform was slathered in muck and dragged across a lawn, among other surfaces. Quickly wiped off, it looked like they'd just come back from the drycleaner.

5.11 Tactical

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Digital Ally's FirstVu

The First View was in prototype form at the conference, but it promises to be a winner. This unit is smaller than a deck of cards and built tough. The unit is easy to use: Press the record button, and it's on. It features up to 30 seconds of pre-event recording, and all video can be converted to still shots.

Note: Cameras like this can pay for themselves in the cases they prevent from going to court, so consider arming your troops with this or a similar product. Ease of use ensures they'll use it.

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Applied Simulation Technologies' EVOC-101 Web

It goes without saying that computer-based driver training has limitations. Nothing beats time behind the wheel. But time behind the wheel is expensive and logistically challenging, so we applaud the concept behind EVOC-101 Web, an Internet-based driver training simulator. It's not a substitute for the real deal, but it lets officers train when and where they want. Makes sense to us.

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