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Dear ACN participant,

On behalf of Veridian Engineering (formerly Calspan Corporation) and all its personnel involved in the Automated Collision Notification (ACN) test program here in Western New York I would like to thank you for your participation in ACN test program.

With your help the ACN test has been a great success. As you know the program was extended twice and we have been able to provide help to victims in over 20 crashes. The project's main purpose was to develop and evaluate state-of-the-art technology for sensing crashes and notifying emergency response agencies. As a result of the ACN tests the viability of the technology has been demonstrated along with approaches for efficient integration of this technology with public emergency response agencies. There are several initiatives that are now applying the results of the ACN test to provide improved crash sensing and emergency response mechanisms nationally. Without the help of volunteers like you, we could never gather the type of "real world" data necessary to make this endeavor a success.

They say that all good things must come to an end; the ACN test program is no exception to this. The last day of the ACN test will be September 30, 2000. Sometime between the last week in July and September 30th the automatic crash detection and notification portion of the ACN equipment in your vehicle will be remotely deactivated. The cellular telephone will remain functional for you to place and receive regular telephone calls. No action on your part is necessary to deactivate the system. You will not notice any indication that the system has been deactivated; the handset will still beep when the ignition is turned on.

Please be aware that after your ACN system is deactivated, should you be involved in an accident, **THE ACN SYSTEM WILL NOT DETECT THE CRASH AND WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY CALL FOR HELP. YOU WILL NEED TO DIAL 9-1-1 MANUALLY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE.**

After September 30th if your ACN system still has NOT been remotely deactivated for some reason (e.g., if equipment malfunctions or if your cellular service with CellularONE is discontinued), you will still need to call 9-1-1 manually for assistance in the event you are involved in an accident. This is because after September

30th the equipment used to receive the automated crash messages at the Erie County Sheriff's Office will no longer be operating. If your ACN system is NOT deactivated and you are involved in an accident that activates the ACN system the system will attempt to call for help. When it is unable to connect to the receiving equipment the handset in your vehicle will display the message "DIAL 9-1-1 MANUALLY".

CellularONE is pleased to announce that they will extend your current rate plan for as long as you maintain cellular phone service with them. New portable digital phones and their associated rate plans are available from CellularONE should you wish to upgrade to portable digital phone service. If you have questions about your cellular service, if you wish to upgrade your service, or if you wish to discontinue your cellular service, please contact Mr. Thomas Lozinsky, CellularONE Product Manager, at (716) 435-2469.

Enclosed with this letter is an End of ACN Test Program Waiver and Release Statement similar to the one you signed when you completed your application to participate in the ACN program. Please *read it carefully* and *complete the yellow signature sheet*. Please fold the signed yellow sheet in half along the dotted line so that the Veridian Engineering return address shows and then tape closed. Please return the folded yellow sheet to Veridian Engineering in the mail (no postage is necessary). Please retain the End of ACN Test Program Waiver and Release Statement for your records.

Again let me take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this important program. New developments in the field of Automated Collision Notification are occurring daily, all designed to make your travel safer. You have played an important part in this key US Department of Transportation sponsored test program that has pioneered this new technology.

Sincerely,



Mr. Alan Blatt
ACN Project manager

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