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**City of Thomasville, Cisco and Digitel team with the Governor's Office
Deploy Wireless Internet Access for Public Safety, City Services and Private Use**

Thomasville, GA – City of Thomasville officials announced the completion of their latest advanced technology project, their newly deployed Cisco Mesh wireless network. The network was designed to deliver mission-critical public safety services and Internet access for private citizens, local businesses and access for other municipal needs.

“The City of Thomasville is the first Wireless Communities Georgia program participant to fully deploy its wireless network,” stated Rich Calhoun, Georgia Technology Authority Program Director, on behalf of the Office of Georgia Governor, Sonny Purdue. “It has been two years since the Governor set in motion his vision for assistance to Georgia communities to spur economic development through wireless technologies.”

Thomasville began offering dial-up Internet services in the mid-1990's, according to local authorities. Since then, Thomasville has grown its technology services to include Broadband Internet, Cable TV, Phone Services, Video Conferencing, and now Wireless Internet services to its portfolio.

“We are pleased to add wireless internet service to the wide variety of utility services we offer. We believe this service will be a tremendous asset in promoting economic development, expanding educational opportunities as well as improving the efficiency of our services,” stated Mayor David Lewis.

The newest of Thomasville's technological advances is the Cisco wireless mesh network, which was designed and installed by Digitel Corporation, an Atlanta-based technology solutions provider.

“Field reporting was a driving factor for the Police Department. The system that Digitel provided will allow officers in the field to access the wireless network, improving their productivity.” said John Overley, Director of Digitel's Wireless division. “In our partnership with Cisco and Thomasville, we leveraged Thomasville's existing investment in technology, Cisco's technical resources, and cutting edge technology – the Cisco Mobile Access Router to meet Thomasville's needs for public safety. The Cisco MAR's are being deployed in 50 vehicles, including their Mobile Command Center.”

Leadership in Thomasville have embraced technology and utilized technology for the advancement of economic development. This phase is the latest step in Thomasville's partnership with the Governor's office and private companies, which continues to enhance economic development opportunities for its community and provide “best-in-class” public safety solutions.

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