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**FASTCOM SMOKE AND FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM SELECTED FOR U.S. NAVY  
EVALUATION STUDY**

**Lausanne, Switzerland** (30 January 2003) – Fastcom Technology, a leading provider of video-based event detection solutions to the security industry, has recently been informed that its Smoke and Fire Alert system (SFA) has been selected for evaluation by the U.S. Navy as part of its program aimed at developing a volume sensor that will provide situation awareness and damage assessment onboard Navy ships.

The first phase of the program consisted of laboratory testing conducted by Hughes Associates, an independent, fire safety consultant under contract to the Naval Research Laboratory. The second phase of the tests (for which SFA has now been selected) will be conducted onboard the [ex-USS SHADWELL](#) (See picture), the Navy's full-scale damage control research facility.



Video-based detection offers significant advantages over traditional methods of fire and smoke detection including:

- ❖ Faster detection time.
- ❖ Better information for decision makers by providing a higher level of situation awareness and alarm verification.
- ❖ Reduced level of maintenance and wiring required.
- ❖ Provides automatic on-scene video to assess conditions prior, during and after personnel intervention.
- ❖ Ability to integrate multiple sensor information (Multi-dimension analysis). The SFA alarm management system has been designed to allow additional sensors to be combined with the SFA smoke and fire algorithms, allowing the system to be adapted for many different situations and applications.



### About Fastcom Technology

Fastcom is a leader in supplying video-based event detection systems to the security community. Its products are used for Fire and Smoke detection and for singularisation control in access systems. The company is based in Lausanne, Switzerland. For more information, visit the Fastcom Technology web site at: [www.fastcom-technology.com](http://www.fastcom-technology.com) or call +41 (021) 619 0670.

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### About Hughes Associates

Hughes Associates, Inc. (HAI) is a fire protection engineering, research and consulting firm. HAI staff, which consists of over 80 engineers, scientists, and computer programmers, has earned an international reputation in the application of advanced technologies to solve both standard and unique fire protection problems. Since its founding in 1980, HAI's experience has included fire hazard and risk analysis, fire modelling, fire protection design, code consulting, product development, and litigation support.

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