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## **TIC locates fleeing suspect for police team**

FireGuard, Inc., president Bob Sorensen, an MSA distributor in Omaha, Nebraska, shares this letter from Craig Shrimpton, Plattsmouth Fire Chief, and Reserve Officer, Plattsmouth Police Dept:

“Just wanted to pass on that the one of the thermal imaging cameras (TICs) that we purchased from you was instrumental in locating a suspect involved in the shooting of a deputy last month.

“About 2 1/2 hours after the shooting, a short-lived pursuit started in Plattsmouth. The driver went down a dead-end road and crashed the stolen vehicle into an attached garage. The suspect then fled on foot into a heavily wooded area. The Fire Department-owned TIC was given to a Plattsmouth Police officer, who teamed up with two Cass County Deputies with a K9 and another Plattsmouth Officer.

“The K9 led them about 45 yards east of the house to an area about 35 feet overlooking BNSF railroad tracks. The police officer scanned the area with the TIC and located the suspect lying prone inside a coal car. The officer near the tracks then approached the car, made contact with the suspect, and took him into custody [about an hour after pursuit began].

“As we discussed when making the initial TIC purchase, it's not just for fighting fire. This proved just that. Without the use of the thermal imager, numerous officers would have had to search the car, which could have proven deadly for them. By using the camera, officers were able to stay a safe distance from the cars, while locating the suspect not 30 yards away from where the K9 lost track.

“Thanks for providing a tool that is useful in so many ways.”

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