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# **Corporate Overview**

**DRIVE Developments, Inc.** is a high quality engineering solution provider. Our experience is strongly rooted in vehicular diagnostics and prognostics. This is evidenced in our **DIME** (**Diagnostic Information Management Environment**) product line which combines over 50 years of staff experience with hardware and software development within test facilities, **remote diagnostics and fleet management**.

The breadth of our capabilities also extend into other areas of vehicular engineering to include scientific test cell development, internet applications and plant monitoring systems.

We truly believe in the philosophy of "Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way"



# **Business Highlights**

- Michigan Small Business incorporated in July 2007
- Focused on Military and Commercial vehicle work
- Featured on The Economic Report with Greg Gumbel in Fall 08'
- Selected as one of "Michigan's 50 Businesses To Watch for 2009"
- Selected as Prime on \$500M / 5 year TARDEC OMNIBUS
- Selected as Crain's Top 25 Defense Companies to Watch 2010



#### Overview:

This presentation will present an example of successful integration of diagnostics within a UGV platform that was delivered to US Forces Special Operations Command by DRIVE Developments, Inc. for use in riverine drug interdiction operations OCONUS.

The UGV, named **ARK**, is an Amphibious Robot that can travel at speeds up to 22 mph on land and up to 5mph in waterways. The vehicle is remote controlled and is interoperable with all Ethernet based military communications including but not limited to Wave Relay equipment.



## **ARK – Amphibious Remote Controlled Robot**





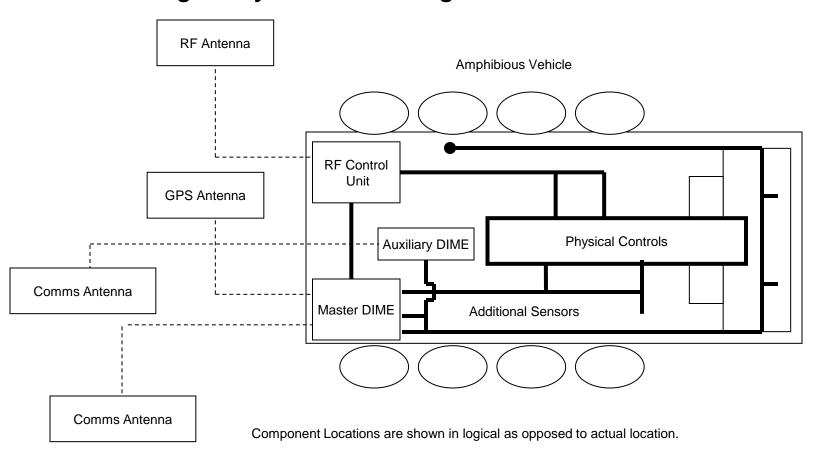
#### Features of ARK

- Resident CAN data bus which records vehicle activity and alerts operators and commanders of pending and current fault conditions
- GPS tracking
- Extensive on-board instrumentation and controls that provide a real time view into the current operation and long term duty cycle of the vehicle



### **ARK System**

Hardware: Logical System Block Diagram





## **SIDE VIEW ARK**





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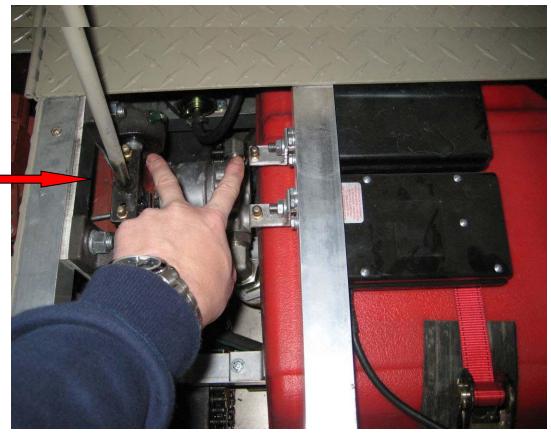
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Two independent linkages manipulate all remote control motion via the two on board actuators





#### Hydrostatic driven outboard water propulsion



**INSIDE CHASSIS VIEW** 



**OUTSIDE CHASSIS VIEW** 



### **Upgraded Instrument panel**

EStop Button Fuel level gage



Remote enable switch



#### Instrument panel



The gauge is wired into the vehicles CAN network. The AUX DIME reads the gauge input and broadcasts the corresponding fuel level message. The MASTER DIME logs and reports the fuel level information to the portal system.

Fuel Level Gage controlled by DIME AUX Smart ECU on J1939 over CAN



#### Instrument panel



The E-stop is wired into the vehicle's control panel. When depressed all vehicle functions are cut off and power is removed from the system.

On board E-stop manually controlled by the operator.



#### Instrument panel



The switch is wired to the vehicle control systems and supplies power to the remote control unit. As a safety precaution changing modes during operation kills the engine. This prevents unwanted behavior when the actuators either take over or relinquish control.

Operator controlled remote control enable switch.



#### **Hand Held Remote Control**





Master and AUX DIME mounting: The DIME units and the remote control receiver electronics are mounted in NEMA enclosures as shown below.



DIME Master and Omnex Receiver location.



#### **Situational Awareness: DIME Antenna**

- a) Dual WiFi / GPS antenna.
- b) GPS antenna has active gain.
- c) 2.4GHz Comms frequency supporting both 802.11b/g
- d) Currently mounted on the hood of the vehicle to provide clear path to the sky for GPS.

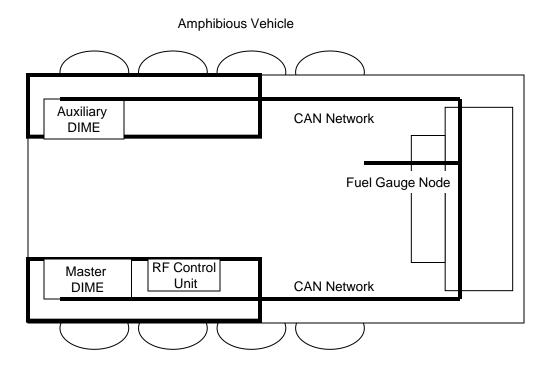


#### **CAN J1939 Network**

- a) MASTER and AUX DIME CAN Controllers
- b) AUX unit interfaces sensors and broadcasts CAN data providing network data.
- c) MASTER unit collects data and reports to portal.
- d) CAN J1939 Fuel gauge connects directly to the CAN network and receives messages.
- e) The Network runs around the vehicle in a horseshoe pattern and allows for future connections and nodes.

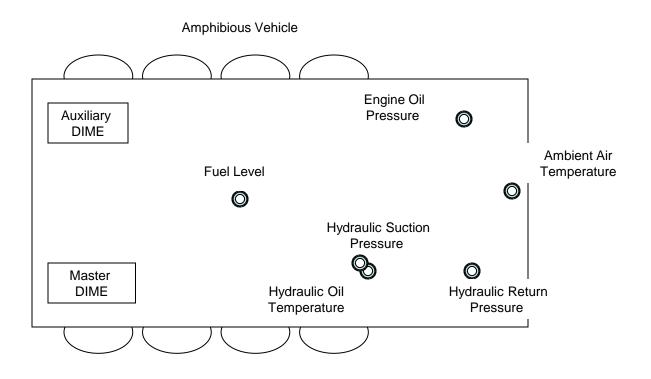


#### **Situational Awareness: CAN J1939 Network**





#### **Situational Awareness: Sensor Locations**





#### **Situational Awareness: Integration**

- a) NEMA electronics enclosures mounted on each side of the vehicle.
- b) DIME units and remote control receiving unit mounted within NEMA enclosures.
- c) Power, ground and communications lines integrated.
- d) Remote control integration complete with all functional testing passed.
- e) CAN Network completed
- f) Sensors wired to appropriate DIME units.
- g) Communications/GPS antenna mounted.

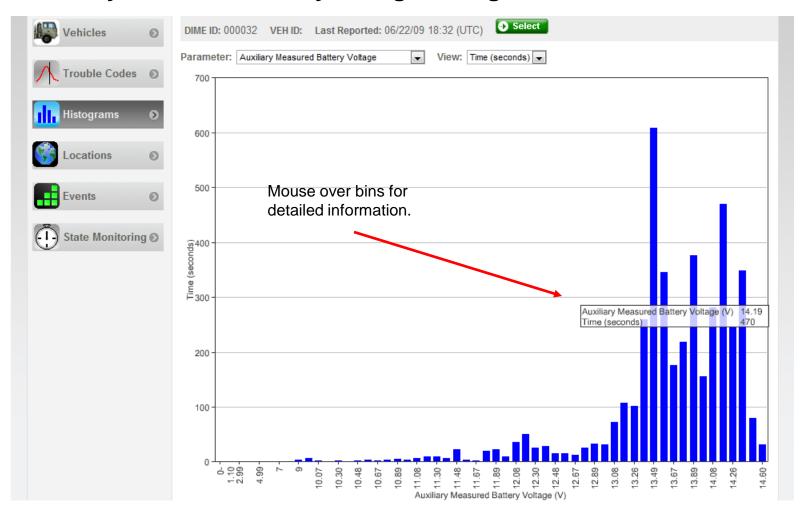


#### **Vehicle Health & Situational Awareness**

- 1. Application management features
  - a. Remote firmware flash (MINT file)
  - b. Remote Application flash (REED file)
- Data Collection Types
   (Histograms, Time in State, Event Counters, Situation Awareness files, Event Window Files)
- 3. Data Collection Speed
  - a. Bus speed for triggered or fault events
  - b. 10 Hz (100ms) for non-time correlated data
- 4. Remote configuration Proprietary data compression techniques enabling performance in low bandwidth Military environments.
- 5. System processing of data from multiple data bus sources (CAN, J1708, RS485) simultaneously.
- 6. Capable of storing data in emergency power loss situations.
- 7. BIST (Built In Self Test)

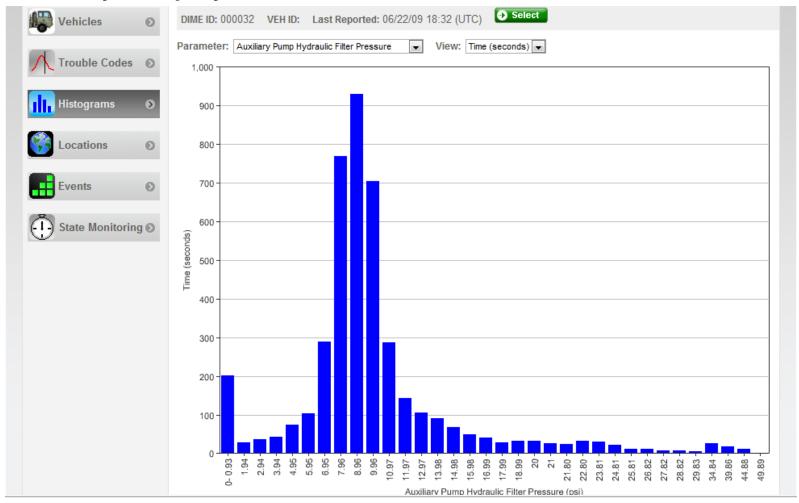


#### **Auxiliary Measured Battery Voltage Histogram**



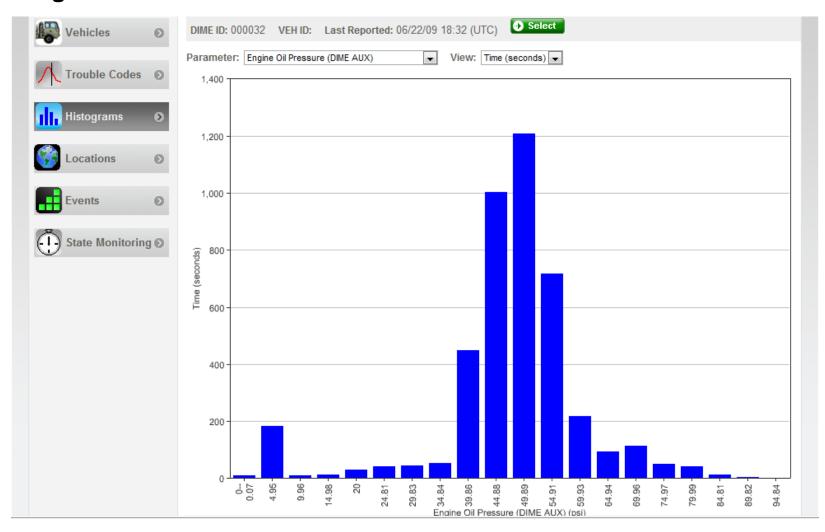


#### **Auxiliary Pump Hydraulic Filter Pressure**



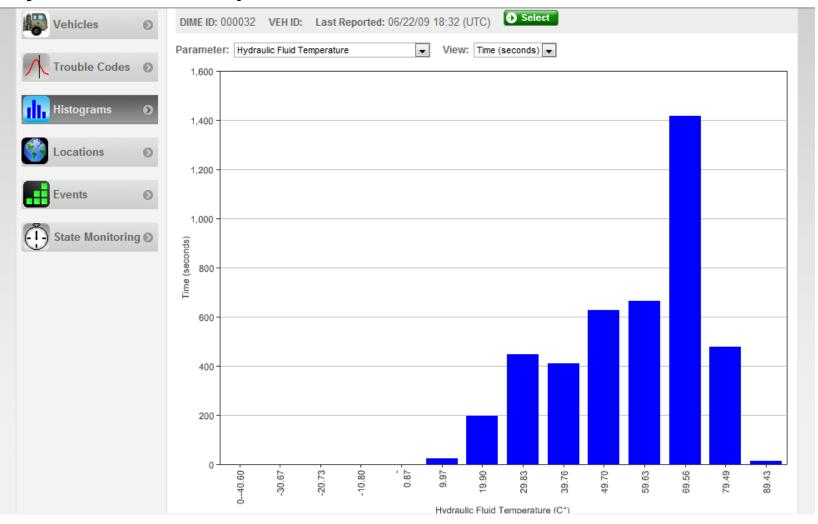


## **Engine Oil Pressure**



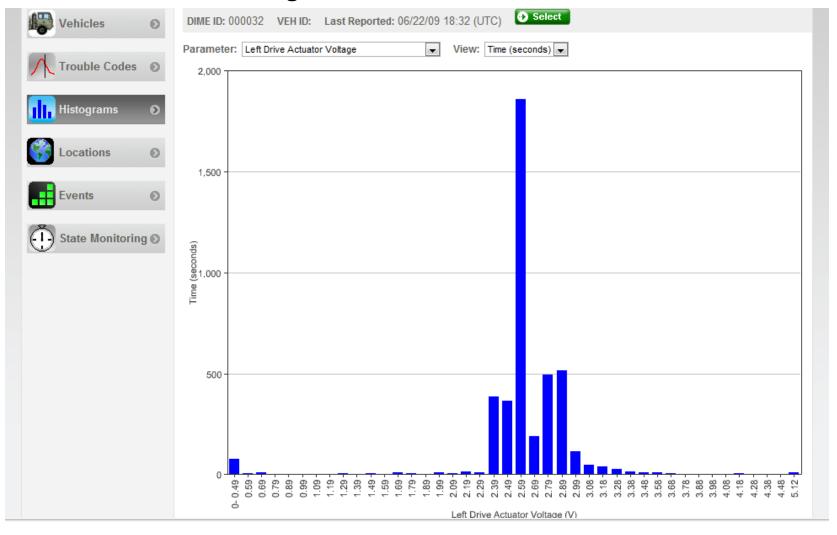


## **Hydraulic Fluid Temperature**



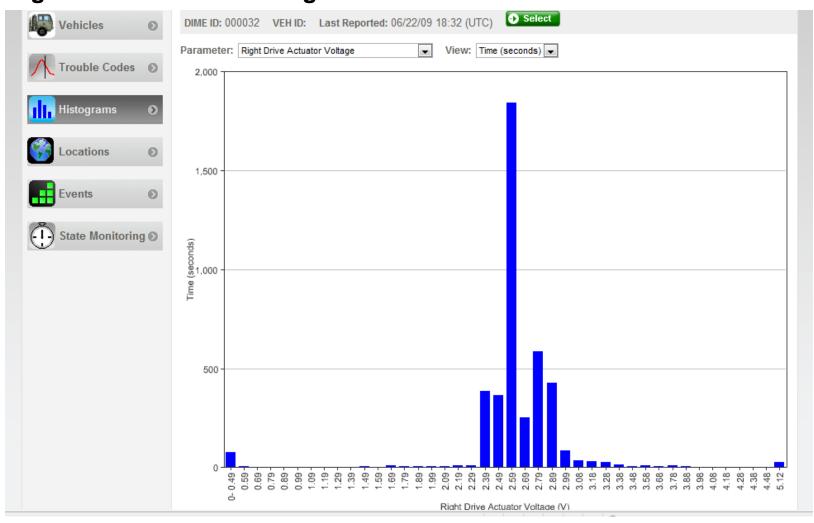


#### **Left Drive Actuator Voltage**



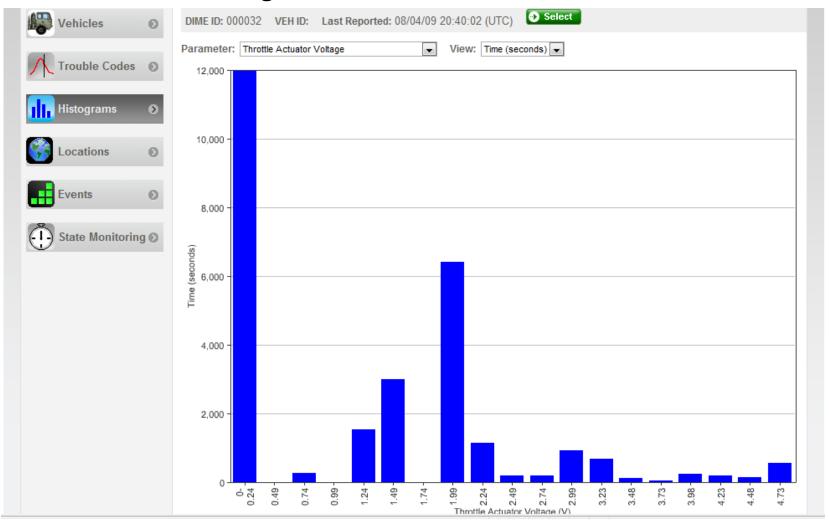


## **Right Drive Actuator Voltage**



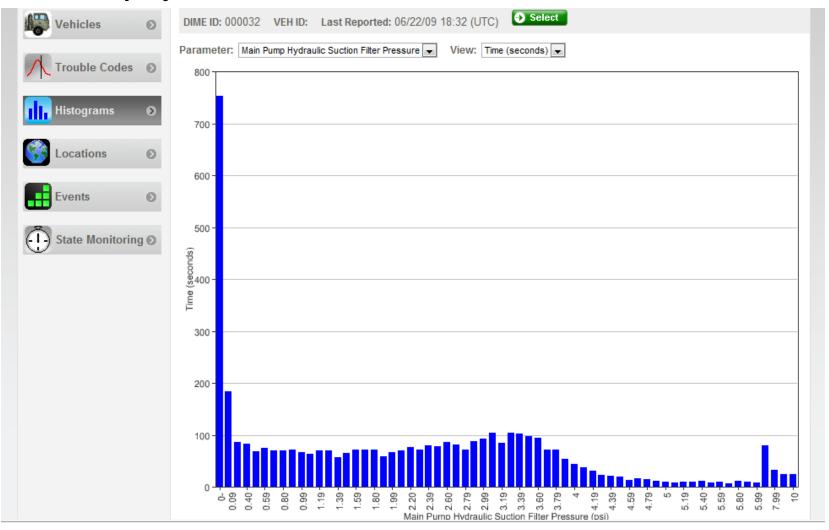


### **Throttle Actuator Voltage**



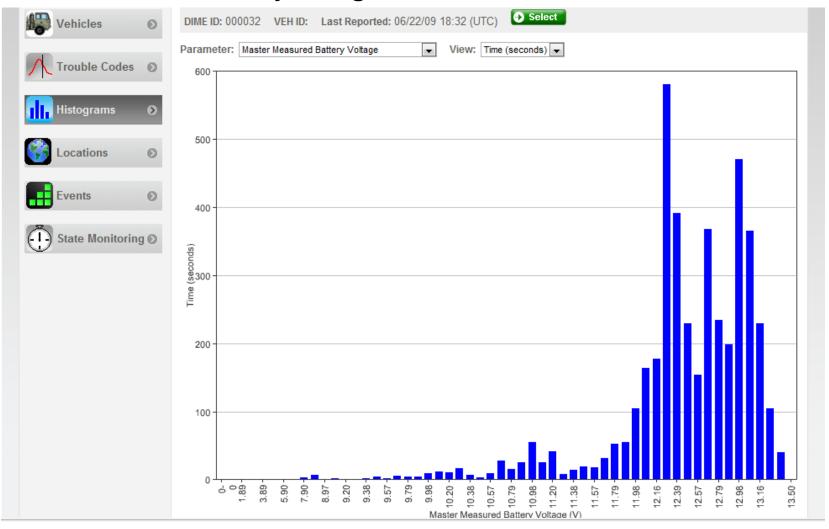


#### **Main Pump Hydraulic Suction Filter Pressure**



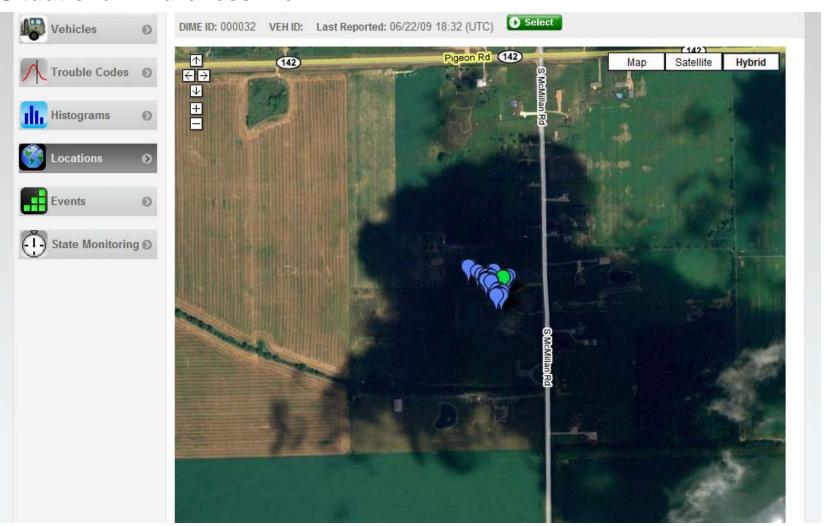


## **Master Measured Battery Voltage**



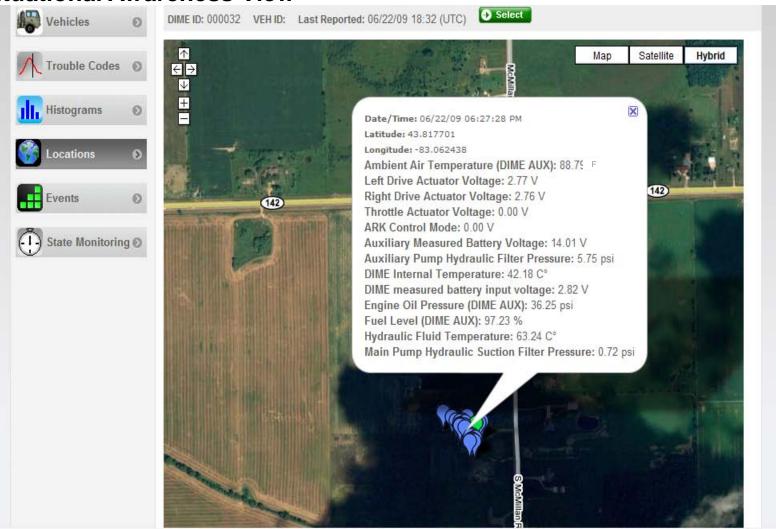


#### **Situational Awareness View**



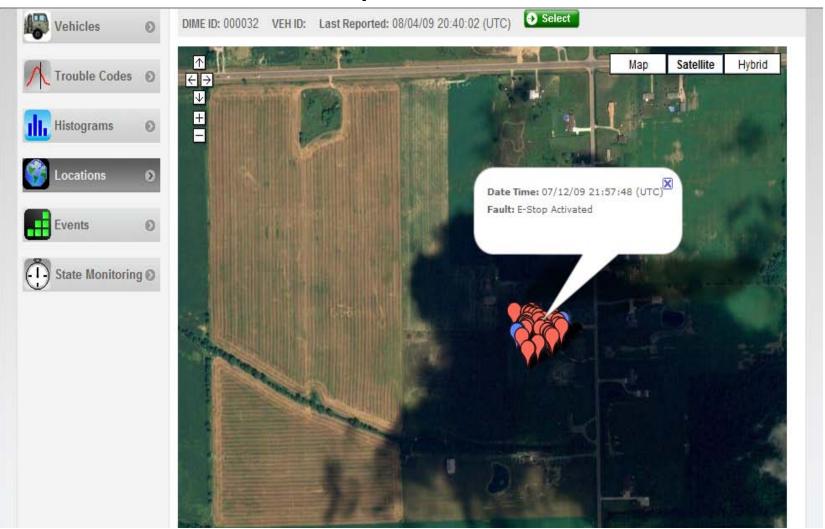


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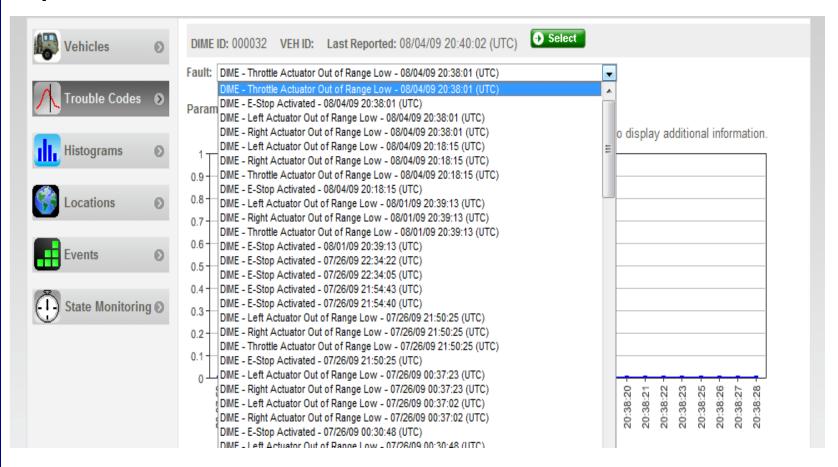


#### **Situational Awareness View: Reported Faults**



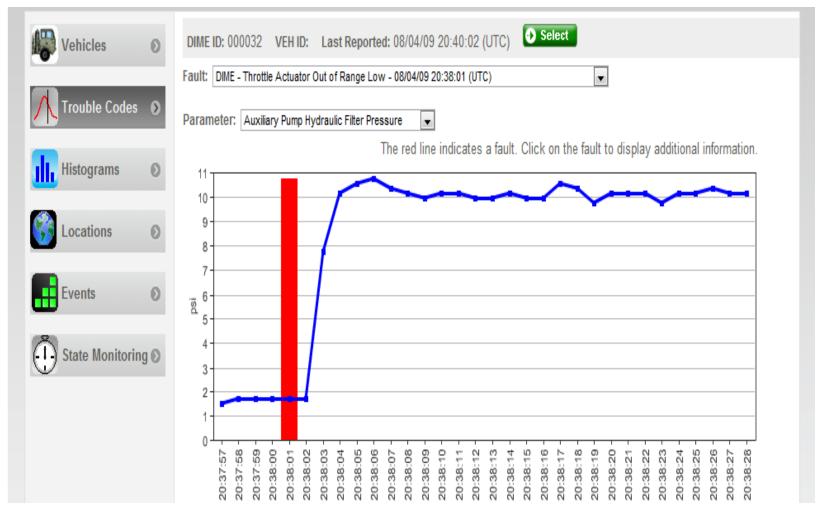


#### **Reported Faults**





## **Reported Faults Detailed Graph**





#### **Next Generation of the ARK:**

The initial ARK vehicle has been tested at Avon Park, FL test facility with US Special Forces. DRIVE is currently developing the next generation of this vehicle that will include 360 degree real time day/night vision in addition to the integration of our new NICKEL product for diagnostic data bus monitoring within a wireless controller solution.



# **Our Family of DIME Products**

Diagnostic Information Management Environment (DIME)





The DIME (**D**iagnostic Information Management Environment) is a **TRL 8** end-to-end **Lifecycle and Vehicle Health Management System** complete with on-board storage, GPS tracking, wired and wireless communication interfaces. DIME enables *Connected Vehicle* applications.

The system is capable of remotely updating and upgrading the system firmware and application code within seconds even in low communication bandwidth environments. This is accomplished via the DIME Data Management Center where data is stored, analyzed, distributed and displayed.



#### **HARDWARE Features:**

- Technical Readiness Level (TRL) 8
- Ultra low power consumption (<25mW) in sleep mode with optional ZERO power draw configuration.
- Low space and weight claim (approx 1.5 lbs)
- Capable of start up and recording in less than 50ms
- 802.11 b/g wireless interface
- 2 CAN channels capable of 1Mbps communications
- Ultra low cost hardware investment
- RS485 / RS422
- Capable of waking up from up to eight unique input sources (CAN Bias, CAN Activity, Ignition, J1708, RS232, RS422/RS485, External input, Real Time Clock)



#### **HARDWARE Features continued:**

- RS232
- Ethernet
- GPS (Global Positioning System)
- Sensor interfaces (Analog and Digital)
- Remote management / disablement of GPS/Wireless comms
- Wave Relay, Fortress, and CAISI compliant via Ethernet connection
- Forms the foundation for any diagnostic system for any vehicle platform.
- Compatible interface with mounted and mobile vehicle display systems.
- Disposable technology, low logistics footprint



#### **Embedded Software Features:**

- Remote configuration
- Data compression techniques enabling performance in low bandwidth Military environments.
- System processing of data from multiple data bus sources (CAN, J1708, RS485) simultaneously.
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