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## **LPF Certification Courses Granted Academic Honor**

**Matthews, NC (March 11, 2013)** - The Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) certification courses, the LPQualified (LPQ) and the LPCertified (LPC), have been granted an academic honor of excellence awarded by the Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society (OSSNHS). The LPF is the first loss prevention industry association to be granted this academic distinction.

After a recent program review, the OSSNHS found the LPQ and the LPC to have content, scope, rigor, and assessment standards on par with traditional academic learning institutions. As a result, OSSNHS has granted LPF its very own chapter of this National Honor Society, a distinction usually reserved for the top college and university programs in the loss prevention discipline.

The OSSNHS is the only academic honor society dedicated exclusively to the entire security learning community. OSSNHS recognizes only those industry associations with certification programs which are considered to be truly academic in nature.

All LPC and LPQ certification holders will be admitted onto the OSSNHS master honor roll, should the certification holder so choose. There are no costs or fees for this academic honor.

"We are honored to have received this academic assessment and acknowledgement; and look forward to building a strong collaborative relationship with the Order of the Sword & Shield National Honor Society," said Gene Smith, president of The Loss Prevention Foundation. "We also thank Jeffery P. Grossman, JD, Assistant Professor of Homeland Security and Corporate Security Studies, St. John's University and managing director of the Sword & Shield National Honor Society for his leadership in recognizing public and private sector programs that meet excellence in academic standards."

"Our review team was extremely impressed with the learning processes LPF has incorporated into their certification programs", said Professor Grossmann. Having been responsible for hundreds of academic reviews of programs belonging to the Department of Defense and several branches of our nation's military, non-traditional adult education institutions, and traditional college and university academic disciplines himself, Professor Grossmann noted that "the LPF certification system has a solid foundation and should be considered a benchmark process within their industry". *(cont.)*

## **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 The Order of the Sword & Shield Honor Society**

The Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society is the first academic and professional honor society dedicated exclusively to homeland security, intelligence, and all protective disciplines. The mission of OSSNHS shall be to promote critical thinking, high scholarship and professional development; to further enhance the ethical standards of the all security professions; and to cultivate a high order of personal living. The Honor Society was established in 2010 on the campuses of St. John's University in New York and has been adopted at colleges and universities across the country.

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