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**GIS as Business Intelligence  
Tool to Improve Emergency  
Operations and Communication**

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# Aurecon

## Market Sector and Footprint

- Advisory and Management Consulting
- Buildings and Property
- Community Infrastructure
- Defence
- Education and Training
- Energy
- Environment
- Health
- Integrated Communications Technology
- Industrial
- International Development Assistance
- Local Government
- Mining and Metals
- Oil and Gas
- Telecommunication
- Transportation
- Water



# Introduction

## The Environment and Ambulance Service Objective

- Ambulance Services Implemented a Call Taking and Dispatch System
- Five years of data available for analysis
- Continuous improvement to achieve Key Performance Indicators
- Response Times is a key objective

# Introduction

A need identified as part of our Continuous Service Improvement

- Ambulance service has limited resources available
- Not able to achieve desired response times
- Requirements for improvement
  - More accurate and up to date incident status
  - Vehicle location information
  - Deploy resources more appropriately
  - Plan routes more effectively
- Improvement initiative identified to investigate further

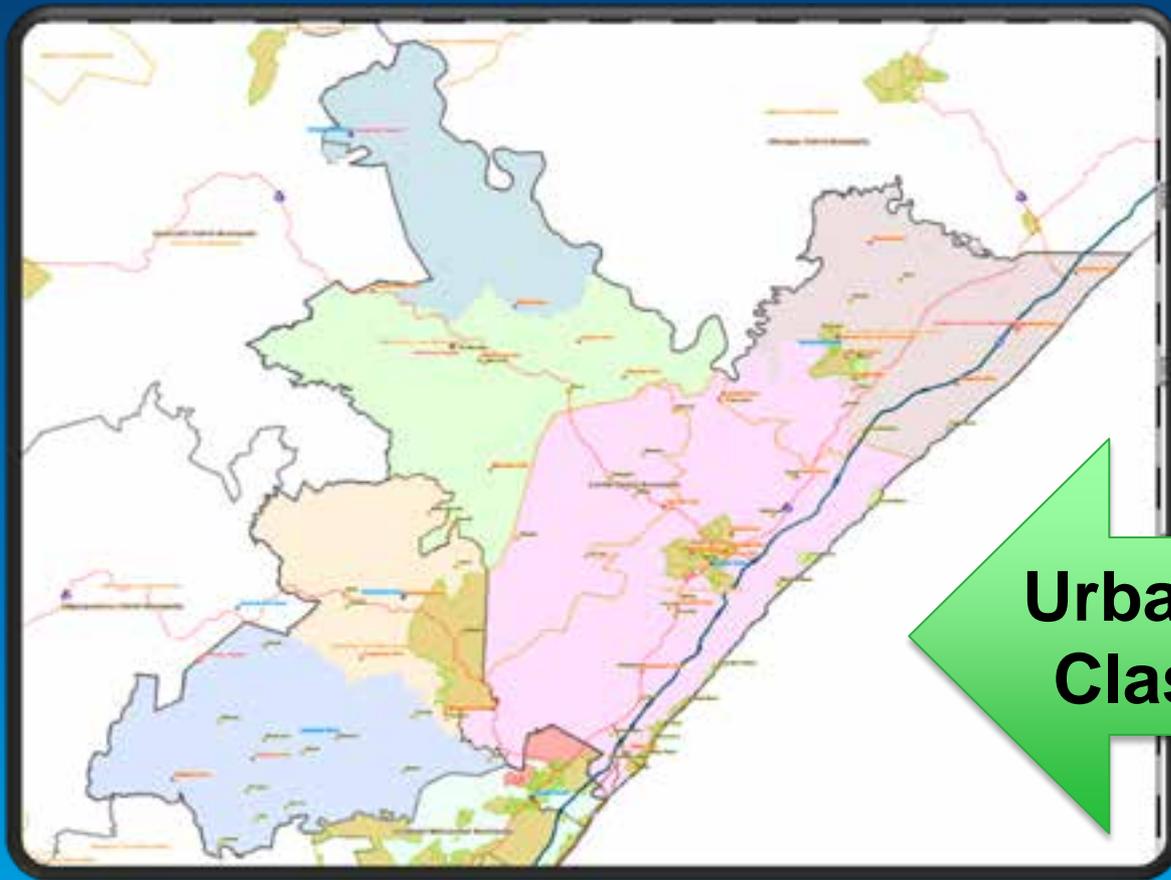
# Introduction

## The Analysis Approach

- More accurate and up to date incident status
  - Analyse the communication gaps
- Vehicle location information
  - Vehicle movement analysis
- Deploy resources more appropriately
  - Incident Hotspot Analysis
- Plan routes more effectively
  - Preferred routes analysis
- Need to implement GIS as a Business Intelligence Tool

# GIS as a Business Intelligence Tool

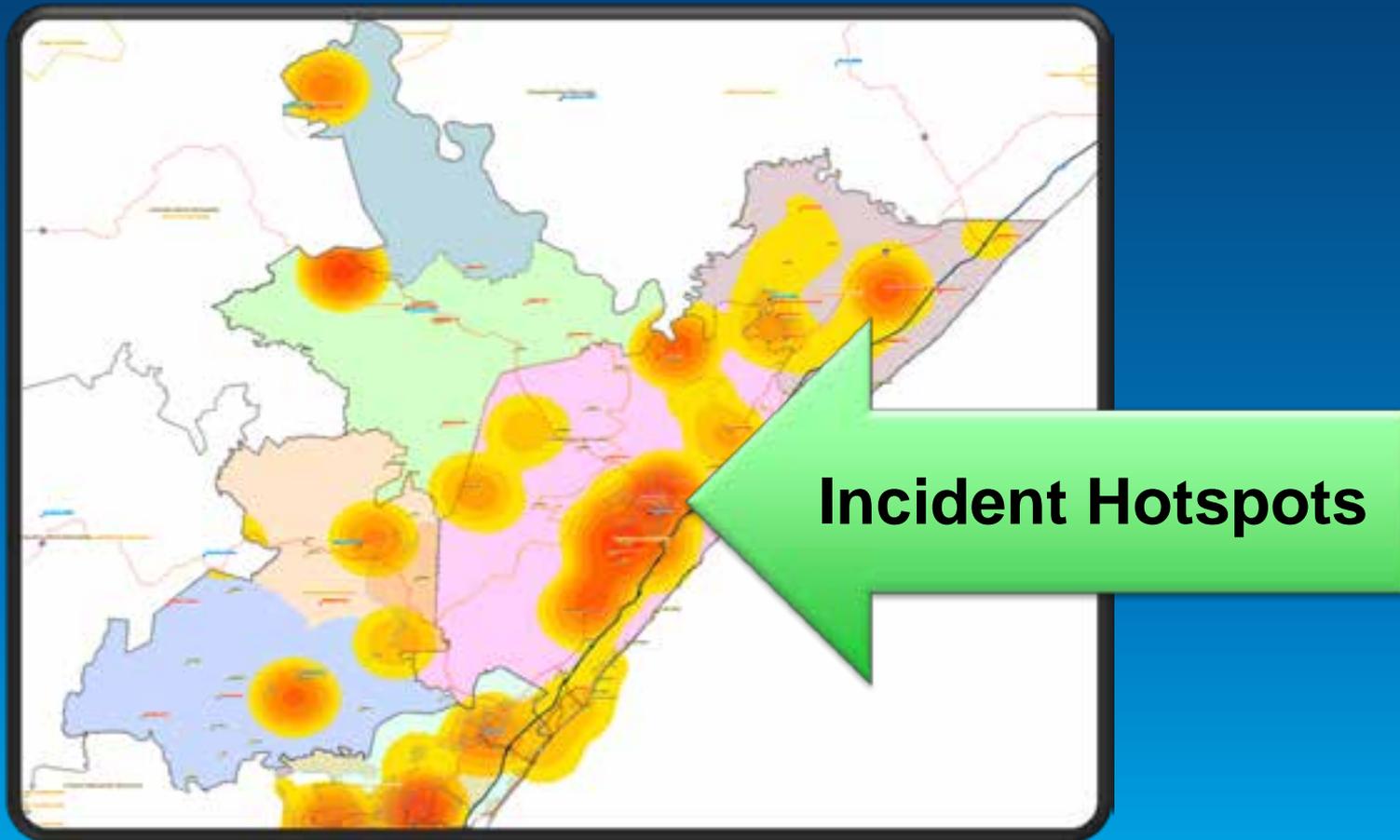
Area Classification : Urban areas require faster response times



**Urban vs Rural  
Classification**

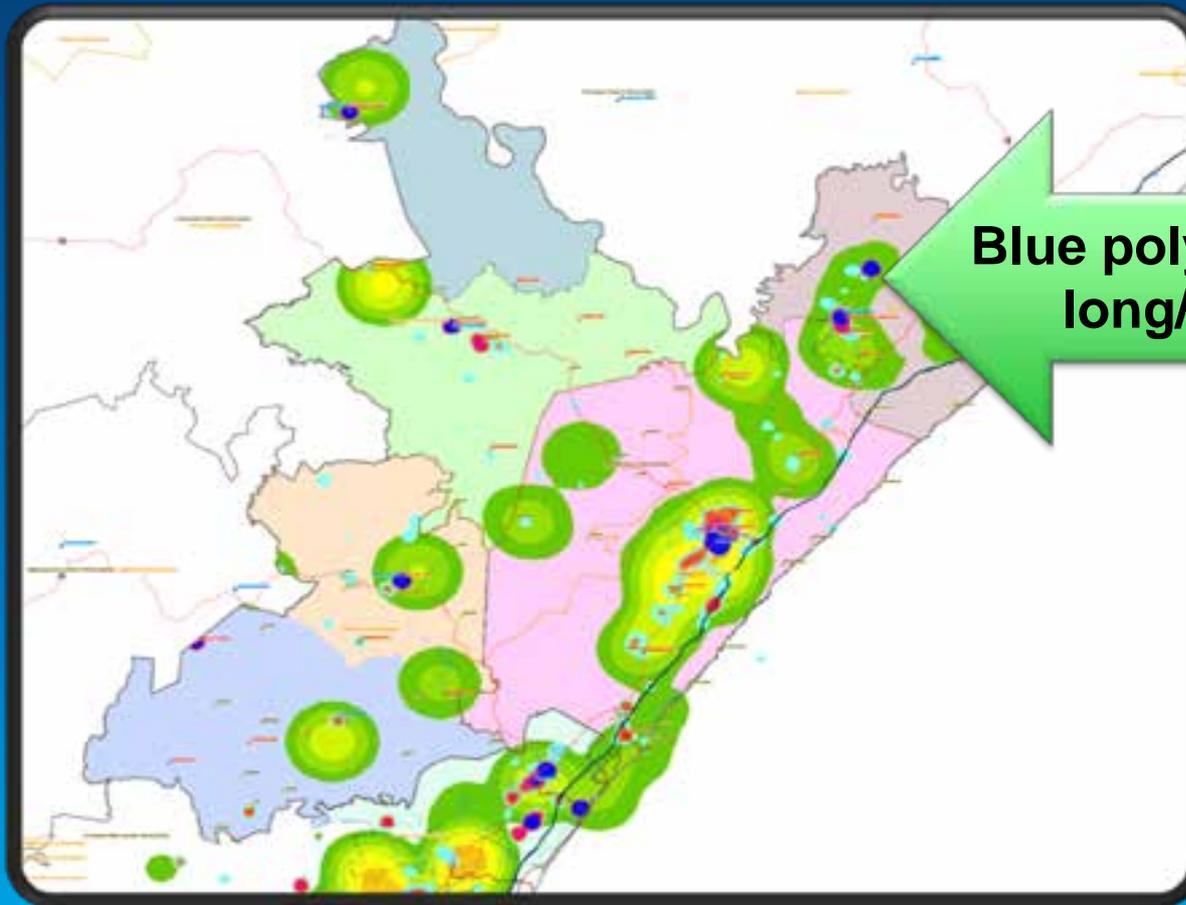
# GIS as a Business Intelligence Tool

Incident Hotspot Identification using Kernel Density



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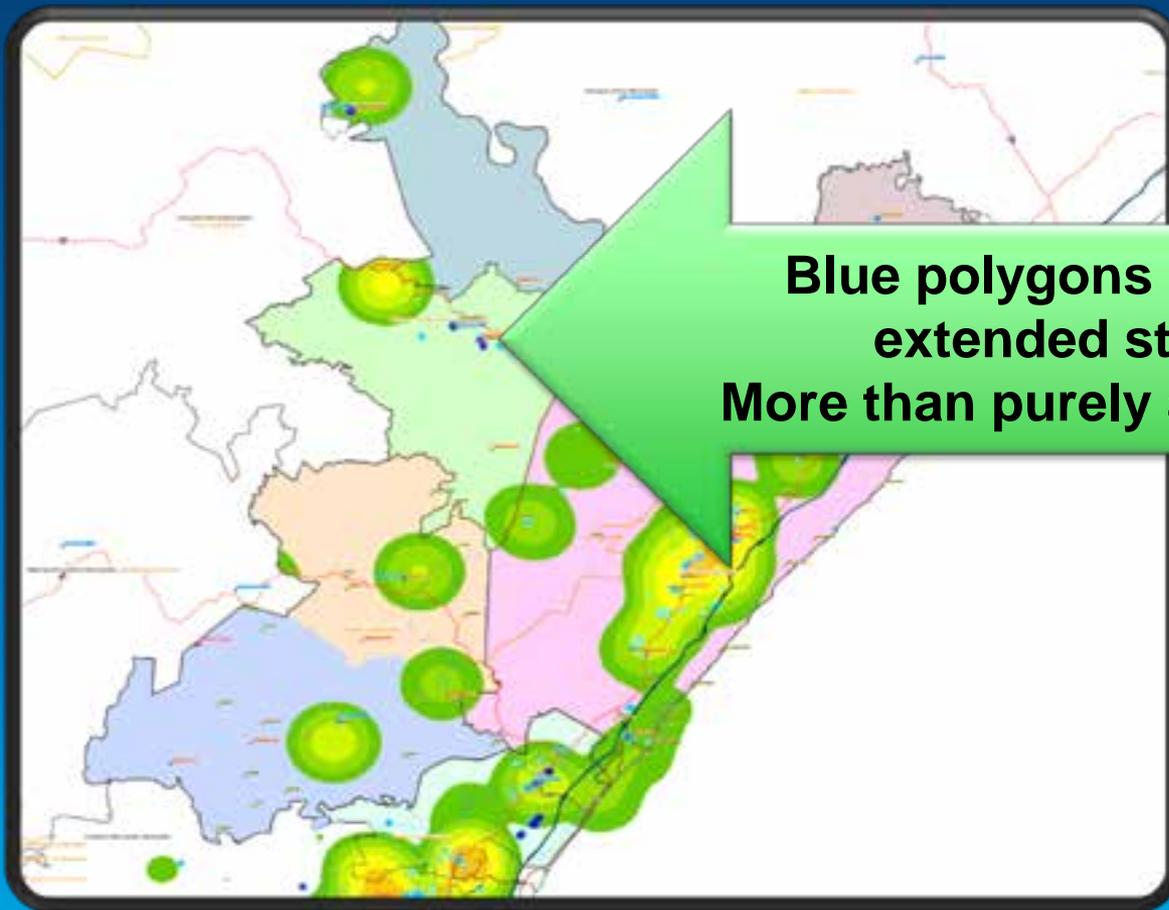
Vehicle Movement Analysis : Parked for >5min



**Blue polygons indicate long/often stops**

# GIS as a Business Intelligence Tool

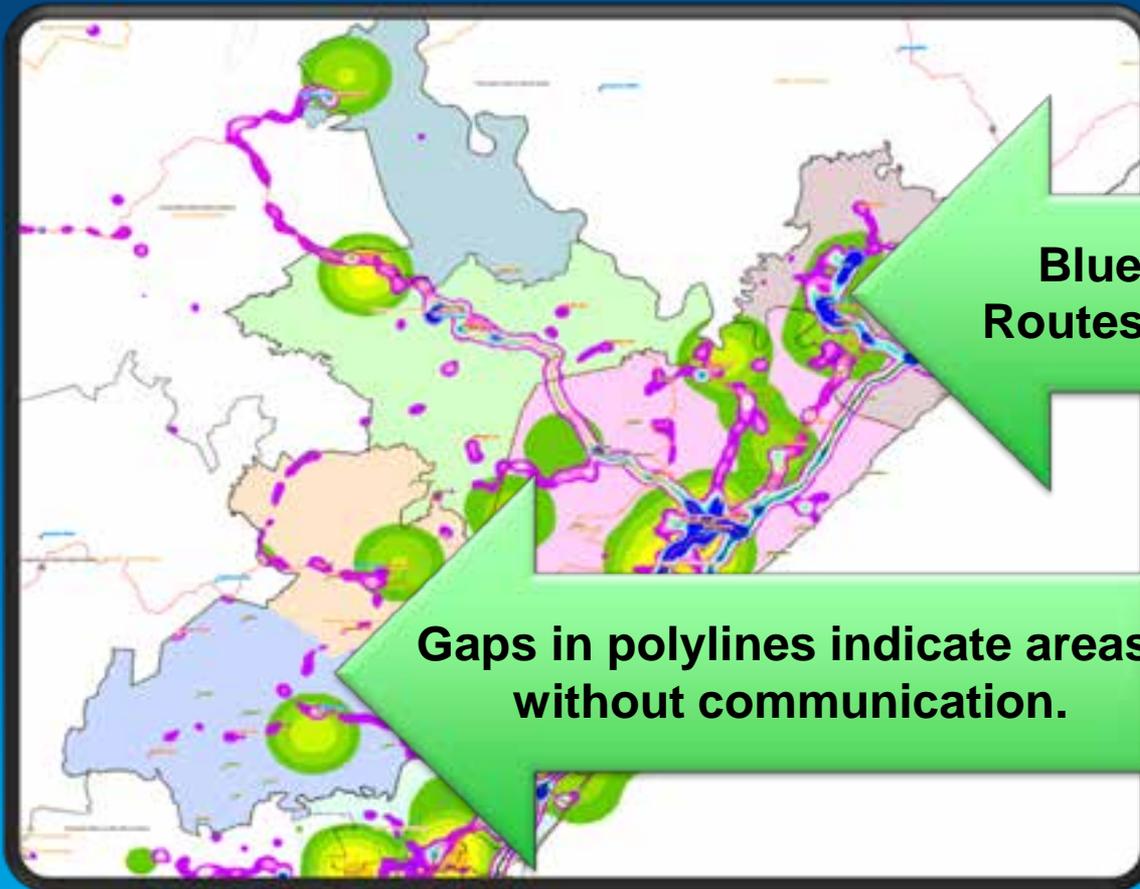
Vehicle Movement Analysis : Parked for >30min



**Blue polygons indicate  
extended stops.  
More than purely a response**

# GIS as a Business Intelligence Tool

Vehicle Movement Analysis : Preferred routes and Areas without communication



**Blue polylines indicate  
Routes most often travelled.**

**Gaps in polylines indicate areas  
without communication.**

# Results and Findings

## Benefits

- Overlaid data from multiple specialized systems
- GIS was used as Business Tool to:
  - Identify preferred routes to assist with future route planning
  - Identify hotspots to deploy additional resources
  - Identify possible areas where vehicle take extended breaks
  - Use analysis as the base for improving communication
- All to ultimately improve the ambulance services operations

# Conclusion

- This can help any service to better plan the spatial deployment of their resources.
- You can monitor the routes most often travelled by your vehicles and areas where they idle or stand still for extended periods.
- GIS can assist as a Business Intelligence Tool to provide valuable management information

# End

- Thank you for your time!
- Questions?