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Teaneck, NJ – Ben Mazza, Director of EMS for Holy Name Hospital, recalls an apartment complex explosion two years ago and the Hospital's communications challenge with EMS personnel on the scene.

"The ER contacted the scene repeatedly to determine the number and type of injuries," he says. "Paramedics were constantly interrupted with calls for updates."

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The new Holy Name Hospital EMS Special Operations Vehicle is outfitted with Internet-based video providing the ER and other health response agencies live, high-resolution images of the event.

The vehicle transmits live streaming video from three cameras focused on the treatment area and event to hospital and state Emergency Operations Centers. Depending on the incident level, the password-protected images will be shared through broadband wireless cell service with other area hospitals, as well as State, County and local response agencies.

The project was funded through the NJ State Department of Health Medical Coordination Center.

The State MCC enlisted the expertise of EarthCam, an internationally recognized leader in advanced webcam technology, for the project. Once goals were outlined EarthCam designed, engineered, installed and now manages the system for Holy Name.