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## **St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is a Finalist in the 2011 Homeland Security Awards by *Government Security News***

*Government Security News*, a monthly magazine with circulation of 35,000, announced finalists for its Homeland Security Awards Program on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Amongst the finalists is the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for its Blue Water Area Resilient Project (Resilient). The Resilient project placed in the category "Most Notable Municipal/County Security Program, Project or Initiative." Resilient is a GIS-based program that allows law enforcement, emergency response agencies, and community leaders on both sides of the international border to share a common operating platform for information sharing. The program consolidates critical emergency-related information from many sources in a shared web-based interface and was initiated by the Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate. Resilient is a regional collaboration between four Michigan counties, the Michigan State Police, and Lambton County, Ontario that provides a "real-life laboratory" for developing and evaluating technology that can be enhanced to improve security along the lengths of our border.

Other finalists in this category include:

City of LaQuinta, CA,

Dallas, TX, Police Department

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department -- Mobile Computers

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department -- Regional Identification System (LACRIS)

Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office and Fort Smith, AR Police Department

Winners in the *Government Security News* contest will be announced at their 2011 awards dinner in Washington DC on Monday evening, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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