

## **Victoria State Emergency Service (Australia) employs Panasonic technology for enhanced emergency response**

Deployed two Panasonic UB-T880 interactive whiteboards and two Panasonic PT-S10 short throw projectors

The Geelong division of the Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) has deployed two [Panasonic](#) UB-T880 interactive whiteboards together with two Panasonic PT-S10 short throw projectors in its Incident Control Room (ICR).

The technology was integrated to more effectively manage emergency response, such as the recent Victorian floods.

The VICSES is a volunteer-based organization responsible for responding to natural and technological disasters and works to safeguard communities around Victoria.

Prior to installing the Panasonic solution, members monitored information within the ICR using data projectors linked to a PC. However, the system meant there was significant downtime and made it difficult for team members to keep up with the latest information.

VICSES Southwest regional training officer, Shane Reeves, said the new solution greatly improved the way in which the Geelong branch responded to incidents. He said the solution enables a more collaborative approach to emergency responses, such as when tracking inundation maps and receiving emergency call feeds, allowing people to monitor the board easily and use touch technology.

“One of the main benefits of the new solution that we saw during the recent floods was being able to use the boards as an interactive discussion board. “Our volunteers could easily keep abreast of updates from anywhere in the room rather than having to huddle around individual computers or maps,” he said.

The VICSES also uses the interactive whiteboard to assist with extensive operational management training for volunteer members as the trainer is no longer bound to a computer or projector to deliver the information.

The Panasonic UB-T880 (77-inch) features multi-touch operation which allows the board to be used by up to three people at once for enhanced collaboration. The multi-touch operation also allows for Dynamic Image Control so images can be easily moved, scaled or rotated with the fingers or the electronic pen. The Panaboard is also built strong and is scratch resistant to withstand busy environments such as emergency response centers and can be easily viewed from a wide angle with a non-reflective surface.

The PT-ST10 short throw projector can project 80-inch diagonal images from 0.71 meters away from the board. This allows users to create big pictures in smaller spaces.

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