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**Kenwood U.S.A. Corporation donates \$70,000 in equipment to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency**

CLANTON, Ala. - Kenwood USA Corporation has stepped forward to help Alabamians recover from the tornado damage by donating \$70,000 in mobile and portable radios and high capacity batteries to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

“Mark Jasin (Kenwood’s Senior Vice President and General Manager – Communications Sector) was moved by what happened here,” said Chris Pappas, owner of CommServ-Inc, the Kenwood dealer in Montgomery. “I gave Kenwood a list of what the agency needed and they donated it.”

Kenwood donated 20 mobile radios and 27 portables with the necessary accessories and software. Kenwood also donated \$30,000 in high capacity li-polymer batteries to power existing AEMA portable radios. The batteries were delivered on May 24 to AEMA headquarters in Clanton and will be used to power the agency’s 300 radios now being used in the field. The balance of the equipment, which includes repeaters and base stations to improve radio coverage on the local level, will be delivered in the coming days.

“The State of Alabama appreciates the generous gift from Kenwood,” said Art Faulkner, AEMA director. “It takes partnerships like this to help those affected by the tornadoes and rebuild Alabama.”

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