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Two Santa Ana Firefighters, Off-Duty, Create RESPONDER911 Inc.'s Interactive Terrorism Response Training CD For Emergency First Responders

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HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 14, 2003--RESPONDER911 Inc. announced the availability of RESPONDER911 Version 1.0. The new, interactive terrorism response training CD is based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) handbook, "Emergency Response to Terrorism Self-Study Guide." Jon Muir and James Melton, Santa Ana firefighters, developed this training tool to assist their fellow first responders with the basics for terrorism response.

The events of September 11, 2001 taught us the critical importance of emergency preparedness for first responders. Nationally, almost 1.2 million personnel are engaged in the fire service, through employment or volunteer efforts. Additionally, first responders involved in law enforcement, hazardous materials and emergency medical services represent a large audience for terrorism response training.

RESPONDER911 Version 1.0 is the first training program of its kind. In addition to training firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel, whether employed or volunteer, in recognition and response to terrorism, the CD offers practice testing for certification through FEMA's Distance Learning Program. This visually rich interactive CD allows any first responder to train at his/her own pace, even on the job between calls. The individual modules contain testing per subject to check progress. The software includes "Firefighters Speak" video that highlights certain critical job functions in first response situations, and video from inside the cab of a fire engine en-route to an emergency.

"Our message to the national community of first responder personnel and those involved in Homeland Security is that it is of utmost importance that they are trained and prepared to recognize terrorism upon arrival during an emergency," stated Jon Muir, president and CEO of RESPONDER911. "Homeland Security funds available to all levels of government and organizations specify training based on the content of the FEMA standard offered on our CD."

About RESPONDER911 v. 1.0

In addition to modularized training, on-scene video and firefighter speaker sessions, RESPONDER911 v. 1.0 has special features, including:

- Interactive fire engine cab video
- Complete FEMA training manual text
- Powerpoint presentation on weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
- Chemical incident movie

Pricing and Availability

The newly enhanced RESPONDER911 Version 1.0 is currently available on-line at www.responder911.com for \$89.95 for a single-user license. The software will be available in the near future through retailers, including firefighter and law enforcement bookstores. For information on site license pricing, contact RESPONDER911 Sales at 714-375-6693.

About RESPONDER911 Inc.

RESPONDER911 (www.responder911.com) provides software products that are an interactive training counterpart to established government printed materials for emergency first responders. Its initial product, RESPONDER911 Version 1.0, is positioned to train emergency personnel employed in or volunteering to fire service, law enforcement, hazardous materials response and emergency medical services. Clockwork Inc., Huntington Beach, is handling the major multimedia product development.

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