



Historically the ideal for a community has been that a police officer be at every corner for the purpose of providing a safe environment 24 hours a day. The definitive role of the police has never been to prevent crime but rather to react to violators and enforce the laws for the safety of the citizens. Police departments have not been allowed to provide the ideal; therefore, are required to look for other ways in making that community safe. The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety desires to purchase, install and implement a Hand-held Emergency Location Provider (HELP). We envision HELP as being a small device which is carried without discomfort to the user and when activated will provide identifying information and the location to a central terminal. Such a device would be radio frequency transmitted and *reliably* function at all locations on the campus.

This system must be expandable and operate at our remote campuses, or other locations around the Columbia area with monitoring at the Columbia campus police department.

Hopefully in the future the system will be capable of performing other functions as add on features.

Other functions would include but not be limited to

Access control - HELP by way of the device would allow access by authorized persons to authorized areas. The system would also allow for remote computerized automatic preprogrammed opening and closing of facilities.

Inventory control - Devices could be attached to items and remotely activated to determine their location at the time of activation.

Debit - by separate function HELP would function as a debit device for the purchase of meals, items at campus stores, laundry machines, vending machines, etc.

Charge out - by separate function HELP would function as a medium by which the user could charge out books, equipment, PE material or other items for short term use in the institution.

As of January 1994 we have initiated the appropriate paperwork to begin the analysis of vendors and review their proposals for providing a system with capabilities as described.