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DARPA Announces the Results from the Second Day of Grand Challenge QID

The Red Team Completes Run of Qualifying Course

Fontana, CA – Carnegie Mellon’s Red Team completed a run of the Qualification, Inspection and Demonstration (QID) course for the DARPA Grand Challenge highlighting the second day of the QID at California Speedway in Fontana, CA. A total of nine teams attempted the QID course today.

“We had a very exciting day with the Red Team being the first group to complete the course,” said Colonel Jose Negron, DARPA Grand Challenge Program Manager. “We streamlined some of our procedures and allowed the teams extra practice time on the track. The excitement is building as more teams move positively forward to Saturday’s Challenge.”

The results of the attempts of today’s group break down as follows:

- The Red Team completed the course.
- Axion, The Golem, Rover Systems, SciAutonics I, SciAutonics II, Team ENSCO, Team Terrahawk and TerraMax all partially completed the course before stopping.
- The Blue Team, Team LoGHIQ and Virginia Tech passed on their turns but will take them later in the week.

Teams were allowed practice time on the qualifying course before their official attempt to make the final field for Saturday’s Grand Challenge. The remaining two days of the QID will allow teams to make additional attempts to complete the 1.36 mile test course.

“We are very pleased that the qualifying course we built at the Speedway is providing the exact results we all have been looking for from the QID,” commented Sal Fish, CEO/President of SCORE International, which is providing route development and logistics for the Challenge.

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