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## Glastonbury Cruisers Go High-Tech

### *Patrol Cars Get Voice- Activated System*

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#### **GLASTONBURY, Conn.**

Move over Hasselhoff, upgrades to Glastonbury Police Department's cruisers will make the patrol cars rival Kitt. New technology is being added to Glastonbury cruisers that allows officers to operate police equipment through oral commands. Officers traditionally turn on the cruiser's lights, sirens and radar through switches and buttons in the center console or by using a laptop. Now the technology performs all of the operations when asked -- it even performs license plate checks.

Glastonbury officer Robin Timmer said the technology will be a good addition to the force. He said on- the- job accidents have almost become the leading cause of police officer deaths. The equipment is meant to keep officers from becoming distracted while operating the equipment while driving to an emergency.

The system will give officers three methods to activate their equipment. Officers can use the hands-free, voice-activated method, the touch-screen option or the old standby of switches and buttons on the center console.

The cost of the high-tech, ergonomic system is about \$5,000 per patrol car. Over the next few years, Glastonbury officials hope to have the equipment in all 17 of the town's cruisers.

Video: <http://mfile.akamai.com/25576/wmv/vod.ibsys.com/2006/1011/10047391.200k.asx>