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Enfora Joins Pan-European In-Vehicle eCall Consortium

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Enfora announced that it has joined the eSafety Forum and intends to actively participate in the development and implementation of a pan-European standards-based emergency call (eCall) system. The company brings to this effort its experience as a developer of intelligent wireless systems used for location-based services, asset management and remote monitoring and control.

The European Commission's eCall initiative encourages member states, Public Safety Access Points (PSAPs), automobile manufactures, mobile network operators, service providers and automotive suppliers to collaborate in the development of an in-vehicle automatic crash notification system. Such systems provide a "wireless life-line" to emergency assistance in the critical seconds after a crash occurs. According to the European Commission, eCall is expected to save an estimated 2,500 lives and help reduce the 41,000 fatalities and 1.7 million injuries that happen on European roadways each year.

"As a leading supplier of intelligent wireless devices and solutions, we believe that this represents a great opportunity to contribute our expertise and knowledge to developing and implementing a wireless system focused on saving lives," said Andy Berryman, VP Business Development at Enfora. "Because our devices are used at the heart of many vehicle tracking deployments, we have seen the benefits that intelligent wireless systems can bring to everyday lives."

The initiative proposes eCall as a standard option in all vehicles type-approved from September 2010 onward.

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