



SAN DIEGO, January 2003 – **The ESP Group’s Cybercop Portal is used for secure collaboration among emergency responders during Super Bowl XXXVII.** The Cybercop Portal, created and hosted by The ESP (Extranet Secure Portals) Group LLC, a Virginia-based Application Service Provider, was used for secure communication and collaboration during Super Bowl XXXVII this year. Representatives from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in addition to private contractors and other first responders were invited to the portal to participate in ongoing chat and to view surveillance videos, emergency directories and other information that was vital during the event. The portal was used as an underlying communication system that would be available in case a security event was to take place and was also a part of the Shadow Bowl infrastructure ([www.shadowbowl.org](http://www.shadowbowl.org)).

The secure Portal technology, originally developed under the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), emphasizes security through its network architecture and its underlying rights-based applications. The Portal allows users to share libraries of documents and case studies, send secure e-mail, participate in ongoing threaded discussions, create private chat rooms, monitor ongoing tasks, create and distribute surveys and share online briefings. Users only see data for which they have specifically been granted access.

“The Cybercop Portal seemed like a natural fit for the Emergency Responders in San Diego. Since the portal already hosts over 2,800 Law Enforcement and ‘Cybercops,’ from around the globe, the communication channels and infrastructure have already been established to serve this type of project,” says William Potvin, CEO of The ESP Group. Whereas similar systems have discriminated between sworn law enforcement, government and commercial professionals, the Cybercop Portal provides one place where expertise from all entities can be shared, while enforcing need-to-know controls. The Portal is currently being used by Law Enforcement officials from all 50 states and 10 countries in addition to participants from the transportation industry, Federal Government and several major US Corporations.

Some of the sponsoring or participating organizations for the Cybercop Portal include, the High Tech Crime Consortium (HTCC), Officer Safety Alert Bulletins (OSAB), Police Futurists International, Coast Guard Homeland Security and Interpol.

The Cybercop Portal is open to all cyber crime professionals, subject to verification by a sponsoring authority. The Portal is hosted and maintained by the ESP Group in its Secure Operating Center in Arlington, Virginia. The company specializes in building, hosting and customizing web-based applications for organizations that need to share sensitive information over the Internet.

The Cybercop Portal represents only one application designed and hosted by The ESP Group. Other portals provided by The ESP Group include a Foreign National Tracking Portal, a Bio-Terrorism Reporting Portal, a Program Manager Collaboration Portal, an Adverse Reaction Drug Reporting Portal, a Task Tracker Portal and a Litigation Management Portal. For additional information, please visit <http://www.espgroup.net> or call 703-418-4996.