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Drivers with Small Children Buckle Up with Tighter Laws for the Fourth of July Holiday

A new Minnesota state law was passed to better ensure the safety of children in cars by issuing stricter standards with booster seats. To keep drivers abreast of the latest news, CarWizard.com has compiled a list of items drivers with small children should be aware of when buckling up.

Minneapolis, Minn. (PRWEB) July 3, 2009 -- The new Minnesota state law requires child passengers under the age of 8 or shorter than 4 foot 9 inches tall to be fastened in a child safety seat or booster seat. However, experts recommend parents follow the height requirements rather than the age requirement to better ensure child safety. To keep drivers aware of details relating to this new law, the website CarWizard.com has compiled important facts.

Although that state of Minnesota has recently had this law go into effect, there are several other states that have similar laws. Several [automobile insurance](#) websites can be found that offer such information in addition to ways to find cheap automobile insurance and complete coverage for [vehicle insurance](#).

This law was passed and has gone into effect because poor fitting seatbelts can contribute to serious injury or death in children. This can include ejection, internal decapitation and serious abdominal damage. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the leading cause of death for children ages 4 to 16 are motor vehicle accidents. The same institution recommends a booster seat that raises children until they are between the ages of 8 to 12 and are at least 4 foot 9 inches tall.

Adult seat belts do not fit properly for children who are shorter than the recommended height, as seat belts should fit low and snug across the hips and the shoulder belt should fit snug across the middle of the chest. A booster seat makes this ideal fit more suitable for the size of a child.

A recent national study by the American Medical Association and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia found that children ages 4 to 7 involved in car crashes using booster seats sustained no abdominal or neck injuries. In addition, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia also found that children in the same age group who were in booster seats reduced the risk of injury by 59% as compared to those in seat belts alone.

In addition to booster seats, another way to protect children is to ensure they are properly covered by the family automobile insurance plan. Due to the difficult economy, many families are cutting back on expenses, and vehicle insurance tends to be one of the first to go. However, to make sure a family is cared for physically and financially, car insurance is a must. Drivers can find [cheap automobile insurance](#) by shopping around and comparing car insurance prices.

About CarWizard.com:

CarWizard.com specializes in providing cheap automobile insurance quotes to consumers shopping for vehicle insurance. It offer a quick and easy way for automobile insurance shoppers to find the cheapest car insurance quotes.



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29 Candles on the Cake: McGruff the Crime Dog Celebrates a Special Birthday

McGruff the Crime Dog turns 29 years young today. Since his debut in 1980, the beloved icon of the National Crime Prevention Council has helped people "Take A Bite Out Of Crime."

Arlington, VA (Vocus) July 1, 2009 -- McGruff the Crime Dog turns 29 years young today. Since his debut in 1980, the beloved icon of the National Crime Prevention Council has helped people "Take A Bite Out Of Crime."

In his 29 years, McGruff has become a part of America's fabric. And McGruff isn't slowing down. This year he has launched a new set of crime prevention messages that talk about such issues as preventing gangs, reducing vacant property crime caused by the foreclosure crisis, and preventing cyberbullying. Naturally, he is continuing to emphasize the need to protect children and youth. The Crime Dog is also gearing up to make hundreds of appearances across the country as part of the second annual Celebrate Safe Communities initiative, which will kick off NCPC's National Crime Prevention Month in October. Celebrate Safe Communities is a partnership of NCPC and the National Sheriffs' Association that is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice.

McGruff's legacy began when his first television commercial said, "You don't know me ... yet. But you will." Since then, McGruff the Crime Dog has taught millions of people that the police can't prevent crime alone. Over the years, McGruff has made thousands of appearances at community and school events and on radio and television. Along the way, he has enlisted celebrities including the late [Ed McMahon](#) to appear in his public education campaigns. His messages have garnered more than \$1.5 billion in donated advertising time. While he still presents tips about how individuals and families can stay safe from crime, he also champions such 21st century issues as protecting children and adults from such emerging crimes as school safety, cyber crimes, and identity theft.

For more information on how to get involved or support crime prevention programs in your community, visit www.ncpc.org.

About the National Crime Prevention Council

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is a private, nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to be the nation's leader in helping people keep themselves, their families, and their communities safe from crime. NCPC manages public service advertising under the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign--symbolized by McGruff the Crime Dog® and his "Take A Bite Out Of Crime®" slogan--and acts as secretariat for the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, more than 400 national, federal, state, and local organizations representing thousands of constituents who are committed to preventing crime. NCPC is funded through a variety of government agencies, corporate and private foundations, and donations from private individuals. For more information on crime prevention issues, visit www.ncpc.org.

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Digital Solutions / Inmate Telephone, Inc. Adds Online Account Registration

DSI / ITI provide online account registration to alleviate high call volume and to reduce wait times for inmate family and friends.

Altoona, Pennsylvania (Vocus) July 2, 2009 -- Digital Solutions / Inmate Telephone, Inc. today announced that inmate families and friends no longer have to wait for a phone call from an inmate to initiate a phone account.

Friends and family members of inmates can now visit the Inmate Telephone, Inc. web site (<http://www.inmatetelephone.com>) to set up accounts directly, without having to receive an initial phone call from an inmate and without speaking to a customer service representative.

Families and friends of inmates housed in facilities with phones provided by Inmate Telephone, Inc. can now take advantage of these key benefits when accessing or creating an account online:

- * No need to wait for an initial call by an inmate to open an account
- * 24/7 account creation and access
- * Payments may be made online to an inmate's phone account

"Inmate Telephone, Inc. has been experiencing a lot of growth over the last several months due to the popularity of our Offender Communications System and it has increased our hold times for callers," explained Matt Caesar, Chief of Product Development for DSI / ITI. "As a result, we had to look for a way to provide the high quality service we are known for to a larger audience and do it quickly. This change (online registration) will allow us to better serve inmates and their families and that's really what we want to do!"

Company sources have indicated that the new online registrations will have other benefits as well. "Now you can register and talk to your loved one much faster- we have expanded our capabilities beyond the current customer service hours," said Caesar. "Online registration makes it possible to speak to an inmate arraigned over a weekend and makes it more convenient for families to create accounts and add money onto phone accounts."

"We're constantly working on enhancements to improve the customer experience," continued Caesar. "Right now we're planning to launch a new portal on July 8 for inmate families that will offer even more online services."

Those interested in learning more about inmate telephone services may visit Digital Solutions / Inmate Telephone, Inc. at <http://www.dsiti.com>, or contact DSI / ITI by calling (888) 222-3081.

About Digital Solutions / Inmate Telephone, Inc.

Established in 1984 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Digital Solutions Incorporated (DSI) is a privately held technology company that specializes in automating corrections agencies. Its sister company, Inmate Telephone Incorporated (ITI), was founded in 1994 to create and maintain state-of-the-art inmate phone systems for correctional facilities.



More than twenty years of successful implementations in over four hundred agencies has enabled DSI / ITI to become the leading provider of software solutions to the corrections industry. The company attributes much of their success to the practice of involving users in the design phases of the application development process - input that is critical in enabling the company to continually improve, while building a sense of ownership among the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit <http://www.dsiiti.com>

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Global IT Failure Could Cost More than Kobe Quake, FIRST Experts Warned

Sabotage or failure on just one computer system could bring down the world information network in a disaster inflicting more damage than the Kobe earthquake, security experts learned today at their annual conference. They also heard how vulnerable the IT infrastructure is - and how thwarted attacks on the Beijing Olympics showed the determination of cyber criminals.

Kyoto, Japan (PRWEB) July 2, 2009 -- The collapse of a single computer system could trigger a catastrophe on the world information network more devastating in its economic consequences than the Kobe Earthquake, a senior executive of the West Japan Railway Company warned today at the 21st annual conference of FIRST, the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams.

Mr Takayuki Sasaki, Vice Chairman and Representative Director of JR West, JP, was delivering the keynote speech to delegates at the Granvia Hotel, Kyoto.

Addressing the conference theme - "Aftermath: the Crafts and Lessons of Incident Recovery" - Mr Sasaki described how JR West restored its services following the earthquake in 1995, which inflicted 100-trillion Yen (US\$1-trillion) of damage, and said: "During the post-quake period we have witnessed great progress in the IT industry. As a result, we now face a new challenge of globalization. When a computer system in a certain place fails because of a natural disaster or a virus, the damage may develop into a global issue and generate a bigger loss than that of the great Hanshin Awaji [Kobe] Earthquake."

The exposure of information networks to catastrophe was highlighted in a speech to the conference by Peter Allor, program manager for cyber incident and vulnerability handling at IBM, who is a FIRST steering committee member and the Forum's conference liaison.

Declaring that "we're in a world of information warfare, and it's time to start thinking differently about security," he said: "Hackers are no longer blasting out far-reaching worms. They are quietly targeting government, financial and communications networks, as well as the backend networks that control our power, oil, gas, manufacturing, water and transportation systems."

At a time when organisations were dispersing their operations locally, nationally and internationally, and linking them all together with IT networks, "the entire grid needs security enforcement at multiple points."

He continued: "Your headquarters may be secure as a fort, but if somewhere out there you've got a remote location with a weak lock, and inside it a PC with a password taped to its side - and this happens - then the whole organisational network can be compromised, corrupted, held to ransom or destroyed."

Just how attractive a target information networks are to cyber criminals and vandals - particularly when associated with high profile organisations or events - was demonstrated in a presentation by Yonglin Zhou, from the computer emergency response team coordination centre (CNCERT/CC) of the People's Republic of China.

He reported on his and other IT security teams' protection of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, where 10,000 computers were deployed between 66 venues, many wirelessly connected.

The number of computers in China infected with Trojan viruses - which enable remote control by criminals without the owners' knowledge - rose from 35,000 in April 2008 to 67,000 in May and to a peak of 160,000 in June.

"All the indications suggested that criminals were planning a major attack," he said. Security counter measures brought the number infected down to 33,000 before the games started in August, and prevented any attacks at all from succeeding.

Takayuki Sasaki, who was Finance Director of JR West at the time of the Kobe earthquake and experienced the disaster first hand, described FIRST's task as "the very important issue of large scale earthquake prevention in the global information and telecommunication network," and praised members for their "remarkable endeavor and initiative."

He told his audience that before the Kobe catastrophe struck "there was a kind of optimistic view in Japan. People were saying we would be okay if there was an earthquake. Later that optimism was proven to be groundless."

In the event more than 6,000 people died as 250,000 houses and other buildings were destroyed, and 460,000 households were affected. Critical infrastructure was ruined, and damage knocked out 70 per cent of railway services, wrecking bridges, stations and rails. The cost to JR West alone was 100-billion Yen (US\$1-billion).

But in a remarkable turnaround, 80 per cent of services were restored within a month, an achievement Mr Sasaki attributed to teamwork, team-spirit, and rapid decision-making, rapidly executed.

He said the crucial lessons learned, which could be applied before other disasters, were three: early risk detection and mitigation, identifying and reinforcing weak points, and preparing backup facilities - "proactive measures to secure an alternative control centre are indispensable."

Special podcasts recorded by Mr Sasaki and other speakers at the FIRST conference, some in Japanese and English, can be heard at <http://www.first.org/conference/2009/podcasts/>

Nearly 400 delegates from 52 countries - the highest number ever - are attending this year's FIRST conference. That includes 93 from Japan and 16 from the People's Republic of China - the most to date from each country - as well as 66 from the USA, 18 from Germany and 17 from the United Kingdom.

Founded in 1990, FIRST consists of internet emergency response teams from more than 200 corporations, government bodies, universities and other institutions from the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. It leads the world's fight-back against cyber-crime, sabotage and terrorism, and promotes co-operation between response teams and law enforcement agencies.

Read more about the FIRST Kyoto Conference at
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Executive Games Could Help Stem Cybercrime, FIRST Experts Told

Corporate executives who find it hard to get their minds round complex IT threats should play special computer games to help them visualise the severity of the problem, a Japanese government adviser has told members of FIRST, the world's leading cyber security experts, at their conference in Kyoto.

Kyoto, Japan (PRWEB) July 1, 2009 -- Senior executives should play special computer games and watch animations to help them understand the scale of the threat from cyber-crime and win their support for improvements in security, one of Japan's top Internet protection experts said yesterday at the 21st annual conference of FIRST, the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams.

Dr Suguru Yamaguchi, member and adviser on information security at the Japanese Cabinet Office National Information Security Centre, was giving the opening keynote address at the five-day conference, which got underway at the Hotel Granvia, Kyoto.

"We need to find ways to help corporate executives actually to visualize what goes on when a computer network is under attack," he said. "Just explaining in words isn't enough - the words are too dense, too technical - what we should do is design special games and animations which will bring the severity of current threats vividly alive in the executives' imaginations."

He hoped that visualizations would convince corporate chiefs of the need to reverse the current slowdown in commitment to computer security. "We have to have an approach which is easy to understand while getting the serious message across," he continued.

"Because of the economic crisis there is now less investment in information systems and security management, and fewer staff are being employed in these crucial areas. But at the same time there is a non-stop, almost daily improvement in the quality and sophistication of attacks and the cunning of attackers."

Dr Yamaguchi illustrated the devastating potential of successful attacks with statistics showing that corporate victims could see sales fall by up to 50 per cent in the six years following online criminal intrusion - and in some cases they might go out of business altogether.

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"We're bowled over by this year's turnout," said conference chair Mick Creane. "After all, there were plenty of reasons not to attend - first the economic downturn, and then the swine flu. But the fact that so many people from all over the world have made the effort to come - or been asked to come by their employers - shows how critically



important the issue of Internet security is today.

This year's conference, hosted by JPCERTCC (Japan) has also attracted a record number of 21 sponsors, including Interpol, Cisco Systems, Sun Microsystems, Google, BT, and Hitachi and a record level of sponsorship investment.

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Investigating Forensic Science Careers on All Criminal Justice Schools

Leading criminal justice directory launches forensic science career guide for prospective forensics students.

Seattle, Washington (PRWEB) July 1, 2009 - Thanks to popular shows like CSI: and Law and Order, the art of evaluating crime-scene evidence has entered the mainstream. With criminal evidence coming from fields as varied as computers, ballistics, forensic pathology and DNA analysis, forensic science helps law enforcement agents find and arrest felons--or helps the legal system acquit the wrongly accused. Many facets of this career are explored in a new [Forensic Science Career Guide](#) from All Criminal Justice Schools.

"People considering a career in forensics will appreciate this information about salaries, job opportunities and education requirements," says Reen Payne, Editorial Manager for All Star Directories, which publishes All Criminal Justice Schools. "This guide provides valuable insight into forensic science, including the subfields of [computer forensics](#), [forensic psychology](#) and [DNA and fingerprint analysis](#). Our interview with forensic scientist, Michael Howard, reveals misconceptions about the job. The resource guide also includes a fascinating story on the '[Body Farm](#),' where forensic pathologists study the decay of the human body to uncover the mysteries it conceals."

Everyone interested in forensic science will want to read the new forensics career information on All Criminal Justice Schools. With a wide variety of careers options in forensics, this "investigation" into education and career opportunities offers students the guidance they need to make the best choices for them.

About All Criminal Justice Schools

All Criminal Justice Schools is an Internet site dedicated to helping people interested in legal and criminal justice careers find the training they need to succeed in their careers. Users can search for schools, get information about criminal justice and paralegal training, and read articles about the careers that interest them most.

About All Star Directories

All Star Directories, Inc. is one of the Internet's fastest growing publishers of online school directories matching millions of highly qualified prospective students with the schools that best meet their educational needs. Recently, Inc. magazine ranked All Star among the fastest growing companies in the country, and the Puget Sound Business Journal has recognized the company as one of Washington state's fastest growing companies for five consecutive years.

From leading research institutions to fast-growing online and for-profit schools, nearly 6,000 featured schools trust All Star Directories as the authority in online student recruitment. The All Star network of sites focuses on a wide range of fields including All Allied Health Schools, All Art Schools, All Business Schools, All Education Schools, All Psychology Schools, All Computer Schools and All Nursing Schools. Please visit www.allstardirectories.com, or call 1-206-436-7548 for more information.



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Award Winning Safety Education Provider Expanding In United States and Canada

Community Safety Net, a leading provider of educational [safety](#) resources for children, is once again expanding its reach to help protect young people across the United States and Canada. The company has already provided its innovative [safety](#) materials to more than 3 million children across North America, and is currently focusing its efforts on the American Midwest.

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Community Safety Net (CSN) is a family-run, values-oriented company that produces a series of highly regarded safety resources created especially for kids and their families. CSN is currently being led by National Safety Director Corey DesJarlais, who has recently acquired the business from Gateway Group of Companies, which was founded by the late William DesJarlais in 1965.

In recent years, Community Safety Net has enhanced its educational offerings through multimedia technology, producing a series of four interactive DVDs that integrate with printed materials from CSN's [safety](#) library. Three of the four DVDs — on the topics of Fire Safety, Personal Safety, and Rural Safety — have been recognized for excellence at the Summit International Awards Creative competition (Educational Video category).

“At CSN, our mission is to protect kids for LIFE,” says Corey DesJarlais, National Safety Director of Community Safety Net. “Our award-winning materials have been proven to help protect children from harm, while educating parents and guardians on a variety of safety topics. I look forward to leading CSN to new heights, as we expand our reach to communities across North America, and growing the number of kids whose lives we can positively impact through our high quality [safety](#) resources.”

CSN works with communities across the United States and Canada to provide children with educational [safety](#) resources. CSN's mission is "Protecting kids for LIFE". For more information, visit www.communitysafetynet.com.

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Only Secure U.S. Legal Transcriptions Provider - LegaLock - Ready to Help Government Agencies Comply with Federal IT Security Standards

LegaLock's one-of-a-kind, secure legal transcription solution is now available to combat non-compliant practices and protect sensitive federal legal data. LegaLock Secure Transcriptions, the nation's only provider of a secure transcription solution that aligns with federal IT security standards, today warned government agencies about the risks of leaving sensitive but unclassified (SBU) federal interviews and testimonies unprotected while being transcribed.

Washington (PRWEB) July 1, 2009 -- LegaLock Secure Transcriptions ([LegaLock](#)), the nation's only provider of a secure transcription solution that aligns with [federal IT security standards](#), today warned government agencies about the risks of leaving sensitive but unclassified (SBU) federal interviews and testimonies unprotected while being transcribed.

LegaLock launched its [secure transcriptions service](#) in response to federal mandates that require encryption of all SBU data on mobile devices and prohibit transmission of this data to non-secure commercial IT systems. Prior to LegaLock's availability, no other transcription service offered this level of secure service and many federal CIOs waived the IT security protections to avoid backlogs, longer transcription processing times and increased expenses. The LegaLock solution offers a way to deliver both expedient and secure transcriptions.

"As a majority of all federal law enforcement and legal interviews and testimonies containing SBU are currently being sent over the open Internet and processed on unprotected home computers and commercial networks, government agencies are likely putting witnesses, undercover agents--and ultimately, the nation's security--at risk," said Earl Hicks Jr., LegaLock's founder and CEO and a former 17-year senior Department of Justice security official. "We urge all government officials to choose compliance over convenience, as there is now a way to protect their on-the-record federal agents and constituents from unnecessary exposure."

LegaLock's solution utilizes server-based, FISMA-compliant and government-audited IT systems, a patented secure web portal, a federally approved IT facility, and a virtual private network for remote connections. In addition, all transcribers perform work on LegaLock-owned laptops that access and edit information but cannot download or store data.

LegaLock is the first commercial transcription service authorized to process, store and transmit SBU government data in full compliance with all related standards, specifically the President's Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Memorandum 06-16, known as the "remote data encryption mandate" (OMB 06-16), FISMA and NIST 800-series standards. These policies require government agencies and all parties engaged in federal litigation to encrypt all sensitive data on mobile devices and prohibit the electronic transmission of sensitive data over the open Internet and to unsecured commercial networks and home computers.

About LegaLock Secure Transcriptions

LegaLock (www.legalocksolutions.com), established in 2009 as LegaLock Secure Transcriptions, LLC, by former federal security official Earl Hicks Jr., provides the first secure legal transcription solution that complies



with tightened federal IT policies requiring encryption of sensitive data on mobile devices and processing on federally compliant IT systems. Headquartered in Glenwood, Md., near Washington, DC, LegaLock utilizes government-audited and approved IT systems, a patented secure web portal, a federally approved IT facility and a virtual private network for remote access. LegaLock's accurate and timely legal transcriptions meet the most rigorous security standards and serve a security gap in the federal law enforcement and litigation marketplaces.

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Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Demands Apology from Representative Duncan for Ignorant Remarks

Today, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association National President J. Adler denounced Representative John Duncan for his disparaging remarks made against the Federal Air Marshals Service (FAMS). During his demeaning comments delivered on June 19th, Representative Duncan referred to the FAMS as a "useless agency" (see his website article entitled "Duncan Blasts "Useless" Air Marshal Service"). He then further evidences his inability to grasp the importance of the FAMS' mission by asserting that it would be "a total waste" for the House to appropriate \$860 million to the FAMS.

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FLEOA takes strong exception to the faulty reasoning put forth by Rep Duncan. To wit, Rep Duncan attempts to undermine the critical role the FAMS' play in our nation's homeland security by belittling the number of arrests Air Marshals have made. What he fails to understand is that the Federal Air Marshals have been a formidable force for deterring violent crimes on airplanes. The low number of arrests is actually to their credit, and demonstrates the positive impact the FAMS have on air travel safety. Would Rep Duncan consider President Obama's Secret Service detail a failure if they didn't make more than four arrests in a year?

Contrary to Rep Duncan's misguided remarks, the dedicated men and women in the FAMS do not have "a cushy, easy job." They endure long, hard schedules, often traveling across country with minimal turnaround time. The job entails making continual threat assessments in a close quarter's environment, and requires superior firearm and defensive tactics skills. While the cockpit doors may be reinforced, who's protecting the American citizenry that's sitting in the cabin? In December 2005, when a passenger declared that he had a bomb on a plane in the Miami Airport, who responded to this imminent threat and protected American lives? Perhaps Rep Duncan might rethink his inflammatory comments since his constituents fly on the same planes our Air Marshals protect.

To support his deplorable position, Rep Duncan refers to comments made by a professor regarding the money our government has appropriated for homeland security. Perhaps, if Rep Duncan opted to consult with those who actually work in the real world, he might learn that there are viable threats being made against our homeland each day. The lessons of September 11th have shown that we cannot effectively manage by crisis. Proactive defensive measures require funding, and the Air Marshals risk their lives each day to ensure that Americans are kept safe during air travel.

According to FLEOA FAM Agency President Frank Terreri, "the FAMS are the frontline of defense to deter terrorists from hijacking American planes. There is no one with a big 'S' on their shirt that's going to come to the rescue in midair to protect American lives." We hope Rep Duncan won't have to experience a 9/11 predicament



in order to understand the error of his position. Should Rep Duncan be interested in learning about the severity of real air travel threats, FLEOA would be happy to enlighten him.

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (<http://www.fleoa.org>) is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association that exclusively represents federal law enforcement officers.

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Alluviam's HazMasterG3® Extends Lead in Home Made Explosives and CBRNE Decision Support and adds BlackBerry Interoperability

HazMasterG3, the only mobile DHS Certified Designated CBRNE/IED/HME Decision Support System adds key home made explosives, site exploitation, and full support for RIM's BlackBerry smartphones. Most comprehensive system available provides key capabilities and cross-platform support for a wide range of computers, handheld devices and smartphones.

Castro Valley, CA, (PRWEB) June 30, 2009 -- Alluviam today released HazMasterG3® version 13, with over 130,000+ CBRNE agents and trade names, key new Home Made Explosives (HME) capabilities, and support for Research In Motion's (RIM) BlackBerry platform - the only mobile CBRNE / IED / HME decision support system to provide full capability and interoperability on the BlackBerry. With the addition of advanced sensitive site exploitation capabilities, including clandestine lab identification tools, expanded improvised trigger identification capabilities and RC-IED threat range calculators, HazMasterG3® provides unprecedented capabilities to military units, federal, state and local authorities. Affirming HazMasterG3®'s unmatched capabilities are recent deployments by several US Military Joint Programs in response to validated urgent operational needs requirements to support U.S. and Multi-National Forces in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Recently deployed with the US Army's V Corps, HazMasterG3® delivers next-generation capability to conduct dismounted CBRNE reconnaissance. HazMasterG3® provides critical situational awareness for sensitive site exploitation, presumptive identification of a broad range of CBRNE hazards, home made explosives (HME) identification, processing and disposal and tactical force protection capabilities. HazMasterG3® delivers these capabilities in a small handheld package, meeting the urgent operational needs stated by the Corps and previously unavailable during dismounted operations.

Concurrently, HazMasterG3® has become a key component of joint DOD/DOJ sponsored advanced HME training for military and civilian technicians. HazMasterG3® provides analytical tools, key information and critical threat identification capabilities, integrated into a fast, easy-to-use handheld solution, critical for the identification, processing and disposal of HME. "We take a lot of pride knowing that operators forward deployed within Iraq and Afghanistan have been able to leverage the system to prosecute complex HME and CBRNE threats," stated Chris Miguel, Alluviam's CEO. HazMasterG3® has become the preferred CBRNE/IED/HME decision support system of choice for arson/bomb squads throughout the US, and supports Homeland Security Presidential Directive 19 for the prevention, detection and response to the terrorist use of explosives in the United States.

About Alluviam LLC

Founded in 2002, Alluviam LLC provides highly mobile, best-of-breed mission critical applications for field use. From terrorism to emergency response, Alluviam LLC delivers a range of high performance, mobile applications and OEM technologies that run on small embedded devices, handhelds, smart cell phones and desktop computers. HazMasterG3® and its associated patented technologies (Patent #7,542,991) have earned certification by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an Approved Product for Homeland Security and is designated as a Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology (QATT).



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Drexel University Launches an Online Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice

The new online bachelor's degree in criminal justice goes beyond the narrow "police science" focus.

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) June 30, 2009 -- [Drexel University Online](#), a pioneer in internet-based education programs, has launched a new Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

The new online [Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice](#) equips adult students with the fundamental skills, knowledge and competencies needed to become a criminal justice professional. This unique program draws on the strengths of a range of programs including philosophy, sociology, psychology, legal studies, political science, information science, chemistry, bioscience and biotechnology and computer science. The degree prepares students for a modern career in criminal justice, private security or within the legal profession. The new program can also lead to associated disciplines including forensic science and computer science.

Similar to Drexel's other online degree programs, this fully-accredited [Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice](#) is offered entirely online, and is intended for working professionals. Students will have 24/7 online access to class materials, group discussion, instructor feedback and exams. Drexel University Online programs offer the same accredited curricula as their on-campus equivalents and are competitive with other colleges, online and traditional.

"We're very proud to offer our students the outstanding Drexel curriculum within this convenient online format. All of our online programs, including our Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice are taught by the same world-renowned faculty as our on-campus courses," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director for Drexel University Online.

Applications for Drexel's [Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice](#) are now being accepted. For more information, visit Drexel's [online degree website](#), e-mail [info\(AT\)drexel.com](mailto:info(AT)drexel.com), or call (877) 215-0009.

About Drexel University Online:

Drexel University Online, winner of the 21st Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United States and abroad. Drexel University is continually ranked one of the best universities by U.S. News & World Report and enjoys regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996. Visit our website or blog to learn more about our programs and online learning.

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RoamZone Security Systems Introduces Breakthrough Technology to Provide Security Solutions Worldwide

Britt Bambic, founder and CEO of RoamZone Security Systems, today announced the update of the company's website (<http://roamzonesecuritysystems.com>), which features new information on The Beehive™, a breakthrough technology that signals a new approach to protecting facilities and equipment from terrorist attacks and other dangers to safety. A full-scale and fully functioning Beehive prototype is targeted for early 2010.

Boise, ID (PRWEB) June 30, 2009 -- Britt Bambic, founder and CEO of RoamZone Security Systems, today announced the update of the company's website (<http://roamzonesecuritysystems.com>), which features new information on The Beehive™, a breakthrough technology that signals a new approach to protecting facilities and equipment from terrorist attacks and other dangers to safety. A full-scale and fully functioning Beehive prototype is targeted for early 2010.

According to Bambic, "In the universe of international security systems, the Beehive™ is a truly "disruptive" technology. It will change the way airports, seaports, embassies and other facilities define a secure environment for years to come."

Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, when governments and private concerns began to reexamine various means of providing safety and security, effective solutions have been elusive. RoamZone's Beehive™ provides a solution that is an authentic game-changer.

The Beehive™ is a Modular Wireless Communications and Security platform that provides a turnkey solution utilizing hyperspectral imaging for automated security detection and tracking. The Beehive™ Network replaces man-powered security services (like TSA) by automating the scanning, detection, and tracking process and covering broader areas of concern.

It makes it possible for security personnel to avoid the use of politically charged, usually controversial programs like the "profiling" of potential terrorists because it is an essentially neutral, data-based information-gathering system.

The Beehive™ harnesses science and technology to enhance national security, international security, and the personal safety of individuals. In today's highly dangerous and complex environment of international terrorism and the need for heightened security, both governments and private institutions are charged with the necessity and responsibility to protect citizens and facilities necessary for travel, commerce, and manufacturing--and civilized society as we know it.

"The Beehive™ system," says Bambic, "provides the most effective and cost-efficient solution available in the security market. We have received considerable interest in our truly innovative solution from clients worldwide and from the U.S. government."

Here are some of the features that distinguish The Beehive™ from other firm attempting to provide security



solutions in today's complex security and safety environment:

- Real-time detection and identification of over 100 different hazardous substances, including all known explosive substances, at distances of up to 100 feet
- Real-time capability to tag and track vehicles, persons of interest in a crowd, at a checkpoint, or at a public event within the Beehive network
- Quick-release attachment system that allows easy installation and removal from any vehicle or mounting system for rapid deployment enabling the Beehive to be deployed anywhere
- Real-time audio and visual alert signals upon identification of a threat
- Real-time, exact identification and location of substances, persons of interest, or other threats displayed on the standard notebook control unit
- Recording and storage of all camera images for a time period identified by the customer
- Automatic Beehive-to-Beehive sharing and handoff within the Beehive system ensures that all Beehives within the operating area receive real time updates and alerts for a secured area

"Other security companies have their own hyperspectral products, but the Beehive offers advanced functionality and user-friendly design, says Bambic. "The Beehive™ system is undeniably revolutionary and is the most advanced security technology in the world."

Interest from U.S. Government agencies has been significant, following RoamZone's response to a DHS RFI in January 2009. Other parties have also expressed support for The Beehive™ System and expect to test the Beehive prototype, which will be available soon. Foreign governments have communicated considerable interest regarding deploying the Beehive™, where threats to secure facilities and equipment are particularly widespread, frequent and severe.

About RoamZone:

RoamZone Security Systems is a security technology company committed to the protection of people and institutions worldwide. RoamZone specializes in the development of detection technologies to prevent dangerous and elusive threats from becoming successful terrorist attacks. Our signature technology, The Beehive™, is a spectral camera-based installation that gathers and processes data in variety of high security military and civilian environments from airports to industrial facilities to provide the highest level of protection of life and property. The Beehive is designed to gather information that can discover the presence of explosives, plastic and metal weapons, and radioactive devices, such as dirty bombs and nuclear weapons so that authorities can effectively respond to the threats they pose.

For more information about The Beehive™, visit our website at <http://roamzonesecuritysystems.com>.

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INTERPOL and FIRST join Hands to Fight Cyber Crime

A law enforcement loophole through which cyber criminals have been escaping started to close today as international police and the world's leading forum of online security experts forged a new alliance.

Kyoto, Japan (PRWEB) -- INTERPOL today became the latest and biggest law enforcer to join FIRST, the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams, in the battle against cyber crime.

The global police network's membership of FIRST was announced at the Forum's 21st annual conference in Kyoto.

Noboru Nakatani, INTERPOL's Director of Information Systems and Technology, hailed the move as "one of the most important bridges we've ever built" bringing the chance at last to close a gap between forensic techniques through which criminals have been able to escape justice.

While computer emergency response teams almost always try to disable attacks immediately, without waiting to trace aggressors who can then move on to fresh targets, police forces have preferred to watch crimes develop, hoping to pick up a trail that will lead to detection and a successful prosecution.

But, said Derrick Scholl, chairman of the FIRST steering committee, the problem of that approach is that "probably in no other area of criminal activity is it so easy to lay a false trail."

He explained: "Criminals can remotely hijack innocent users' PCs and deploy them to hack, steal and sabotage while the PCs owners carry on at the keyboard completely oblivious to what's going on behind their screens. So the cops turn up at the wrong door only to find someone who's not guilty, just bewildered.

"Track the incident down finally to the criminals' PCs and they can make it look as if they themselves are the innocent victims of a hijacking by unknown villains in a remote hideaway."

Often the elusive nature of cyber felony and the geographical vagueness of its origins have deterred or prevented police from undertaking investigations.

INTERPOL and FIRST agree that neither approach is working satisfactorily - but meanwhile some sources estimate that the perpetrators of just one version of Internet crime, "phishing" scams which purloin bank details online, are now stealing upwards of US\$2-trillion a year.

Welcoming INTERPOL's admission as a member of FIRST, Mr Scholl went on: "This is the best chance we have of closing the gap. Having the biggest law enforcer on the planet on board with us is a great move forward.

"We've been wrestling with this problem now for three years, and at last here's a real opportunity to combine our efforts, set an agenda, and work to find a solution that gets criminals out of the virtual world and into the dock."

Vincent Danjean, INTERPOL Information Security Manager, addressed FIRST members today at their conference in the Hotel Granvia, Kyoto.

He said: "INTERPOL provides the secure global police communication system which connects all its 187 member countries virtually with each other: now FIRST will be able to make use of this formidable network." Meanwhile significant advances in the development of online detection programs were honored at the conference with awards jointly sponsored by FIRST and its affiliate and major conference sponsor CERT (computer emergency response team) Coordination Centre, the Software Engineering Institute CERT program in Pittsburgh, PA.

Thomas Grenman and his fellow team-members at CERT-FI (Finland) were awarded US\$2500 for their pioneering creation of Autoreporter, which keeps the Finnish network space secure, and US\$5000 was presented to Michael Scheck and fellow team members at Cisco CSIRT (computer security incident response team) who devised the groundbreaking Netflow system for incident detection.

Details and reports from both winners can be found at CERT CC's website, http://www.cert.org/csirts/national/contest_2009.html and on the FIRST website at <http://www.first.org/global/practices/>

Founded in 1990, FIRST consists of internet emergency response teams from more than 200 corporations, government bodies, universities and other institutions from the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. It leads the world's fight-back against cyber-crime, sabotage and terrorism, and promotes co-operation between response teams and law enforcement agencies.

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Read more about the FIRST Kyoto Conference at <http://www.first.org/conference/2009/>
Read more about FIRST at <http://www.first.org/> & <http://www.first.org/about/>

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LBA Introduces LTACT Tactical Communications Trailer

The versatile, new platform features a crank-up tower and temperature-controlled operations cabin that maximizes mobility and custom communications so emergency responses can be quick and effective.

Greenville, NC (PRWEB) June 30, 2009 -- The new LTACT tactical communications trailer by LBA Technology is designed as a versatile, budget-friendly mobile platform carrying a telescoping, storm-sturdy communications tower and an enclosed operations station. Custom configurable, a typical unit is the LTACT-28; it features a 48-foot crank-up tower that is self-supporting in winds of 70 mph. A wide variety of antennas, lights and cameras can be mounted. Outriggers stabilize the vehicle during deployment. A deck-mounted diesel-powered generator produces 10 KW of 120/240-volt AC power for more than 24 hours. The 28-foot-long 7,000-pound mobile unit rides on a stable quad-tire undercarriage.

The operations cabin contains 80 square feet of temperature-controlled workspace, configured as specified by the customer. LBA Technology can fully integrate and test each customer's preferred communications system.

Company Information:

LBA Technology is a leading manufacturer and integrator of radio frequency systems, components and test equipment for broadcast, industrial and government users worldwide. With Lawrence Behr Associates, Inc., the company is a unit of the LBA Group, Inc., which has over 40 years experience in providing support for infrastructure assets of the wireless telecommunications industry. The companies are based in Greenville, NC. More information about LTACT is available at <http://www.lbagroup.com/technology/ttsspage.php>

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Changes to Illinois DUI Laws Provide Harsher Penalties for Drunk Drivers

Illinois drunk driving laws have changed to provide harsher penalties for drunk drivers. There are new terms of license suspension The new Monitoring Device Driving Permit requires that drivers only drive a car equipped with a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device. Article provided by Michael T. Norris, Ltd. and John W. Callahan, Ltd. Visit us at www.chicagocriminallaw.com/

Chicago, Illinois (PRWEB) June 29, 2009 -- On January 1, 2009, Illinois laws governing drunk driving changed significantly. Generally these new laws provide harsher [penalties for drunk drivers](#). However, as with any legal development, the full consequences and concerns of these changes were not immediately clear.

Over the past six months, several issues with the changes to the laws have become apparent. Perhaps most notably the new laws are raising questions of interpretation regarding the meaning of the phrase "first offender" in the context of the automatic license suspension. Although this phrase may seem self-explanatory, its contextual usage gives rise to multiple possible interpretations.

Even though it doesn't seem intuitive, in the interest of fairness and reasonableness, and in accordance with the clear statutory language governing license suspensions, the term "first offender" should be defined to include anyone who has not received a DUI in the past five years.

To understand this interpretation of the term "first offender," one must understand the prior history of DUI laws in Illinois. When someone is [arrested for DUI in Illinois](#) or refuses to submit for chemical testing to evaluate blood alcohol content (BAC), that person is subject to an automatic license suspension -- a Statutory Summary Suspension.

The Former Terms of License Suspension

Under the prior laws, the Statutory Summary Suspension lasted three months for a [first offender](#) who submitted a BAC result > .08, and six months for someone who refused to submit to a chemical test. However, a first offender could request a judicial driving permit (JDP), which granted only limited driving privileges for employment, education and medical purposes.

For purposes of the license suspension, the Illinois Code provided that the term "first offender" meant any person who had not had a [driver's license suspension](#) for a drunk driving offense within five years prior to the date of the current offense. So, for example, if an individual had a DUI conviction 25 years earlier, that conviction would not bar the issuance of a JDP.

The New Terms of License Suspension

Under the new laws, the length of the Statutory Summary Suspension has increased; a person charged with drunk driving will lose his or her drivers' license for six months if he registered a BAC > .08, and a person who refuses to take a chemical test will lose driving privileges for a full year.

The JDP no longer exists; it has been replaced by a Monitoring Device Driving Permit (MDDP). The MDDP also provides driving privileges to eligible drivers, but this permit requires that the driver only drive a car equipped with a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID). Such a device requires the driver to submit to a breath test before the vehicle will start. The individual requesting the MDDP is responsible for the costs affiliated with the installation, rental and calibration of the BAIID, as well as the \$30 monthly monitoring fee.

Like the JDP, the MDDP is only available to first offenders. However, Illinois judges have not reached a consensus regarding the definition of first offender as it applies to the new laws. Some judges assert that the term should be defined with reference to offenses from the past five years, while others insist on the plain meaning of the phrase, only granting permits to those who have never been subject to a Statutory Summary Suspension.

Definition of "First Offenders" Should Only Consider Past Five Years

To determine whether an individual is a first offender for the purposes of license suspension, the court should only consider an individual's record from the past five years. If the person [requesting the MDDP](#) has not been subject to a drivers license suspension or convicted of DUI within five years, that individual should be eligible for the MDDP.

This interpretation is supported by the plain language of the Illinois Code. According to Section 11-500 of the Illinois Code:

""First offender" shall mean ...any person who has not had a driver's license suspension for violating Section 11-501.1 within 5 years prior to the date of the current offense."

Beyond the fact that the language is clear, though, this is a wise and well-considered policy decision. Depriving an individual of driving privileges can have significant ramifications. Without the ability to drive, a person may face restricted employment options or educational opportunities and is likely to be cut off from social support networks. Such a severe consequence now because an offense happened decades ago is not commensurate.

Because of the serious implications of a suspension, it should only be imposed when necessary to protect the safety of the driver and others on the roads. One presumption underlying the Statutory Summary Suspension is that a person who has driven while intoxicated is likely to do so again and that keeping the person off of the road will help to ensure public safety.

However, the BAIID is an equally effective protector of public safety. Rather than placing a general restriction on driving privileges, the device places a specific, technical restriction that will keep someone from driving under the influence.

Furthermore, if an individual received a DUI 30 years ago and is arrested again on suspicion of drunk driving, this hardly indicates a consistent pattern. Accordingly, the concerns for public safety are less warranted when the first offense was many years ago, than when the DUI involves a currently habitual drunk driver.



The availability of the MDDP is an implicit recognition that a complete suspension of driving privileges for six months creates significant hardship. Because of this hardship, it is important that the MDDP be granted whenever the public or the individual are not at risk of harm. For this reason, the courts should only consider the past five years of an individual's record when determining whether that person is eligible for the MDDP.

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ESS Announces Official Entry into AIRSOFT Market Dedicated Product Line and Website Facilitate Safer Eye Protection on the Airsoft Battlefield

Eye Safety Systems, Inc. (ESS) today officially announced its entry into the global Airsoft market. ESS, a leading manufacturer in ballistic eye protection for military, law enforcement and fire/rescue professionals worldwide, now offers a dedicated line of eye pro products specifically adapted for use on the Airsoft Battlefield. ESS timed the launch of its Airsoft-optimized product line to coincide with the unveiling of its dedicated Airsoft website, www.essairsoft.com, where these specialized products are now available for purchase.

Sun Valley, ID (PRWEB) June 29, 2009 -- Eye Safety Systems, Inc. (ESS) today officially announced its entry into the global Airsoft market, a tactical training exercise and modern combat sport in which spherical non-metallic rounds are fired from non-lethal weapons. ESS, a leading manufacturer in ballistic eye protection for military, law enforcement and fire/rescue professionals worldwide, now offers a dedicated line of eye pro products specifically adapted for use on the Airsoft Battlefield. ESS timed the launch of its Airsoft-optimized product line to coincide with the unveiling of its dedicated Airsoft website, www.essairsoft.com, where these specialized products are now available for purchase.

"For years, ESS eye pro has been saving eyes and lives on battlefields around the world," said Brian Ross, ESS Sr. VP Sales & Marketing. "ESS recognizes that although military goggles are built to withstand ballistic threats far greater than what is seen in Airsoft, Airsoft rounds pose a unique hazard that even military goggles are not designed to protect against. Because Airsoft rounds do not typically penetrate and embed in the skin, they can bounce and redirect in ways that shrapnel does not, including up and around a goggle frame. ESS believes the new ESS Airsoft product line to be the first and only authentic military eye pro system that provides both the impact protection and coverage necessary for proper eye safety on the Airsoft Battlefield."

Airsoft, whether for tactical training or recreation, is a dangerous activity, and eyes are perhaps the most vulnerable portion of the body. Although there is currently no official safety standard for Airsoft eye protection, the Airsoft community has traditionally focused primarily on the issue of impact resistance, loosely referencing the ANSI Z87.1 standard as the base level for safe Airsoft eye protection. However, this impact-only approach does not take into consideration the importance of coverage. While a sunglass can meet the ANSI standard, it leaves large areas around the lenses unprotected and vulnerable to a round passing directly, or indirectly, into the eye area. For this reason, ESS highly discourages the use of any sunglass or spectacle in Airsoft, as well as any other goggle that does not have an Airsoft adapter designed to provide additional coverage from Airsoft rounds.

The cornerstone of the new ESS Airsoft product line is the ESS Cortex Clip™, a rigid polycarbonate adapter that snaps onto the outside of ESS Profile™ Series goggles. This patent-pending attachment adapts to ESS Profile NVG™ and ESS Profile TurboFan™ goggles, adding essential coverage in the nose and lower cheek area to help prevent rounds from passing underneath the goggle frame and into the eye area. The ESS Profile Airsoft™ is an Airsoft-optimized configuration that features the Cortex Clip™ and foam-free vents for enhanced anti-fog performance at an affordable price.

Additional information about Airsoft eye protection and the new ESS Airsoft product line can be found at:



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Eltman, Eltman & Cooper's Judgment Enforcement Segment Maximizes Collections

Firm's Experienced Collectors, Including Many Former NYPD Officers, Get Results

New York, NY (PRWEB) June 28, 2009 -- [Eltman, Eltman & Cooper](#), a leading credit and collections law firm since 1947, has established itself as the country's leading judgment enforcement firm for the past decade. As a result of its judgment enforcement expertise, the firm also represents the answer to why creditors should segment their legal accounts.

Savvy creditors cut their debt pools into finer and finer segments to take advantage of the specialized collections practices specific to each segment in order to receive a higher netback. But many of these same creditors revert to an inefficient "one size fits all" approach when it comes to legal collections. Legal accounts are simply referred to law firms who are then expected to collect, litigate and enforce judgments regardless of whether or not they are equipped for judgment enforcement, and many are not.

This mass assignment of judgment accounts is the main reason that 80% of judgments go unpaid. Many good collection law firms lack the resources, manpower and focus to be effective in judgment enforcement. Using these local firms may be sufficient for general collections law but they lack the expertise necessary to enforce judgments. Contracting these firms for [judgment enforcement](#) is akin to using a general practitioner for brain surgery - he may be good at what he does but it's just not his specialty.

The [Eltman](#) firm has pioneered the national judgment enforcement segment. [Eltman](#) takes dormant judgments and applies sophisticated analytics derived from over 15 years in enforcing judgments to identify opportunities in the inventory. Accounts are then assigned to specially trained collectors to produce liquidations immediately. At the same time, Eltman's asset investigators - most of them ex-NYPD detectives, not skiptracers - search for employment information. When jobs or other assets are located, the accounts are sent for enforcement and supervised by segment managers who are experts in the various post-judgment processes around the country.

Eltman's approach produces both early liquidations and a long revenue tail from wage garnishment. In other words, "found money" that can start fast and last for years. So by simply including a judgment enforcement segment in their legal accounts, creditors can tap into the wealth hidden in their unpaid judgments. Eltman, Eltman & Cooper's judgment enforcement expertise will produce maximum collections on these judgment segments.

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Eltman, Eltman & Cooper PC

EEC was founded in 1947, the firm has been a leader in the credit and collections bar in the New York metropolitan area. Since 2003, it has broadened its scope to become a national presence. EEC's headquarters are in New York City and it manages a network of more than 50 other law firms practicing in some 30 states.

Compliance and Ethics



The firm employs a senior attorney to monitor its compliance with all legal requirements. Building on the principles of [The Eltman Way](#), this attorney supervises training the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) for all collection employees. This attorney also trains and instructs collectors on appropriate and professional conversations with debtors, monitors compliance and ethical matters, and is integral to the development and management of the firm's Hardship Program. Although our asset investigators leverage the investigative techniques used in previous law enforcement positions, our staff never represents itself as having any affiliation with any organization, law enforcement or otherwise, other than our own.

Eltman Eltman and Cooper is a member of the National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys (NARCA) and adheres strictly to NARCA's Ethical Aspirations. Eltman Eltman and Cooper is also believed to be the first credit and collections firm to launch a Philanthropy Department. In addition to its own programs, EEC has supported charities across the country, such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Susan G. Komen Foundation, HeartShare Human Services and the American Cancer Society.

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MEDS World, LLC Provides Multiple Environments with Designed Solutions - Wherever People Congregate, MEDS Odor Elimination Solutions Offer Eco-Friendly, Odor-Free Air

In 2008, Bruce Hecht and Chase Walker formed MEDS World, LLC, launching innovative odor elimination, exterior plastic trim and headlight restoration products to the Automotive, RV and Marine industries. Bruce and Chase have combined over fifty years of management experiences, in a myriad of industries, to introduce these innovative and eco-friendly products to the pan-national marketplace. You can find us here: <http://www.meds-world.com>

Suwanee, GA (PRWEB) June 28, 2009 -- MEDS offers multiple, scalable delivery solutions for permanent odor elimination. SNAP is a silicone free, easy to use solution for permanent exterior plastic trim restoration. RESTOREM permanently rejuvenates oxidized headlight lenses in less than 10 minutes. The MEDS automotive line of solutions increase billable services per vehicle, save time and bring increased profits to the bottom line for after-market car-care technicians and automotive detailers.

Dealerships may elect to bring these solutions in-house, adding revenues to the service drive. Ease of use and minimal training make MEDS products an attractive and inexpensive alternative to improve CSI. All MEDS automotive solutions have been approved by a leading Fortune 500 company for use in nationally franchised automotive dealerships.

In 2009, the MEDS deodorization solutions were introduced to hotels, law enforcement agencies and assisted living facilities. Our patented and scalable delivery systems have been approved and recommended by the EPA, OSHA, FDA and UK governmental agencies as effective and environmentally friendly odor elimination processes. The release of our EPA registered active-oxidant eliminates the bacterial source of odors. NSF Certified, for use in restaurants, MEDS solutions offer clean air in walk-ins and keep refrigeration units odor free. BLAST, FIBER FRESH and MAINTENANCE odor elimination systems are NOT a mask and provide permanent solutions to odors caused by smoke, mold, mildew, pets and humans.

Hotels enjoy fast acting MEDS deodorization processes, allowing guest rooms to be turned and sold between check-out and check-in times. MEDS products offer "whole house" solutions to odor remediation for the hospitality industry. From check-in to check-out, from the front of the house to the back of the house, housekeeping and maintenance departments all benefit from the MEDS solutions to every day challenges.

Law enforcement and EMS personnel reduce health risks with the by-product of our active-oxidant, known to eliminate hazardous and toxic bacteria. In a locker room study of a major University, MEDS products reduced upper respiratory infections by twenty-five percent. The active-oxidant in MEDS is similar to the anti-microbial used to eliminate Anthrax spores in the Hart Senate Building in 2001 and the U.S. Post Office in Boca Raton, Florida.

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/chlorinedioxidefactsheet.htm>

MEDS deodorization solutions are perfectly suited to maintain an odor free environment in assisted living facilities. MEDS scalable delivery system keeps curtains, upholstery, linens and bath areas odor free. MEDS



deodorization products have effectively eliminated methamphetamine residue from a "meth lab" in Western North Carolina

These are only a small sample of solutions MEDS provide for multiple environments. When your company is ready to examine our proven solutions for odor remediation, exterior plastic trim restoration and rejuvenating oxidized headlights, please contact us.

In the United States, our toll free number is 877-886-8727

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New LED Lights Provide Increased Safety for Tactical Officers

Hoyttech's HL-1 Tactical Flashlight and WL-1 Weapon Light are first to offer multi-mode, application specific operational configurations. Elliptical beam bezel provides wider field of view and increases officer safety.

Candia, NH (PRWEB) June 28, 2009 -- Hoyt Technologies, Inc. (<http://www.hoyttech.com>) introduces the industry's simplest, most versatile LED flashlight and weapon light systems. While many companies make multi-mode flashlights, Hoyttech is the first to group these modes into various configurations based on the user's application. Illumination modes are grouped logically and provide only the functions you need for Close Quarters Combat, Low Light navigation and room clearing.

"Our goal in developing and releasing this new product line was to increase the users tactical advantage and safety while providing a reliable, high quality tactical light that was specifically configured for various tactical operations. The HL-1 and WL-1 are the first of a series of products intended to meet that goal." -- Chris Royer, President, Hoyt Technologies.

Increased tactical advantage and officer safety

The Elliptical beam pattern of the WL-1 weapon light provides a wider field of view during room clearing and close quarters tactical operations without wasting light on the ceiling and floor. As a result, the officer sees light in the far corners and other areas that would still be dark with a traditional beam. The WL-1 comes with both the traditional beam bezel and the elliptical beam bezel.

Versatile yet simple

Unlike typical multi-mode flashlights that require you to cycle through all modes whether you want them or not, the HL-1 and WL-1 group only the functions you need into user-selectable, application-specific configurations. These lights have momentary and constant on capability, low, high and disorienting strobe settings as well as S.O.S. and a fully adjustable mode. The simple intuitive single-click and double-click operation make it very simple to use.

About Hoyt Technologies.

New Hampshire-based Hoyt Technologies has been committed to providing high quality and innovative POV camera and lighting systems for tactical professionals, extreme sports, and motor sports enthusiasts since 2003.

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DEA Responds to Large Number of Calls regarding Michael Jackson's Death

DEA.gov issues updated information on prescription drug abuse

(Vocus) June 26, 2009

DEA News:

Attention to Members of the Media:

Due to the large amount of calls from the media regarding the death of Michael Jackson and questions regarding prescription drugs, the DEA has put information about prescription drug abuse and use on the front page of www.dea.gov for your use.

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Rob Hamic Trained His 5000th Student this Week - Training Locally, Nationally and Internationally Expert Witness, Guns, Self Defense, Knives, Taser

Robb Hamic is the managing principal of Summit Self Defense, based in Austin with multiple locations across the United States and just reached the milestone of training 5000 students this week. Mr. Hamic provides a wide range of instruction and training to women, men, military and law enforcement; locally nationally and internationally through on-site training, seminars and guest instruction. Mr. Hamic also gives news media interviews in all use of force situations as he is an instructor in almost all law enforcement operations topics. Robert is a expert witness.

Austin, TX (PRWEB) June 26, 2009 -- Rob Hamic is an expert Israeli Haganah self defense teacher, law enforcement/ military trainer, concealed weapons (CCW, CHL) instructor and use of force expert. He reached the milestone of providing training to 5000 students this week. Mr. Hamic provides a diversified training curriculum to women, men, military units and law enforcement, both in the United States and overseas. Robb provides local training in Austin, Albuquerque and San Francisco. Mr. Hamic conducts custom seminars to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in the United States. Mr. Hamic provides mission specific training to US military units on military installations. Robert also provides individual training on-site to large groups, different demographics or security agencies.

Rob Hamic is the managing principal of Summit Self Defense and Israeli Combat Shooting. Summit currently operates out of three locations and brings cutting edge combatives training to over a thousand people per year. Mr. Hamic is a regular columnist for The Firearms Instructor Magazine published by the International Association of Law Enforcement Trainers. Mr. Hamic writes articles for other publications on law enforcement or use of force training or response matters.

Summit Self Defense employs several top notch instructors with a diversified range of experience. Matt Knaub is a professional MMA fighter, Israeli Haganah FIGHT Instructor, Jujitsu Black Belt and expert in many combatives. Matt teaches at the Albuquerque facility and teaches at seminars. Owen Valuch is the Director of the San Francisco school and specializes in Israeli Combat Shooting for Summit Self Defense. Owen travels to teach seminars. Ryan Fellows is based out of Northern New Mexico and specializes in Law Enforcement firearms training and combatives. He also travels to teach seminars. In addition, Summit has working relationships with numerous instructor development certified law enforcement/ military professions who bring a full range of skills and certified teaching credentials who participate in training seminars. Summit provides agency/ unit training in the US, Mexico and overseas through its primary or adjunct instructors.

Robb Hamic is a licensed private investigator, private patrol operator, bodyguard, personal protection trainer and expert witness in use of force, premises liability, wrongful death, security operations, security/ guard procedures and other capabilities that fall within his skill-set. Mr. Hamic brings a unique blend of experience, instructor credentials, peer review, published articles, knowledge and court/ deposition experience to his clients and their legal counsel.



Robert Hamic has been interviewed by the news media numerous times on nationally syndicated networks, television, radio talk shows, magazines and newspaper. Mr. Hamic is a good source for expert opinion on a full range of law enforcement, security, use of force, training, investigative, premises liability or other topics that fall within his skill-set. He makes himself readily available to the news media and is available by cellular phone. Mr. Hamic has provided investigative research, skip tracking, locates and background checks and surveillance for investigative reporters.

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Ponzi's and Pyramids Ignored or Protected by FTC, Consumer Group Charges

Consumers in the US Suffer as much as \$10 billion in Annual Losses from Ponzi and Pyramid Schemes, due to Negligence and Corruption at the FTC, a Consumer Group Charges. In a 21-Page Whistle Blower's Report, the Non-profit Group, Pyramid Scheme Alert, Charges that the Federal Trade Commission has been Politicized and Muzzled by Conflicts of Interest and Lobbyists for Pyramid Selling Schemes.

Charlotte, NC (PRWEB) -- A consumer organization is asking Congress to investigate the actions of the FTC, charging that the FTC, like the SEC, has ignored and protected pyramid and Ponzi schemes, causing as much as \$10 billion per year in consumer losses. The losses over time are far greater than those suffered by investors in Bernard Madoff's Wall Street Ponzi.

Pyramid Scheme Alert, a non-profit consumer group founded in 2000, has released a 21-page whistle-blower's report that details a dramatic shift in FTC policy that began in 2001 and has left the public exposed to deceptive "business opportunity" frauds. Most of the schemes are disguised as "multi-level marketing" (MLM) companies or as online "cash gifting" schemes. The report, entitled, "The Main Street Bubble: A Whistle Blower's Guide to Business Opportunity Fraud; How the FTC has Ignored and Now Protects It" was written by the group's president, Robert L. FitzPatrick.

The report outlines evidence that the FTC policy change followed the 2001 appointment by President George W. Bush of attorney Timothy Muris as FTC chair. Muris came to the job from a law firm that counted among its largest clients, the multi-level marketing company, Amway. He currently serves as an attorney/lobbyist for another multi-level marketing company with specific responsibilities to influence the FTC on behalf of the MLM company.

Among the FTC actions that the report discloses include:

- * Abruptly ceasing nearly all investigations and prosecutions of pyramid selling schemes from 2001 forward
- * Consistently neglecting previous enforcement orders against Ponzi and pyramid schemes
- * Removing the FTC's internal expert on pyramid schemes from investigations and analysis of Ponzis and business opportunity frauds.
- * Publishing a widely circulated letter in which the legal foundation for prosecuting pyramid selling disguised as "direct selling" was weakened and questioned
- * A revolving door pattern at the FTC in which some pyramid lobbyists became FTC officials and some FTC officials later became pyramid lobbyists.
- * Exempting "multi-level marketing" companies from rules that would offer protection to consumers from fraudulent "income opportunity" solicitations.

The effect of these FTC actions, the report concludes, has been to allow the spread of the "endless chain" into mainstream business, a deceptive marketing lure that causes 90-99% of all investors to suffer losses. The Endless Chain Pyramid is a Main Street version of the Wall Street Ponzi.

In a Ponzi scheme, the perpetrators lure new investors to invest their savings based on promises of high income



which they claim is from profitable trades and other investments. Perpetrators, in fact, use the investors' own capital investment funds to pay earlier investors in an endless and unsustainable system that requires constant recruitment of new investors, which is impossible. There is, in fact, little or no external revenue (income from trades and investments). The scheme is a "closed market". The vast majority of the latest investors are doomed to losses.

In the Main Street version, the perpetrators lure consumer/investors to pay fees and make purchases based on promises of high income in a business which they claim is based on "direct selling"(retail sales to the general public). Perpetrators promise a high income to new "distributors" if the consumer/investors themselves recruit others to also join the "business opportunity" as "distributors." They, in fact, transfer the capital investment funds from later "distributors" to those at the top in an endless and unsustainable system that requires constant recruitment of new "distributors," which is impossible. There is, in fact, little or no external revenue from direct selling (income from retail sales to the general public). The scheme is a "closed market" of distributors (investors). The vast majority of the latest investors are doomed to losses.

The report details the extraordinary insider connections, political influence-buying and large-scale political contributions of the "pyramid lobby" resulting in political protection of endless chain schemes from law enforcement at the FTC.

Pyramid Scheme Alert is all-volunteer, non-partisan and non-profit. Its website, is visited by thousands of consumers, journalists and regulators worldwide each month. The author of the report, Robert FitzPatrick has served as expert witness or consultant in more than 20 court cases involving pyramid and Ponzi schemes. He provided consulting services in combating pyramids to the government of Sri Lanka in 2005. He recently worked with Canadian CBC news show, Marketplace in an undercover investigation of a pyramid selling scheme. He is author of the book, False Profits (<http://www.falseprofits.com>), the first book to critically examine the multi-level marketing industry. He has also provided consulting and expert witness services to State Attorney's General, the Better Business Bureau of Dallas, Texas and to law enforcement in Fresno County, California.

A digital file of the report is available to the media. Contact Robert L. FitzPatrick, President, Pyramid Scheme Alert, in Charlotte, NC, 704-334-2047, <http://www.pyramidschemealert.org>

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LeadsOnline Awards Scholarships to Families of Law Enforcement Officers

Nation's largest online investigation system awards inaugural scholarships designed to help future community leaders with tuition costs.

Dallas (Vocus) June 25, 2009 -- [LeadsOnline](#), an online investigations system that helps law enforcement agencies recover stolen property, recently awarded 18 scholarships and academic gifts as part of their inaugural Future Leaders Scholarship program. Designed to assist law enforcement personnel or their close family members with college-related expenses, scholarships and academic gift awards totaling \$4400 were available to families of detectives and support staff across America who currently use the LeadsOnline system to solve crimes.

LeadsOnline is proud to commend the dedication, achievement, and future aspirations of so many talented students pursuing higher education. The [scholarship](#) program aims to support the effort our law enforcement officials put forth everyday to bring peace and justice to our communities by supporting the educational ambitions of the next generation of leaders, as well as law enforcement professionals currently in the field. Scholarship applicants were required to carry at least a 2.8 GPA, provide letters of recommendation, proof of their volunteer and service-type involvement in their community, and write an essay.

"I believe that securing a solid education is critical to success in life, and it's an honor to be able to help out hard-working, deserving young people," explains Dave Finley, President and CEO of LeadsOnline. "College costs can be a real burden for law enforcement families, and funding sources are drying up. We launched the Future Leaders program to support those families who are doing so much to keep our communities safer."

\$1,000 Scholarship Award Winners:

Jessica Gamez of Spring, Texas
Stephanie Smith of Stanwood, Washington

\$500 Scholarship Award Winners:

Greg Kranz of St. Louis, Missouri; Jeffrey Lowder of Converse, Texas; Zane Boyd of Crawfordsville, Arkansas

\$100 Academic Gift Award Winners:

Niki Mauthe of Appleton, WI; Sage Viguier of Tucson, Arizona; Jennifer Toi of Long Beach, California; Britney Hendershot of Tell City, Indiana; Cody Spillers of Homer, Louisiana; Matt Wurm of Leo, Indiana

About LeadsOnline: LeadsOnline is the nation's largest [online investigative system](#) used by more than 3,000 law enforcement agencies to recover stolen property and solve crimes. Each day, millions of items are added to the LeadsOnline database by businesses including second-hand stores, scrap metal recyclers, pawnshops, and Internet drop-off stores across all 50 states. Those records are instantly available to law enforcement agencies, meaning crimes can be solved in seconds, not months. The LeadsOnline system, compatible with the NCIC, serves as an indispensable, efficient, and money-saving resource for detectives because it provides a cross-jurisdictional, instantaneous, and accurate database that stops criminals from escaping detection by selling stolen items in another city. An official eBay partner, LeadsOnline helps prevent illegal transactions on the eBay website by giving law enforcement access to the world's largest online marketplace through automatic upload of all eBay



transactions into the LeadsOnline database. LeadsOnline also includes LeadsOnlabs, a system for tracking those involved in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamines; a Metal Theft Investigation System designed to track copper and other metal thefts; and cross-checks names of pawn customers against the OFAC SDN list of known terrorists and narcotics traffickers. Each year, LeadsOnline is credited with recovering millions of dollars in stolen goods and solving thousands of crimes that are often associated with bigger crimes, such as homicide, identity theft, and arson. Based in Dallas and led by President and CEO Dave Finley, LeadsOnline works with thousands of agencies throughout the country, including the New York Police Department, the Dallas Police Department, and the San Francisco Police Department. www.leadsonline.com

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DEA Response to UNODC World Drug Report 2009

DEA Acting Administrator Michele Leonhart today responded to the release of the United Nations 2009 World Drug Report. The following is her statement, followed by the report's findings.

(PRWEB) June 25, 2009 -- DEA Acting Administrator Michele Leonhart issued the following statement in response to the release of the 2009 United Nations World Drug Report:

"Today's newly-released United Nation's World Drug Report confirms DEA's global enforcement strategy successes targeting the major drug trafficking organizations, particularly their leadership, financial infrastructure and transportation facilitators ," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "Working closely with our domestic and international counterparts , we have realized unprecedented victory in disrupting and dismantling criminal cartels worldwide and impacting the illegal drug market, as this report attests. The dangerous link between drugs and crime is irrefutable, and we continue to face challenges, however, we are certain our global partnership will prevail in defeating this world -wide threat."

Summary of World Drug Report 2009:

Overview:

In 2008 a 19 percent reduction in opium poppy cultivation took place in Afghanistan. In Columbia a 18 percent reduction in coca cultivation took place. Data is not complete enough to estimate the global reduction in opium and coca production, rather, there is little doubt a decrease occurred.

According to survey's of users in the world biggest markets drug use is shrinking for cannabis, cocaine, and opiates. Several indications indicate the global problem with amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) is worsening. 30 percent of global seizures in 2007 were made in the Near and Middle East. Methamphetamine precursors are increasingly being trafficked to Central and South America.

This is the first year ranges were used when making estimates in the World Drug Report. While this complicates comparison to previous years it has been implemented to help present more accurate estimates.

Important Quotes:

- "Today's newly-released United Nation's World Drug Report confirms DEA's global enforcement strategy successes targeting the major drug trafficking organizations, particularly their leadership, financial infrastructure and transportation facilitators ," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "Working closely with our domestic and international counterparts , we have realized unprecedented victory in disrupting and dismantling criminal cartels worldwide and impacting the illegal drug market, as this report attests. The dangerous link between drugs and crime is irrefutable, and we continue to face challenges, however, we are certain our global partnership will prevail in defeating this world -wide threat ."
- The Director of the US Office of National Drug Control Policy, Gil Kerlikowske, said: "The World Drug Report 2009 demonstrates that drugs are a problem that touches every nation. All of us have a responsibility to

address drug abuse within our societies. Internationally, the Obama Administration is committed to expanding demand reduction initiatives to ensure that all those struggling to overcome addiction, especially in developing countries, have access to effective treatment programs. We have learned a great deal about the disease of drug addiction and know that treatment works. Through comprehensive and effective enforcement, education, prevention, and treatment we will be successful in reducing illicit drug use and its devastating consequences."

- "A free market for drugs would unleash an epidemic, while a regulated one would create a parallel black market. Legalization is not a magic wand that would suppress both mafias and drug abuse." Mr. Costa - Head of UNODC

- Greater efficiency in law enforcement is encouraged to focus on the small number of high profile, high volume, and violent criminals instead of the large volumes of petty offenders; the ratio of drug use to drug traffickers is 5:1

Global trends in drug production:

Opiates

- Opium poppy cultivation decreased to 189,000 hectares (ha) in 2008; decrease due to Afghanistan.
- Total opium production in the major illicit opium poppy cultivating countries had decreased from previous year.
- Central and northern provinces of Afghanistan have become poppy free, while cultivation in southern provinces has been concentrated.
- 60 percent of the estimated 7,700 metric tons is believed to be converted into morphine and heroin.
- 630 metric tons was estimated to be used for export and 40% was exported as opium

Cocaine

- Columbia remained the world's largest cultivator of coca bush, with 81,000 ha, followed by Peru (56,100 ha) and Bolivia (30,500 ha).
- Global cocaine production decreased by 15% while is a result of a 28% decrease in production in Columbia

Cannabis

- Cannabis' outdoor production ranges from 200,000 ha to 642,000 ha
- Cannabis herb production ranges from 13,000 metric tons to 66,100 metric tons.

ATS

- A shift in location of production from developed to developing countries illustrates the way criminal organizations are able to make use of more vulnerable countries.

Global trends in drug consumption

- UNODC estimates between 172 and 250 million persons used illicit drugs at least once in 2007.
- UNODC estimates between 18 and 38 million problem drug users aged 15-64 in 2007.
- 15 to 21 million people used opiates at least once in 2007 at the global level
- 16 to 21 million people used cocaine at least once in 2007, while North America remains the largest market.
- 143 to 190 million people used cannabis at least once in 2007.
- 16 to 51 million people used amphetamines-group substances at least once in 2007; where the majority of users is estimated in using ecstasy (12 to 24 million persons)

Drug use among young people

- Most people start to use drugs during their youth and drug prevention is best targeted amongst young people



- Illicit drug use amongst youth indicate shifts in trends because of changes in drug availability and social perceptions

- Starting drug use early is linked to later negative health and social outcomes

Injecting drug use

- Estimated between 11 and 21 million people worldwide inject drugs

- Injecting drugs is responsible for increasing portion of HIV infections in many parts of the world; 0.8 and 6.6 million injecting are infected with HIV

Drug-related crime

- Drugs and crime are intricately linked, because persons may commit crimes while under the influence of drugs and they may also do so to fund their drug use.

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Self Defense and Security Products Now Available For Purchase Online

Self Defense Devices, an authorized dealer of Streetwise Security Products, has launched their official web site offering self defense and security products for sale. One robbery every 1.3 minutes; one forcible rape every 5.6 minutes; one murder every 32.6 minutes. Sobering crime statistics to say the least.

Winterville, NC (PRWEB) June 26, 2009 -- "...Because Our Streets Are No Longer Safe" is the mantra behind the official launch of the self defense and safety products website www.selfdefensedevices.net.

As economic indicators worsen, innocent families face the ever present threat of crime. Violence and theft can leave lingering financial, emotional and physical wounds. Slowly regaining a sense of safety, security and well-being are naturally part of healing. Self defense products are just one avenue available to help speed the recovery process.

Stun guns, pepper spray, surveillance cameras (often referred to as "spy cameras") and motion detector alarms are a sample of the products available and quickly ready for delivery from Self Defense Devices. Carefully read and follow included product instructions and safety precautions prior to handling and usage. Some state and local restrictions apply.

100% secure payment transactions. 100% satisfaction guaranteed.

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GIS Helps Yosemite National Park Improve Emergency Operations

Mapping and Analysis Used as a Critical Search and Rescue Tool

Redlands, California (PRWEB) June 25, 2009-- The world of twenty-first-century emergency operations is turning with ever greater frequency to high-tech tools for more effective response. Today, ArcGIS from ESRI supplies Yosemite Search and Rescue (YOSAR) with a new and improved method for carrying out a number of operations. The agency uses [ArcGIS](#) to outline initial search strategies, refine exploration as time progresses, and keep information continuously flowing from the field to the incident command post and back again.

"A geographic information system [GIS supplies powerful tools," says Paul Doherty, park ranger and GIS specialist, Yosemite National Park Service. "It helps us perform a search more efficiently with enhanced team safety and a greater probability of returning victims to their loved ones."

In less than a year, the YOSAR geospatial platform has been used successfully in half a dozen critical searches. GIS is used to produce data such as search area polygons; search segments/assignments; clues such as point last seen, footprints, litter, and trail interviews; GPS tracks from helicopters, ground crews, and dog teams; and viewshed analyses.

A myriad of datasets are built and maintained by the YOSAR GIS team. These include vector data on roads, streams, trails, park buildings, vegetation, and helispot locations. Raster data includes digital elevation models (DEM), which supply a three-dimensional surface with topographic features, and digital raster graphics (DRG), which are high-quality scanned images of U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle (quad) maps that provide contour lines and detailed terrain information as well as 2005 National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) aerial imagery.

GIS provides a true information platform to map operations, update information, and improve decision making. It supplants paper maps and handwritten notes with digital data capture, management, analysis, and dissemination. GIS also supplies a standard for measuring or quantifying search variables versus simply supplying map images or approximate map polygons. In addition, the technology documents exactly where resources were directed and where to change actions as needed in a real-time search.

About ESRI

Since 1969, ESRI has been giving customers around the world the power to think and plan geographically. The market leader in GIS, ESRI software is used in more than 300,000 organizations worldwide including each of the 200 largest cities in the United States, most national governments, more than two-thirds of Fortune 500 companies, and more than 7,000 colleges and universities. ESRI applications, running on more than one million desktops and thousands of Web and enterprise servers, provide the backbone for the world's mapping and spatial analysis. ESRI is the only vendor that provides complete technical solutions for desktop, mobile, server, and Internet platforms. Visit us at www.esri.com.



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Talyst's Success in Dallas County Leads to Corrections Win

Dallas County and Parkland Jail Health look to Talyst as a key partner in improving efficiency and patient safety

Bellevue, Wash. (PRWEB) June 25, 2009 -- Talyst announced today its newest corrections partnership with Parkland Jail Health, servicing Dallas County, Texas. Talyst will implement its corrections-specific InSite™ Remote Dispensing System to service Dallas County's four jails and four juvenile detention centers. InSite for Corrections enables on-demand medication dispensing with patient-specific packaging, ensuring that the right patient gets the right medication every time.

"We currently have Talyst systems installed at Dallas County's Parkland Hospital and have been very pleased with the ease of use, accuracy and reliability of the system," said Sharon Phillips, senior vice president of Community Medicine for Parkland Health & Hospital System. "Our familiarity with Talyst coupled with its unique capabilities in the corrections market makes InSite for Corrections a natural fit for our correctional facilities. We're striving to be a center of excellence in corrections, and Talyst will enable us to improve the accuracy, quality and safety of patient care."

With the system, Talyst places a freestanding, secure dispensing unit on-site at the correctional facility. Medication orders can be clinically reviewed and approved by an off-site pharmacist, and then immediately dispensed at the correctional facility. The automated system means no more waiting for the next medication delivery for STAT orders and, because it's based on actual usage, it requires less medication inventory on-hand. Facilities using the InSite system have also demonstrated that it takes nursing staff a fraction of the time previously required to dispense medications. In fact, one corrections facility reported that a medication run that previously took four nurses four hours each to complete, now takes 45 minutes using InSite for Corrections.

"The corrections environment faces a whole host of challenges, many of which lead to millions of dollars' worth of inmate medications and nursing staff hours being wasted every year," said Carla Corkern, CEO of Talyst. "Parkland Jail Health is proactively putting the technology in place to address these fiscal challenges, and improve inmate care."

Parkland Jail Health currently provides medications to 2,600 inmates twice a day. The annual budget includes approximately \$4 million solely for medications. The implementation of Talyst InSite for Corrections will be complete in July, and the facilities plan to have electronic medical record and barcode-scanning systems in place by the end of the year.

The Parkland Jail Health implementation follows Talyst's highly successful partnership with San Bernardino County Corrections in California -- evidence that a growing number of corrections systems are recognizing the benefits of remote dispensing. Later this year, Talyst will implement InSite for Corrections in the Allegheny Correctional Health System in Pittsburgh, PA, and Westchester Medical Center in New York State.

About Talyst:

Talyst is engineering the safer pharmacy. The company was founded in 2002 to provide automated medication



management systems to acute care hospital pharmacies. The following year, Talyst launched AutoPharm®, the innovative software platform designed to integrate medication storage, inventory, ordering, barcoding, and clinical systems.

By 2009, Talyst had installed automated systems in close to 400 acute care hospitals and integrated healthcare companies. By leveraging our expertise in acute care pharmacy automation, we are now building unique systems designed specifically to meet the needs of long-term care facilities and correctional institutions. Talyst is dedicated to delivering world-class software and proven hardware components to enhance efficiency, provide greater inventory control, and improve patient safety in all environments. For more information, see www.talyst.com or call 877-4-Talyst (877-482-5978).

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American Public University System Introduces Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

Online Degree Program has a Concentration in Forensics

Charles Town, WV (PRWEB) June 24, 2009 -- [American Public University System](#) (APUS), has introduced a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensics to its growing degree programs in public safety. APUS also offers a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Criminal Justice through its member institutions [American Public University](#) and [American Military University](#).

An accredited, online, university system, APUS serves more than 45,000 working adults studying worldwide. It offers 74 [undergraduate and graduate degree programs](#) in an affordable and flexible format.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensics program is designed for students who are seeking an in-depth scientific study of crime, criminal behavior, crime scene investigation theories, and the importance of scientific analysis as evidence presented in the criminal justice system.

"This new degree will enhance the careers of those working in law enforcement," said Wallace E. Boston, Jr., president of APUS. "This program is perfect for those seeking to conduct crime scene processing and crime lab work. With our focus on educating those who are pursuing public service careers, we are proud to add this new degree program to expand our offerings to the law enforcement community. ."

Classes range from DNA in the Criminal Justice System to Fingerprint and Blood Spatter Analysis. Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to identify the basic methodological approaches to investigating criminal behavior, as well as interpret and apply various aspects of criminology, sociology, law, and political science as they relate to the American criminal justice system.

Making this degree more attainable, APUS is committed to keeping the cost of attendance low with an undergraduate tuition rate of \$250/credit hour. A university book grant provides textbooks at no cost for most undergraduate students. At APUS, classes start monthly with Criminal Justice classes offered in 8-week sessions. For more information on degrees in Criminal Justice, call 1-877-777-9081 or go to www.apus.edu.

About American Public University System

American Public University System includes American Public University and American Military University and educates more than 45,000 adult learners worldwide. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. A university book grant supplies textbooks at no cost for eligible undergraduate students. A university book grant provides textbooks at no cost for eligible undergraduate students.

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Global Contactless Smart Cards Market to Cross \$2.35 Billion by 2015, According to New Report by Global Industry Analysts

GIA announces the release of a comprehensive global report on Contactless Smart Cards market. Having gained strong foothold in access control and transport applications, contactless smart card technology is slowly making headway into other application areas. The adoption of common communication protocol for contactless smart cards by Visa and MasterCard is encouraging the market to prosper further in the payments segment. UK, Europe and Turkey are also showing an inclination towards adopting contactless smart cards in this segment.

San Jose, California (PRWEB) June 24, 2009 -- Global [Contactless Smart Cards Market](#) is projected to cross \$2.35 billion in revenue by 2015. Contactless smart cards achieved immense popularity in the payments market in the year 2006, especially in the US and few regions across Asia-Pacific. Asia-Pacific represents the largest market for contactless smart cards. EMEA represents the market with the fastest growth potential for contactless smart cards over the period 2006-2015. The region is also expected to offer the highest growth opportunity in revenue terms.

Growing security concerns and the subsequent need for secure IT environment, consumer acceptance, micro-payment and Government applications are the major driving factors for contactless smart cards. Rapid advances in the US payments market and success of other contactless smart card implementations across the globe, such as ID and transit programs are elevating interest and confidence levels in contactless smart card technology.

[Government ID Market](#) represents the largest end-use segment for contactless smart cards in terms of revenues. Government ID programs include programs such as e-passport, national ID, IDs for Government officials and contractors, and transportation worker identification cards among others. The spill over effect of various Government programs proved to be the major driving factor for the growth in overall contactless smart cards market.

[Mass Transit Market for Contactless Smart Cards](#) is the second largest segment in the overall contactless smart cards end-use market, both by shipment and revenue. Europe and parts of Asia have a head start over North America in mass transit applications of contactless smart cards. A major use of smart cards in transportation sector involves its usage in the form of electronic tickets for mass transportation systems. With growing traffic on various public transport media, the implementation of smart card technology in this sector is on the rise. Increased willingness among card issuers (transit agencies) to concede ground to banks, and emerge as card accepting merchants, similar to any retailer accepting a credit or debit card is extending market opportunities for contactless smart cards in this sector.

Convenience in making payment, high acceptance among consumers as well as issuers, high interoperability, and Cardholder Verification Method (CVM) Limits are the major factors driving the contactless smart cards technology in the payments sector. Increasing violence, as well as the growing incidence of data thefts is leading to smart cards emerging as the leading technology for access control in both public and private domains.



These and other market data and trends are presented in "Contactless Smart Cards: A Global Strategic Business Report" announced by Global Industry Analysts, Inc. This new market research report discusses the prevailing trends, issues, demand forecasts, and activities that affect the industry. The global and regional contactless smart cards markets are analyzed by annual shipments and revenues in million units and US\$ million respectively. The global market is analyzed further by the following end-use segments - Mass Transit, Access Control, Payment, and Government ID. Analytics for the period 2006-2015 provide a comprehensive understanding of the market.

Dominant global players profiled in the report include ActivIdentity Corporation, Advanced Card Systems Ltd, ASK, CardLogix Corporation, CPI Card Group, Fujitsu Microelectronics Limited, Gemalto NV, Giesecke & Devrient GmbH, HID Global Corporation, Infineon Technologies AG, Inside Contactless, IRIS Corporation Berhad, NedCard B.V., NOVACARD INFORMATIONSSYSTEME GMBH, NXP Semiconductors, Oberthur Card Systems, On Track Innovations Ltd, Sagem Orga, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd, Sony Corporation, STMicroelectronics, Toppan Printing Co., Ltd. and Watchdata System Co. Ltd. among others. The study enumerates recent developments, mergers, acquisitions, and other strategic industry activities, and is an easy guide to What, Why, When, How, Where, and Who of the industry.

For more details about this comprehensive market research report, please visit - http://www.strategy.com/Contactless_Smart_Cards_Market_Report.asp

About Global Industry Analysts, Inc.

[Global Industry Analysts, Inc., \(GIA\)](#) is a reputed publisher of off-the-shelf market research. Founded in 1987, the company is globally recognized as one of the world's largest market research publishers. The company employs over 800 people worldwide and publishes more than 1100 full-scale research reports each year. Additionally, the company also offers thousands of smaller research products including company reports, market trend reports, and industry reports encompassing all major industries worldwide.

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E-fense Announces the Release of The Newest Version of Their World Renowned Computer Forensic Software, Helix3 Pro

E-fense releases an update to their innovative software, Helix3 Pro including many enhancements. This computer forensics software has made an extraordinary impact on Law Enforcement and the Computer Forensics Industry and has been celebrated as a must have tool.

Denver, CO (PRWEB) June 23, 2009 -- With its first release last month Helix3 Pro has become a "must have" tool for the [computer forensics](#) and law enforcement community. Today e-fense, Inc is releasing the next version of Helix3 Pro 2009R2. The newest version contains many new features including the ability to image RAM on Linux and the ability to send multiple forensic images over the network using the new Helix3 Pro Receiver. They also included a few bug fixes identified by the community like encoding problems for foreign languages and adjusted the order of collection to meet order volatility standards. Visit the [e-fense.com](#) website for a full list of changes included in this latest release.

Lauren LaFortuna, Managing Director of e-fense, Inc said "There are other products that could be used to satisfy various aspects of computer crime and forensics. But, there is nothing as multi faceted as Helix3 Pro. Our developers have worked hard to ensure Helix3 Pro is innovative and provides the forensics community with the tools they need."

Drew Fahey, CTO and co-founder of e-fense said "Our development staff is made up of highly skilled developers and individuals whom have worked in the computer forensics industry for years. They understand the complexities of the industry more than anyone else. With this fantastic group we are able to produce a superior product in a short amount of time. I am very proud of my team and their accomplishments."

Helix3 Pro is only available through a membership program, the newest trend in computer software. e-fense has received tremendous support through this program with their membership numbers growing daily and rapidly. LaFortuna added "People everywhere are now embracing the membership program. They are realizing the significance of the fullness of the program. They are also recognizing the commitment of the developers behind the product. The Helix3 community is in love with this incredibly powerful tool!"

e-fense is headquartered in Colorado with offices in Washington DC and England. e-fense was founded in 2000 by a team of computer forensic, incident response and counter intelligence experts. Product lines include Helix3, Helix3 Enterprise and Live Response (worldwide patents pending). e-fense is a world leader in products serving a wide range of clients including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as leading private sector security, legal and information technology professionals around the world.

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Chris McConnell & Associates Offers Guidelines on Fiduciary Duty to Investors

Chris McConnell, AIFA® the CEO of Chris McConnell & Associates/FiduciaryFORENSICS®, is now directing his firm to pay increased attention to the need for compliance with existing requirements for fiduciary responsibility in the investment community. CMA sees a new market emerging in helping clients to understand the role of fiduciaries in restoring confidence in the securities market and protecting their investments. CMA also helps investors recover losses when fiduciary standards have been violated. According to McConnell, the US government and state governments have had fiduciary standards in place for decades but they have often been ignored. Currently, additional standards are about to come before Congress for approval.

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What is a Fiduciary?

A broker owes an undivided loyalty to his or her client and must place the client's interest ahead of its own, not -- as some interpret it as the vague "in the client's best interest" -- but as the sole interest. This means the brokers' interests should come only after the customers', regardless of whether a customer pays commissions or fees, and regardless of the type of account or service. A broker owes his client undivided loyalty.

As it now stands, brokers can refuse service and "fire" a customer

Absent required due diligence, brokers can, should, and do terminate customers accounts for any number of reasons related to compliance. In disputes, Brokers usually counter that the client has never complained. McConnell asks, "When was the right time, who was the expert, and who was being paid for service?"

He also suggests that it may be useful to ask if the customer's firm has accepted TARP funds. Some banks and brokerage firms couldn't properly manage their own proprietary investments -- and this raises serious questions.

The fiduciary duty of stockbrokers is not new

For ERISA (pension, profit sharing & 401K) accounts, endowments, foundations, trusts, guardianships, and conservatorships, there have been laws on the books for decades that should have been followed routinely. IRAs and IRA Rollovers (often from 401k accounts) are individualized, tax advantaged "trust accounts" under IRS code section 408 (<http://ftp.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/irc408.pdf>). All trust accounts require a broker to provide a fiduciary

standard of care.

When investors lose money, is it due to the "market" or something else?

Some brokers try to duck responsibility and blame investors' losses on the overall market, when it's rarely prudent to be 100% invested in stocks. A balanced account went down 16% last year, in 2007 up 6.25% - if your account performed a lot worse you may have a potential claim against your broker.

A trade is only the estuary of the river of revenue for broker dealers and their affiliates

At brokerage firms including Schwab, Fidelity, E*Trade, and Scottrade, each trade is only the beginning of the potential revenue stream for the brokerage. Money market fund diversions to affiliated banks, mutual fund revenue sharing, managed accounts, order flow, margin, stock lending profits, failures to shop trades or provide best execution are a few examples of additional revenue sources. Some of these discount firms claim immunity from suitability, supervision and fiduciary duty under Notice to Members 01-23. But a full reading reminds all brokerage firms of their responsibility to know and protect the customer, not the brokerage firm.

Fiduciary Masquerade

"We should ask brokers and financial advisers to acknowledge their fiduciary duty on their firm's letterhead," says McConnell. "In some professional fields, this would be called the unauthorized practice of law or medicine, etc. Yet despite over 30 years of legal fiduciary requirements the securities industry rarely if ever trains its brokers in fiduciary duty.

Resources and Action steps you can take

If clients need assistance in understanding the responsibilities, fiduciary duties, and industry compliance and supervisory requirements of a brokerage firm, stock broker, branch manager, financial adviser, investment adviser, hedge fund, mutual fund or derivative security, McConnell recommends that they consult a fiduciary expert.

About Chris McConnell, AIFA®

Chris McConnell received a BA, Economics/Accounting from Rutgers University in 1983, passed the CPA exam for New York State in 1986, and received an MBA from Pepperdine University in 1990. He received the Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst™ (AIFA®) designation from the Center for Fiduciary Studies in 2003. He has an unmatched blend of experience, education, training and insights concerning fiduciary duty. He wrote or supervised a major broker dealer's accounting, financial analysis, payroll, compensation, bonus, compliance, and industry strategy.

He is the only AIFA with actual hands-on financial, sales and supervisory management experience at all levels with two major Wall Street broker dealers.



Since 2003, Chris McConnell & Associates has provided continuing legal education, audit, training, and expert witness litigation support to attorneys representing both plaintiffs and defense in FINRA arbitration, Trust Estate & Probate, Divorce, QDROs, ERISA, Profit sharing & 401k plans, and charities, foundations and endowment, and compensation, employment and professional malpractice matters.

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Berkeley College Partners with Navy College Program to Offer Sailors Degrees via Distance Learning

Berkeley College is proud to announce that it has entered into an educational partnership with the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP) to offer rating-related degrees via distance learning to sailors in the US Navy.

(Vocus) June 23, 2009 -- [Berkeley College](#) is proud to announce that it has entered into an educational partnership with the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership (NCPDLP) to offer rating-related degrees via distance learning to sailors in the US Navy. This progressive partnership, which will support the sailor's mobile lifestyle and educational goals, allows students to use their benefits under the Navy Tuition Assistance program to pay for courses.

"Berkeley is already becoming the college of choice among students who receive veteran benefits. We are pleased that through this new program we will be able to offer the same higher-education opportunity to sailors currently serving our nation on ships and at US Navy installations worldwide," says Berkeley College President Dario A. Cortes, PhD.

The [distance learning](#) program offers two Associate's and five Bachelor's degrees in career fields directly related to Navy job ratings. Degrees are in relevant fields such as General Business, Business Administration and Justice Studies, and makes maximum use of military professional training and experience to fulfill degree requirements.

The Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership is offered through the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Navy (SOCNAV) system, a network of colleges that guarantees sailors can continue working toward a degree regardless of transfers related to their Navy service. SOCNAV programs are offered at almost all Navy installations and on board ships around the world, and the Berkeley College Online program will be accessible from any location where there is Internet service.

"Even when they are hundreds of miles from home, our servicemen and women will have the same personalized faculty attention and substantial support services that make Berkeley College students enrolled in traditional on-site classes successful," says Assistant Vice President of Military and Veterans Affairs Richard Robitaille, EdD. "Small class size and faculty with real-world experience will help sailors use their strengths and continue to build successful careers."

Prospective students interested in finding out more can e-mail navy@BerkeleyCollege.edu, call 1-800-446-5400, ext. USN, or visit <http://berkeleycollege.edu/military/navy> on the Web.

A leader in business education for 78 years, Berkeley College maintains an enrollment of over 7,200 students, with more than 700 international students in its Baccalaureate and Associate degree programs. The College has two New York campuses in Midtown Manhattan and White Plains, an Extension Center in Lower Manhattan in the Wall Street area, and four New Jersey campuses located in Woodland Park (formerly West Paterson), Paramus, Woodbridge, and Newark. In addition, the College offers Berkeley College Online™ and its Corporate Learning Partnership program. All campuses are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher



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Entrepreneurial Security Company Wins Federal Contract to Protect One of the Country's National Treasures

The Whitestone Group Was Recently Awarded the Hoover Dam Contract by the United States Department of Interior

(PRWEB) June 24, 2009 -- Columbus based [Whitestone Group](#) was recently informed by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation that they were the winning contractor selected to provide exclusive security for the Hoover Dam located between Nevada and Arizona. Whitestone assumed control of securing the historic landmark and tourist destination on May 1, 2009.

John Clark, President and CEO of The Whitestone Group said, "We are honored to have the opportunity to work with the Department of Interior and to participate in the preserving the rights and freedom of this country by providing a safe and secure environment for all citizens visiting or traveling across the Hoover Dam."

[The Whitestone Group](#) was founded in 2000 by Mr. Clark and has over 250 years of combined military and law enforcement management experience. Headquartered in Columbus, OH, Whitestone also has offices located in Washington DC, San Diego, CA, Naples, FL and Houston, TX. Whitestone is quickly becoming an industry leader by providing quality security solutions to local, state and federal government agencies across the United States.

To learn more about The Whitestone Group, visit www.whitestonegroup.us. To contact Mr. Clark, call (614) 501-7007 or via email at [jclark @ whitestonegroup.us](mailto:jclark@whitestonegroup.us).

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Chambers and Partners USA Names Andrew B. Lustigman Industry Leader for 2nd Consecutive Year

Andrew B. Lustigman, Principal of The Lustigman Firm, P.C., a leading advertising and marketing boutique law firm in New York, has been named an industry leader and notable practitioner in his primary practice area by Chambers and Partners USA. This is the second consecutive year that Mr. Lustigman has been named to this prestigious list.

New York, NY (PRWEB) June 22, 2009 -- Andrew B. Lustigman, member of The Lustigman Firm, P.C., a leading advertising and marketing boutique law firm in New York, has been named an industry leader and notable practitioner in his primary practice area for the second consecutive year. The ranking appears in the internationally recognized Chambers USA Guide: America's Leading Business Lawyers 2009, a legal directory of U.S. lawyers and law firms published by London-based Chambers & Partners.

Chambers USA has recognized Andrew B. Lustigman as a leader in his practice area. According to Chambers, "Working in an advertising and marketing law boutique, the "super fast and accurate" Andrew Lustigman of The Lustigman Firm PC draws impressive feedback for his skills as a transactional and regulatory lawyer in this area..."

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, The Lustigman Firm is an AV-rated boutique law firm focused on advertising, Internet and promotional marketing law. Clients include many of the country's most creative niche advertising, interactive and promotion agencies, marketers, businesses and industry suppliers. The Firm helps ensure that a client's marketing campaign complies with federal and state laws and regulations, with a particular focus on Internet and other direct marketing channels. In addition, the Firm advises and assists in developing legally compliant promotional marketing campaigns and sweepstakes. A significant portion of the practice involves defending investigations and challenges regarding national advertising campaigns brought by regulatory agencies. The Firm also defends and prosecutes false advertising challenges in court and before the National Advertising Division. The Lustigman Firm prides itself on finding creative solutions to its clients' legal challenges. For more information, visit lustigmanfirm.com and sweepstakeslaw.com

Chambers USA bases its ranking on more than 14,000 phone interviews with attorneys and clients. The qualities on which the rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, diligence, commitment and other qualities most valued by the client. More information about the rankings can be found on the Chambers USA website, chambersandpartners.com/usa/search.aspx.

Andrew Lustigman is available for interviews and expert commentary in the advertising, direct marketing and Internet marketing law areas.

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INPUT Releases Report On GSA Schedule 70 Purchases

State & Local Purchasing Off Schedule Accelerates Despite Economic Downturn

Reston, VA (Vocus) June 19, 2009 -- [INPUT](#), the leading authority on government business, has issued a report on the General Services Administration (GSA), an independent agency of the United States Government that helps manage and support the basic functions of federal agencies. The GSA often assists with procurement work for federal agencies and has established the GSA schedule, which is similar to a set of prenegotiated contracts. Procurement managers from government agencies can purchase from the GSA schedule, knowing that all legal obligations have been taken care of by the GSA.

Schedule 70 is GSA's General Purpose Commercial Information Technology, Equipment, Software, and Services schedule. INPUT notes that 87 percent of Schedule 70 use by state and local governments is for five categories: wireless services, software maintenance, perpetual software licenses, IT equipment, and IT services.

In the report, [GSA Schedule 70 - 2008-09 Local Purchasing Surges with Economic Downturn](#), INPUT examines GSA Schedule 70 orders placed by state and local governments from 2003-2008.

INPUT Findings

- * GSA Schedule 70 sales to state and local governments were \$521.8 million in 2008.
- * Sales in the first quarter of 2009 are 40 percent above sales in the same quarter one year ago.
- * State and local government purchasing off Schedule 70 will enjoy a compound annual growth rate of 32 percent over the next five years.
- * Verizon Wireless is the leading vendor selling to state and local governments through the use of GSA Schedule 70, capturing 23 percent of all sales in 2008.
- * There were 56 suppliers in 2008 with more than \$1M in Schedule 70 state and local sales.
- * The top ten suppliers represent more than 70 percent of total spending.

INPUT Conclusions

- * The economic stimulus will catalyze further use of time-saving Schedule 70 because of the bill's strict timelines. Contractors can expect to see:
 - o More cooperative purchasing among state and local governments.
 - o States adopting streamlined contract vehicles.
- * Vendors should include Schedule 70 in their green sales strategy.
- * Vendors are refining state and local sales strategies and are marketing GSA Schedule 70 as a purchasing option.
- * Contractors should provide government clients with a variety of ways to contract for their products and services.
- * Local dollars add up and successful suppliers should take the time to focus on local governments and K-12



schools.

* GSA Schedule 70 use will be driven by: 1) Recovery Act and associated timelines; 2) Increased investment in technology equipment and infrastructure for energy savings (after Recovery Act). 3) Increased supplier participation in Schedule 70 as state and local government shortfalls abate.

Report Author: Jason Sajko, senior analyst at INPUT, is available for media inquiries.

About INPUT

INPUT is the authority on government business. Established in 1974, INPUT helps companies develop federal, state, and local government business and helps public sector organizations achieve their objectives. Over 2,000 member organizations, including small specialized companies, new entrants to the public sector, and the largest government contractors and agencies, rely on INPUT for the latest and most comprehensive procurement and market information, consulting, powerful sales management tools, and educational and networking events. For more information about INPUT, visit www.input.com or call 703-707-3500.

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MOC® Announces New Line of GPS-Based Tracking and Stolen-Vehicle Recovery Solutions

MOC Products Company, Inc., a leading provider of innovative products and technology solutions to the new-car dealership industry, announced the release of its Ecotrac® line of GPS-based tracking and stolen-vehicle recovery ("SVR") products.

Pacoima, Calif. (PRWEB) June 19, 2009 -- MOC Products Company, Inc., a leading provider of innovative products and technology solutions to the new-car dealership industry, announced the release of its Ecotrac® line of GPS-based tracking and stolen-vehicle recovery ("SVR") products. Based on GPS tracking technology and products provided by CalAmp Corp. (NASDAQ:CAMP), the Ecotrac ECO3000 offers a complete vehicle tracking and monitoring solution for new and used cars, trucks and recreational vehicles. ECO3000 has a variety of applications, including personal/teen car tracking, vehicle maintenance, fleet, law enforcement and public works.

Based on CalAmp's super-sensitive GPS tracker technology and hosted web-based application software, the ECO3000 can accurately determine the location of a vehicle in most garages, parking structures, canyons and areas too difficult for other devices. Easily managed by anyone with internet access, the Ecotrac® website (www.ecotrac.net) enables real-time control and remote location information needed for users to make quick, informed decisions about their vehicles. With internal antennas and a quick-connect harness, the device can easily be installed in a covert location in minutes, leaving no indication to thieves that a vehicle is protected. Additional features and benefits include:

- All system features and information can be viewed and controlled by the user via the Internet. Unlike other SVR systems, users are not forced to rely on a third party to track their vehicle.
- View vehicle location online at any time via detailed maps and satellite views. Details include direction, street address and speed.
- Speed, Movement and "Geofence" Alerts allow users to set limits on how and where a vehicle is driven, and receive notifications if a breach occurs.
- The ability to control existing vehicle electronic systems such as door locks and starter interrupt.
- The flexibility to set, view or change settings by phone or online.
- The convenience of receiving notifications via email, text message or phone whenever an alert is triggered.

Unlike some other SVR systems, Ecotrac® does not require a user to visually determine if their vehicle has been moved.

- The ability to schedule actions in the future with an easy-to-use scheduling feature.
- Complete coverage in the U.S. and most areas in Mexico and Canada. Coverage is not limited to certain cities or states as is the case with other SVR systems.
- Over-the-air programmable and upgradeable.
- Internal antenna design helps prevent tampering with signals or the device which is possible with systems that utilize external antennas.

Ecotrac® products will initially be sold to consumers through new and used car dealerships in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The ECO3000 Tracking Unit will be available for purchase starting today, June 1, 2009. The sale price will include all hardware, the first year of activation and 250 "credits" for system usage. Renewal plans and additional credits can be purchased online when needed.



"Ecotrac® offers features, capability and technology that far surpass those of SRV and tracking systems currently being sold to consumers," said Eric Berg, MOC®'s VP of Operations. "MOC® believes that car buyers will embrace Ecotrac®'s easy-to-use features and find them useful, not only for periodic vehicle tracking but, many day-to-day needs. The consumer and business applications are endless. Whether you're a parent needing to monitor your teenager's driving habits or a fleet manager ensuring your delivery truck is on schedule, Ecotrac has the answer."

"We are pleased to be partnering with MOC® on this venture," said Mike Zachan, Vice President and General Manager of CalAmp's Aercept unit. "MOC®'s well-established channel relationships and outstanding reputation in the new-car market make it an ideal partner for delivering our advanced vehicle tracking solutions to the consumer market."

About MOC®

Established in 1954, MOC® is a leading manufacturer and distributor of innovative products, equipment and technology solutions to the automotive-dealership industry. Professional trainers and dealership consultants educate service and sales departments on its products and help dealers install efficient and profitable marketing programs. MOC® operates 16 distribution facilities nationwide and supports a highly skilled sales network covering the United States, Mexico, Canada and several other countries. For additional information about MOC Products Company, Inc., visit www.mocproducts.com.

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Grassroots Reformers Announce Urgent Measure Following "Global Corruption Barometer 2009"

The grassroots good government and legal reform advocate known as POPULAR, Inc. announces the 2009 midyear recipients of its "Restore Integrity Award". Co-administrators of the award program conclude it is an "urgent measure given results and implications of the Global Corruption Barometer 2009 of Transparency International, a prestigious anti-corruption coalition."

Washington, DC (PRWEB) June 18, 2009 -- The grassroots good government and legal reform advocate known as POPULAR, Inc. (POPULAR) announces the 2009 midyear recipients of its "Restore Integrity Award". The award program is co-administered by POPULAR's Advisory Board President Katherine Moore and Advisory Board Vice President Nancy Swan. They explain that the group's "Restore Integrity Award" is awarded bi-annually in the categories of public sector, private sector, and grassroots advocacy.

According to Advisory Board President Moore, "all of POPULAR's award recipients have taken or otherwise pursued one or more specific acts or measures to eliminate significant inequity, waste, fraud, abuse, or other public and/or private sector corruption in America." Advisory Board Vice President Swan conveys that "POPULAR defines corruption as any illegal or unethical conduct contributing to the systemic malfunction of government, commerce, and/or democracy in America as contemplated by the U.S. Constitution." Moore and Swan note that POPULAR's "Restore Integrity Award" is an urgent measure given results and implications of the "Global Corruption Barometer 2009" of Transparency International (TI), a prestigious anti-corruption coalition.

TI indicates that overall perception of corruption has increased 8 percent worldwide. The group's Global Corruption Barometer 2009 reports a stunning 61% of surveyed Americans and Canadians believing "in their county the private sector used bribery to influence government policies, laws, and regulations." TI's 2009 barometer indicates "there needs to be greater effort made to ensure that the general public has access to and believes in the effectiveness of formal reporting mechanisms."

POPULAR's Moore and Swan believe their group's first round of award recipients deserve recognition for their efforts to expose and combat corruption, poverty, unethical behavior in public and private institutions, and to provide relief as well as evoke helpful reform. Moore adds "these individuals have exhibited courage and bravery without any regard to personal gain and we laud them for ideals that are consistent with POPULAR's goals." Swan interjects that "POPULAR seeks out and honors those worthy of the Restore Integrity Award, our sometimes silent heroes who break down proverbial walls of silence and light the way for others, and who serve to inspire, encourage, and help others join to restore integrity."

POPULAR's 2009 midyear "Restore Integrity Award" recipients are as follows:

Public Sector Category:

- Senator Richard (Dick) Durbin (D-IL) for declaring that banks which enabled America's current financial crisis, remain the most powerful lobby on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. and "frankly own the place" as his



colleagues in the U.S. Senate vote down his proposed amendment to a bill that would have allowed bankruptcy judges to help desperate homeowners renegotiate their mortgage payments.

- Senator James (Jim) Henry Webb, Jr. (D-Va) for introducing "The National Criminal Justice Act of 2009" calling for a national commission to "undertake a top-to-bottom review of (America's) entire criminal justice system" and offer recommendations for reform.

Private Sector Category:

- Dr. Richard I. Fine for being the first attorney to expose the illegality and inherent conflicts of interests spawned by the now notorious, "double benefits" payments from Los Angeles County, California to the state's superior court judges, all to Fine's professional and personal detriment as he was subsequently disbarred and jailed indefinitely on contempt of court charges.

Grassroots Advocacy Category:

- Ms. Marcel Reid and Ms. Karen Inman, co-recipients, for spearheading the grassroots fight for truth, transparency, and accountability within ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), a purported advocate for low and moderate income people. Reid and Inman began their fight to reform ACORN while serving on its now defunct, Interim Management Committee and are among the co-founders of ACORN 8, "the people's movement to reform ACORN."

- Mr. William (Bill) Stegmeier for financially underwriting America's highest profile though failed ballot initiative to accomplish substantial citizen oversight of alleged judicial misconduct known as the South Dakota J.A.I.L. (Judicial Accountability Initiative Law) Initiative or Amendment E.

POPULAR will mail all of its 2009 midyear "Restore Integrity Award" recipients an encased certificate, commemorating their award. They were personally notified of and congratulated for receiving the award prior to this public announcement. POPULAR will announce its second round of award recipients in December 2009.

POPULAR is an acronym for "Power Over Poverty Under Laws of America Restored". The nonprofit corporation is essentially an association of public interest attorneys and Juris Doctors, advised by a board of nonlawyer, community leaders. These good government advocates are committed to helping poor and other disadvantaged people access affordable and competent legal representation, appropriate judicial oversight, and important civil and criminal justice system reforms. See: <http://www.popular4people.org>

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Verasys LLC Offers Workplace Violence Services

A corporate policy, program and practice directed at preventing, mitigating and responding to workplace violence incidents.

Miami, FL (PRWEB) June 18, 2009 -- Today's economic environment has resulted in an increase in workplace violence incidents throughout corporate America. These threats come in many forms including the internet.

As a result of Verasys receiving numerous calls for assistance with this issue, along with client concern about the well-being and personal safety of employees and anyone doing business with their company, Verasys has decided to keep all of its clients and potential clients informed on how to best prevent, respond to, and mitigate workplace violence incidents.

The components of such a program include:

- Policy and procedures
- Pre threat actions
- Threat verification and assessment
- Protective strategies
- Threat maker control and containment
- Post threat actions
- Documentation and reporting
- Lessons learned / Feedback

All the above are an integral part of a Workplace Violence Program; however the basis for a good program is the development and implementation of a company-wide Workplace Violence Policy.

Such a policy should set the company's tone on this matter: i.e. concern about the safety and security of its employees and others in the workplace, that it strictly prohibits workplace violence, that threats and/or acts of violence whether expressed or implied towards individuals or assets in the company are prohibited and will not be tolerated and that all reports of incidents will be taken seriously and will be addressed appropriately.

Verasys is a premier provider of risk mitigation services in the areas of investigations and security consulting. Verasys is headquartered in Miami, Florida with offices in Atlanta, Tampa, Dallas, and Buenos Aires in addition to affiliate offices throughout North America, Latin America and Europe. Specializing in gathering and analyzing information, Verasys provides a wide range of international risk mitigation consulting services including litigation support, risk and vulnerability assessments, asset searches, financial and computer forensics, due diligence and crisis management. Our Verasys in-house staff of consultants, analysts, former law enforcement and business professionals, maintains an international network of associates specializing in the fields of banking, corporate fraud and security issues, insurance, finance, law enforcement and intelligence community compliance, compliance audits, and foreign intelligence.

In addition to risk mitigation services, Verasys has extensive experience in directing international operations worldwide while working effectively with local, regional and national governments. Our skills and technical



expertise emphasize strategizing and implementing highly-sensitive, high-risk domestic and international operations, requiring astute negotiations at the highest levels of policy makers among diverse cultures in North and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

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SIA Offers Unique Central Station Training Program

Instructor-led course certifies students as operators and trainers

Alexandria, Va. (Vocus) June 17, 2009 -- The Security Industry Association is offering the only 40-hour central station training (CST) program in the industry that includes classroom training with proctored exams and certifies students to be both operators and instructors.

SIA's CST course is a cost-effective program that provides information about the entire process of training a central station operator from experienced instructors. It identifies the necessary elements of an in-house training program and teaches techniques for evaluating progress and working with students to improve their performance.

"As a result of attending the central station training course, I was able to streamline the existing operator training to include more standardized procedures and workplace scenarios for our colleagues," said Andrew Skehan, Quality Analysis Specialist in Citizens Financial Bank's Capability Investigations and Physical Security Division. "It made me rethink my approach to projects and issues. Since completing the course, I have been given the responsibility to apply the methods and principles of the CST course throughout our division."

The next CST courses are:

[July 20-24](#) (Kissimmee, Fla.)

Hosted by Micro Key Software

[August 17-21](#) (Alexandria, Va.)

Hosted by Security Industry Association

[September 14-18](#) (Kissimmee, Fla.)

Hosted by Micro Key Software

[October 5-9](#) (Baltimore, Md.)

Hosted by AlarmWatch Monitoring Services

The course is only \$550 for SIA members and \$650 for non-members.

For more information, visit the SIA Web site or contact Kim Roberts, SIA's manager of education and training, at (703) 647-8496 or [kroberts\(at\)siaonline.org](mailto:kroberts@siaonline.org).

The Security Industry Association (www.siaonline.org) is the leading trade group for businesses in the electronic and physical security market. SIA protects and advances its members' interests by advocating pro-industry policies and legislation on Capitol Hill and throughout the 50 states; producing cutting-edge global market research; creating open industry standards that enable integration; advancing industry professionalism through



education and training; opening global market opportunities; and providing sole sponsorship of the ISC Expos, the world's largest security trade shows and conferences.

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Society of Fire Protection Engineers Welcomes Allan Freedman as New Executive Director

Society's fourth executive director brings 16 years of association experience.

Bethesda, MD (Vocus) June 16, 2009 - [The Society of Fire Protection Engineers \(SFPE\)](#) has named Allan Freedman as its fourth Executive Director. Prior to joining SFPE, Freedman was the Managing Director for two divisions of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA).

"We are pleased to have found a solid professional to lead the organization that advances the science and technology that makes our world safe from fire," said SFPE President Richard Davis. "He has the leadership skills that are needed to grow SFPE membership services globally."

At ARTBA, Freedman worked extensively with the engineers who plan and design the nation's transportation infrastructure. His prior experience includes working with Associated Builders & Contractors and the National Association of Home Builders. Earlier in his career Freedman worked in the field as a construction project manager.

Freedman brings 16 years experience as an association professional to the position. He has worked on many member services including education and training programs, workforce development, publications and conference programs. He holds a Bachelors degree in Management from the University of Maryland and a Masters in Finance from Johns Hopkins University.

About Society of Fire Protection Engineers:

Organized in 1950, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is the professional society for engineers involved in the field of fire protection engineering. The purposes of [SFPE](#) are to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering, maintain a high ethical standing among its members and foster fire protection engineering education. SFPE's worldwide members include engineers in private practice, in industry and in local, regional and national government. Chapters are located in Canada, China, France, Italy, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and the United States. More information about SFPE can be found at www.sfpe.org.

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