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## Target persona

Technical decision maker, Business decision maker,  
Embedded developer, Cloud developer, Others

Public Safety Agencies considering routers vs hotspot solutions

## Key messages

Mission-critical connectivity requires professional-grade router solutions

## Info you can find in the deck

Mission-critical connectivity challenges  
Limitations of consumer-grade hotspot solutions  
Benefits of professional-grade routers  
AirLink router solutions

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# PROFESSIONAL-GRADE ROUTERS

FOR MISSION-CRITICAL CONNECTIVITY

# Mission-Critical Connectivity Challenges

## Device Proliferation

Too many devices in vehicles

- Compute
- Video
- Peripheral & auxiliary systems

## Multiple Connections (SIMs)

Expansion in Connectivity

- Officer/Technician
- Vehicle
- Compute
- Video
- Telematics

## Robust Operation

Surge in demand to manage all connections automatically & securely

- Cellular continuity
- IP Session persistence
- Routing durability
- Smart Cities

## Infrastructure Management

Need for reliable and sustainable solution

- Maintaining security compliance
- Managing within human and capital budgets

**DISAGGREGATED CONNECTIVITY LEADS TO COMPLEXITY AND COST**

# Limitations of Traditional Hotspot Solutions



**Consumer-Grade Hardware:** Typically designed for personal use rather than vehicle-hardened applications. May lack vehicle power integration capabilities (ignition sense)



**Battery and Antenna Limitations:** Temperature sensitivity and signal challenges in enclosed vehicle environments can impact reliability



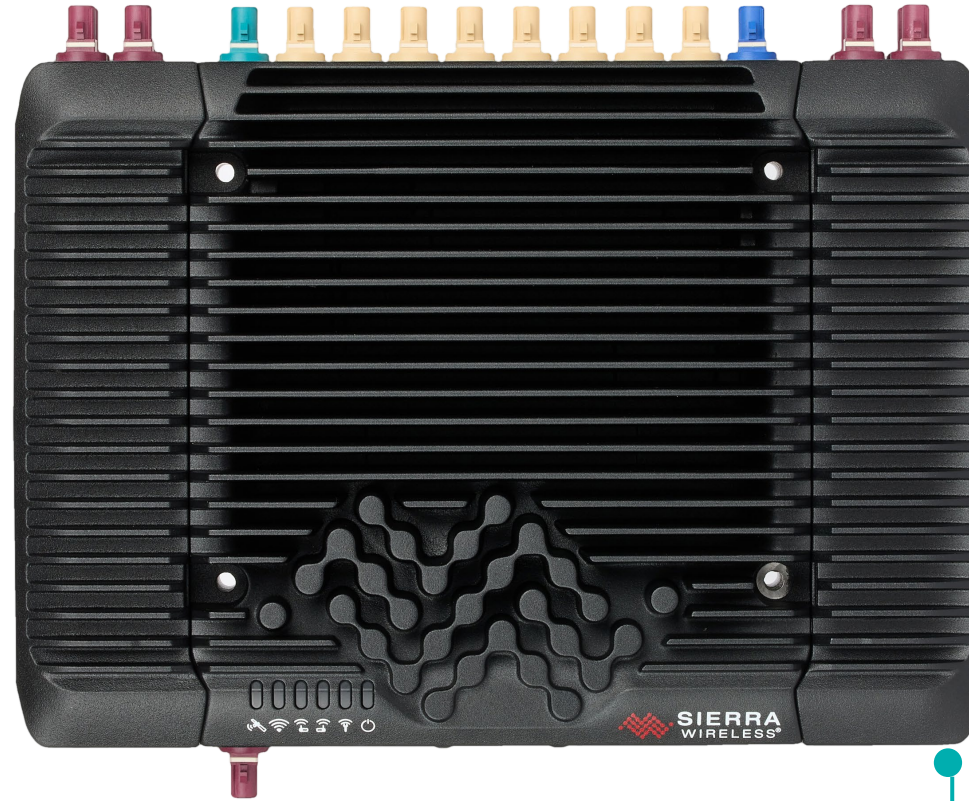
**Security and Management Considerations:** Consumer-focused security features typically not meet enterprise fleet management requirements



## **Total Cost of Ownership Challenges:**

- Limited centralized fleet management and monitoring capabilities
- Not ruggedized enough for mission-critical use
- Often rely on consumer data plans not qualified for business use
- Higher replacement frequency can impact long-term costs

# The Solution: Professional Vehicle 5G Cellular Routers



## Ultimate Reliability

- Hardwired vehicle power
- Redundant connectivity failover with built-dual SIM support
- Industrial-grade components designed for 24/7 operation

## Superior Signal Performance

- External high-gain antennas with stronger signal acquisition
- Vehicle-mounted installation optimizes antenna positioning in free space
- Multi-carrier support with automatic failover

## Vehicle-Optimized Hardware

- Heat/cold/vibration-hardened (IP64, MIL-STD)
- Ignition-sensing power
- External high-gain antennas
- First Responders Carrier certified (including FirstNet, T-Priority, Frontline and 5G SA/Network Slicing)

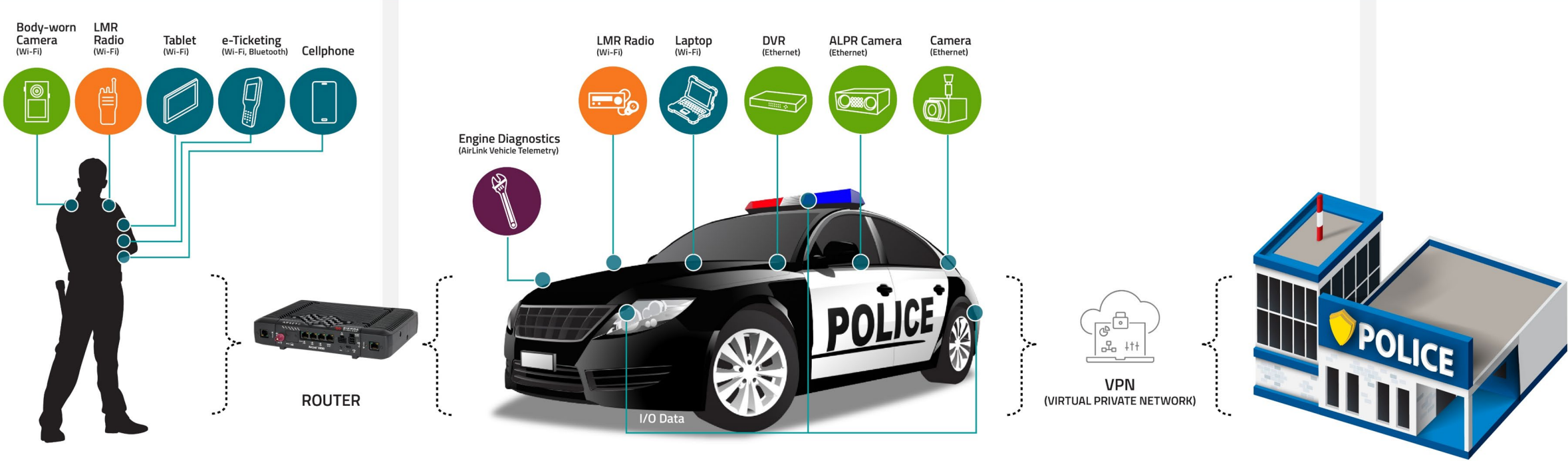
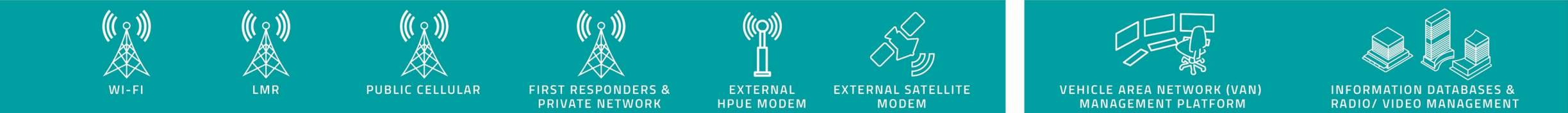
## Security

- Enterprise-grade VPN, firewall & encryption
- Policy Management
- Segmented networks for different applications

## Enterprise Management

- Remote fleet-wide management (ALMS)
- Remote management and firmware updates
- Extended lifecycle → better ROI

# AirLink<sup>®</sup>'s Vehicle Area Network



**Wi-Fi HOTSPOT**  
To connect all equipment in and around the vehicle

**LMR INTEGRATION**  
Expand radio coverage and expedite radio updates

**UNIFIED DATA PLAN**  
For all connected devices and applications

**UNIFIED SECURITY**  
The router acts as the VPN endpoint for each client device

# Not Just Routers but Complete Solutions



# Connect Virtually Anywhere with Multi-Network Connectivity

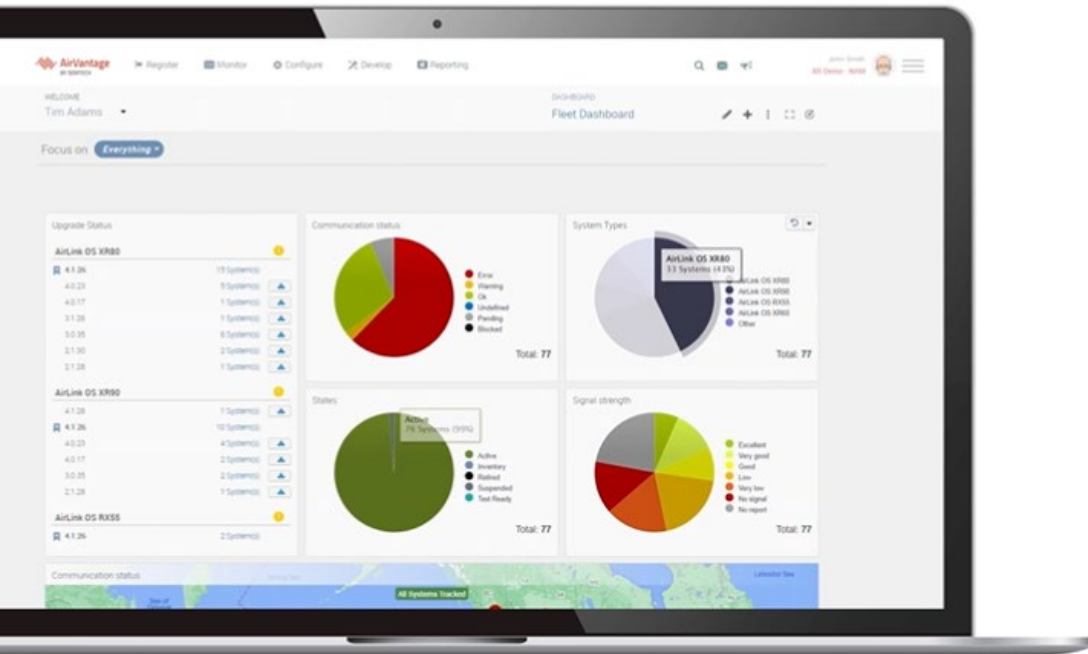
Airlink® XR90 and XR80 rugged routers feature multiple LTE /5G radios\* that connect to:

- Multiple terrestrial cellular carriers
- Private networks
- Broadband satellite



# ALMS – The Control Hub

Acting as the control hub of your network, ALMS allows you to remotely configure, manage, secure and troubleshoot your routers – all from a single pane of glass.



- Register, configure and manage your routers at scale
- Proactively monitor your routers with interactive and customizable dashboards
- Deploy new firmware and security patches over-the-air in a few clicks
- Set alerts on critical events and diagnose issues with historical data
- Monitor your fleet of vehicles
- Integrate with your business applications through APIs

# Leveraging Purpose-Built Reporting

Advanced Mobility Reporting (AMR) delivers best-in-class network and vehicle analytics based on +25 years of experience in mobile deployments



Included with active AirLink Premium subscriptions

\* Requires inertial sensors on the router

\*\* Available on new-gen routers (AirLink OS)



## COVERAGE MAPS

Monitor system network connectivity status



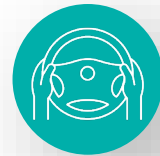
## TRIP REPORTS / AVL

Real-time & historical view on vehicle location, stops, speed, etc.



## FLEET MANAGEMENT

360° view of vehicle utilization & health



## DRIVER BEHAVIOR\*

Keep your drivers safe and manage performance



## TROUBLESHOOTING

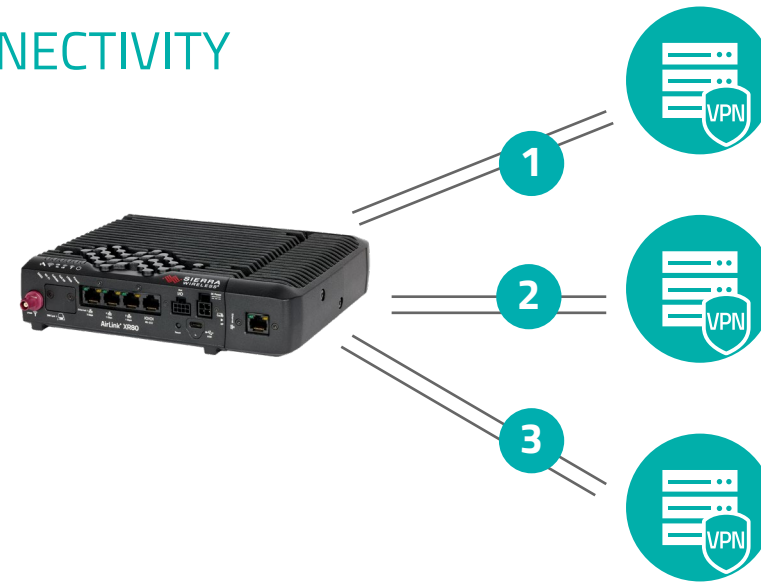
Link Utilization\*\*

# Advancing Intelligence within the Router

## EXPANDED VPN CAPABILITIES FOR SECURE CONNECTIVITY



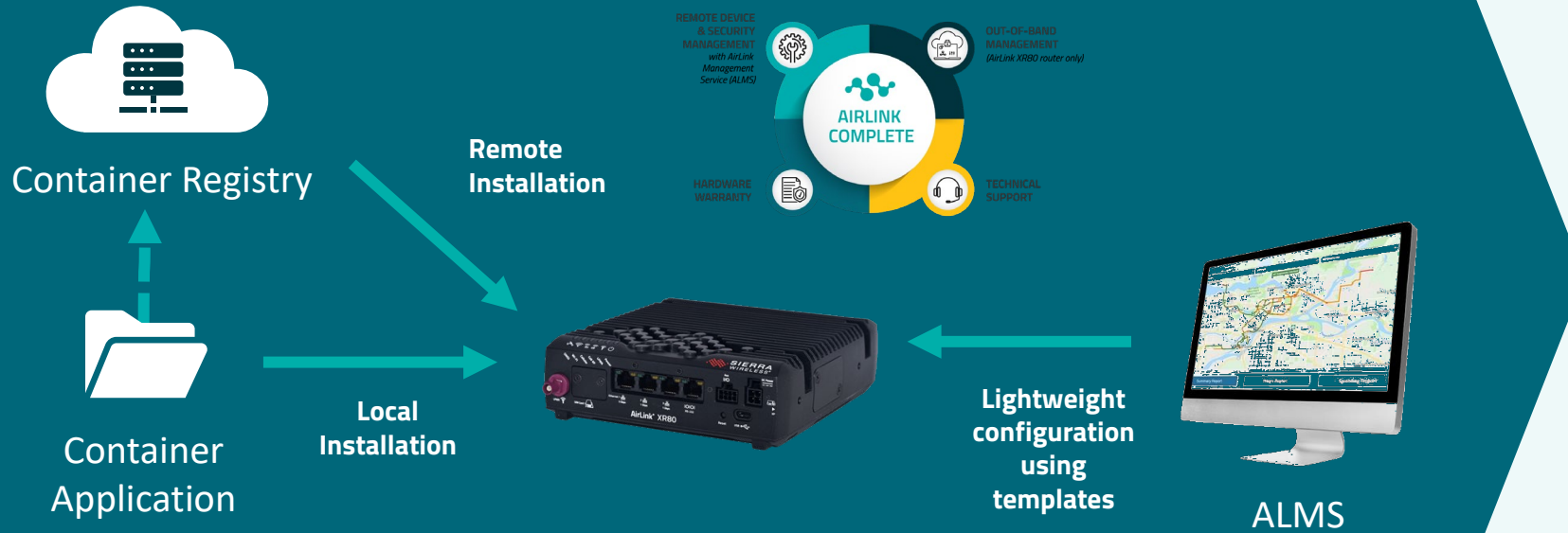
VPN Monitoring to quickly detect and act on failures



Multi-VPN Selection and Prioritization to provide increased network control and flexibility.

- Configured priority for controlled connection
- Simultaneous to attempt connection to all available tunnels
- Random selection for load balancing

# Extend Intelligence to the Edge



Report connectivity info to LAN devices for data offload and routing decisions



Filter and prioritize connected sensor data



Video streaming and compression



Protocol Conversion



Pass data across LAN devices



Tailored mobile applications

# The Future of Fleet Connectivity

## EVERY SECOND COUNTS

Seconds matter in emergency situations, and every second cellular connectivity is lost could be the difference between saving a life or not.

### Public safety and service fleet operations require:

- **Reliable, always-on connectivity** vs. battery-dependent devices
- **Professional-grade performance** vs. consumer limitations
- **Integrated fleet management** vs. standalone devices
- **Lower total cost of ownership** vs. hidden operational costs

# Fleet Connectivity – What To Look For

	<b>PROFESSIONAL-GRADE SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>CONSUMER SOLUTIONS</b>
<b>Power Source</b>	Hardwired vehicle power	Battery (4-8 hours)
<b>Signal Strength</b>	External antennas, up to 5-10x stronger	Internal antenna, limited
<b>Device Connections</b>	10-128+ simultaneous	5-8 maximum
<b>Carrier Flexibility</b>	Multi-carrier, dual-SIM	Single carrier locked
<b>Security</b>	Enterprise VPN, firewall, fleet integration	Consumer-grade security
<b>Management</b>	Centralized fleet control	Individual device management
<b>Reliability</b>	Industrial reliability	Consumer reliability
<b>Operating Temp</b>	Industrial temperature operations	Consumer temperature operations
<b>Total Cost</b>	Lower per-vehicle TCO	Higher overall TCO
<b>Installation</b>	Professional permanent mount	Loose in vehicle
<b>Performance</b>	Consistent high speed	Degrades with load

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