



## **CRANITE SYSTEMS PROVIDES MILITARY-GRADE SECURITY FOR WIFI HOTSPOTS AND REMOTE ACCESS**

LOS GATOS, California – October 17 (PR Newswire) – Cranite Systems, Inc., a leading provider of secure network access technologies, announced today the availability of SafeConnect, the industry's first Layer-2 secure access solution for enterprise networks. SafeConnect provides the most robust commercially available military-grade security for remote workers' communications over public WiFi hotspots, home wireless networks, and other high-threat remote environments.

SafeConnect protects remote users by extending the enterprise network's Layer-2 security perimeter to wired and wireless public networks. SafeConnect also saves time and money by allowing organizations to leverage existing investments in perimeter protection. SafeConnect is available now and will be deployed in New York City as a key security component of the National Technology Alliance's GUARD program – a showcase first responder network. For GUARD, SafeConnect cryptographically separates traffic on the shared network into separate virtual Layer-2 networks, providing both security and efficient sharing of network resources.

Bruce Potter of the Shmoo Group, a leading security research group, found SafeConnect to be perfect for protecting nomadic users. "With the rising threat from rogue access points in wireless hotspots, protecting against man-in-the-middle attacks is crucial. No user should operate from a hotspot without SafeConnect."

SafeConnect will play a large role in providing secure remote access for first responders such as fire, police, and ambulance personnel. The City of Renton, Washington, needed to provide their police officers with secure in-vehicle access to databases and law enforcement applications. "SafeConnect increases our responsiveness and improves public safety," said Captain Peter Wilkinson of the Renton Police Department.

John Pescatore, Vice President with Gartner Research, emphasizes the need for protecting remote workers. "Anywhere, anytime access is increasingly a key business requirement. Enterprises need to extend strong protections out to mobile workers who will be using wireless connections at public hotspots," Pescatore said.

"SafeConnect represents a huge new market opportunity for Cranite. We are excited to bring this important capability to the market," said John Vigouroux, CEO of Cranite. SafeConnect is available now and can be obtained through Cranite representatives.

### **About Cranite Systems, Inc.**

Cranite Systems, Inc., provides secure network access, enabling organizations to safely take advantage of wireless, mobile, and wide-area networking technologies. By encrypting all transmitted information—network addresses, applications and ports—as well as the data itself, Cranite's software provides better security, with greater mobility, while meeting the government's highest security standards. Headquartered in California's Silicon Valley, Cranite was founded in 2000 and is privately held. For more information, e-mail [info@cranite.com](mailto:info@cranite.com), call +1 (408) 340-9600, or visit [www.cranite.com](http://www.cranite.com).