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AT&T expands communications for fleets, workers

AT&T added a Push-To-X feature to its Enhanced Push-To-Talk service used by businesses with workers in the field—such as service fleets, government agencies, construction firms and delivery companies—to stay in touch instantly with their employees.

AT&T EPTT is a walkie-talkie service that works on smartphones and tablets and comes with integrated dispatch functionality. With the latest Push-To-X update, field workers can send secure texts, photos, videos, voice recordings, files and location data to groups and contacts through LTE or Wi-Fi.

Other new features of EPTT include:

- **Location-based services**: For teams to coordinate more easily and to help supervisors strategically assign work to those closest to the job. New geofence alerts can help supervisors keep team members out of dangerous areas.
- **Voice message fallback**: To reach workers who don’t have their AT&T EPTT device on them at all times.
- **Easier adoption**: The upgrade includes a customizable user interface with eight assignable talk group soft keys and the one-touch operation of a radio.
- **Better integration**: AT&T EPTT users can connect all of their major two-way radio suppliers directly to AT&T’s push-to-talk service and integrate with AT&T field management applications such as Workforce Manager and Fleet Complete.

— Aaron Huff

Fairbanks Scales updates weighing system

Fairbanks Scales enhanced its FB6000 weighing instrument and web interface for its truck scale to reduce calibration and custom ticket formatting time over previous generations.

The company says the enhancements include an expanded Loop ID field, ability to update expansion cards using a USB drive or integrated web utility, and a new configurable digital power supply with diagnostics capabilities.

The Loop ID field has expanded from three to up to 15 alphanumeric characters, allowing the use of more user-friendly IDs. The FB6000 allows for expansion card updates either from the instrument’s front panel keyboard or by using the integrated web utility. Several updates to the integrated web utility have been added to calibrate by millivolts per volt.

Enhanced web load cell diagnostics now show a representation of the scale platform, the scale’s total gross weight and each individual cell with its specific stored zero counts and current zero counts.

— Aaron Huff