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AFA Protective Systems, Inc. Joins The Loss Prevention Foundation as a Doctorate Level Partner

Matthews, NC (January 16, 2013)—The Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) announces its newest doctorate level scholarship partner, **AFA Protective Systems, Inc. (AFA)**. The Doctorate level partnership secures numerous course scholarships for distribution to retailers. It also enables AFA to provide LPF memberships to loss prevention practitioners.

Based in Syosset, New York, AFA is an industry leader and nationwide provider specializing in the design and installation of security and life safety systems including central station monitoring and test and inspection services.

“We are excited to announce our new relationship with AFA,” said Gene Smith, president of The Loss Prevention Foundation. “AFA is demonstrating its commitment to the loss prevention industry by sponsoring the Foundation at the highest level. This level of investment is an illustration of AFA’s dedication to support elevating our industry to a true profession. Our scholarship partners are vital to continuing our mission of education through certification initiatives such as the LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC).”

“AFA is proud to support this worthwhile industry initiative,” said Steve Hyle, vice president and director of national accounts at AFA. “Promoting individual employee development by advancing competency within a profession stands at the forefront of AFA’s ongoing tradition of excellence. This is evidenced by AFA’s commitment to encourage its employees to obtain National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Fire Alarm Certification as well as many other certifications in the technologies, products and services it provides.

At AFA, we view our chain accounts as true business partners. To this end, it is our unwavering goal to work collectively to help them meet their professional goals of achieving individual competency and excellence within their professions. AFA’s respect for and support of The Loss Prevention Foundation provides a meaningful and rewarding path to achieve these goals.

We are honored to serve the Foundation as a Doctorate Level Partner,” continued Hyle.

About The Loss Prevention Foundation

LPF is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 6 organization founded in 2006, by industry leading professionals to serve the retail loss prevention and asset protection industry. Their mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources. LPF is responsible for administering the industry’s two tiered certification program, the LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC), on-line educational resources and the loss prevention professional membership program. In addition, LPF is focused on driving more talent to the industry from colleges, universities, military and law enforcement through its Academic Retail Partnership Program and its Hire A Vet Program.

About AFA Protective Systems, Inc.

AFA Protective Systems, Inc., the country’s first Central Station fire alarm company, established in

1873, is an industry leader in the design, installation and service of state-of-the-art systems including Fire Alarm systems, Burglar Alarm systems, Video Surveillance, and Access Control systems.

Our fully automated and redundant central stations monitor each customer's fire and security systems 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. AFA provides alarm related services to the retail, commercial, financial, industrial, governmental and residential markets including test & inspection of life safety systems.

AFA is dedicated to providing the most reliable installations and service. Through ongoing training and continued pursuit of the most experienced and professional personnel, AFA has maintained a reputation for quality unsurpassed in the security and fire alarm industries. Helping protect the lives and property of its customers is a responsibility AFA embraces and never takes lightly. In every endeavor, AFA strives to satisfy its customers by meeting and exceeding their expectations.

"At AFA, we deliver superior levels of customer service and specialized support to our retail chain accounts. If you don't believe us, ask our customers!"

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