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N.H. patrol boats to get voice activation system



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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. --New Hampshire's Marine Patrol soon will equip its Seacoast vessels with voice activated technology.

The technology already is being used by police officers across the state to work lights, sirens, radar, video and other commands orally. The state now wants to apply the technology to boats patrolling Portsmouth Harbor.

The University of New Hampshire developed the technology with \$4 million from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Putting the technology on a patrol boat will test its ability to work in a salt water environment. If the test is successful, UNH hopes to persuade the Coast Guard to use it.

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