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The Loss Prevention Foundation Announces Academic Committee

At its meeting on September 18, 2007, the Loss Prevention Foundation's Executive Committee confirmed seven new members. Individuals were chosen to participate on the committee based on their academic credentials as well as their interest in contributing to the advancement of the loss prevention community. The following individuals have accepted the nomination to serve on The Foundation's Academic Committee:

Kristie Blevins, Ph.D. – University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Bob Hanson, Professor - Northern Michigan University
Read Hayes, Ph.D. - University of Florida
Richard Hill – University of Houston
Richard C. Hollinger, Ph.D. - University of Florida
Harvey McMurray, Ph.D. – North Carolina Central University
Thomas D. Schneid, Ph.D. - Eastern Kentucky University

According to The Foundation's Chairman, Frank Johns of Office Depot, "It is very gratifying to have so many highly qualified individuals from the academic community support the Foundation's efforts. We believe that the academic community and these individuals in particular will play a key role in the Foundations success in the years to come."

The Foundation, whose mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient, and challenging educational resources, is a 501c(6)-pending, not-for-profit organization. "Having the support and counsel of such a quality group of educators to support this organization is very exciting. We are extremely fortunate to have such a diverse group of individuals to lead this committee." said Britt Wood, the Foundation's President.

The Academic committee will have its first full meeting in early 2008. Prior to their meeting, the group will work with the Foundation on its LPCertified courseware and exam due for release in early 2008. For more information about the Academic Committee please contact Gene Smith, who is managing the group for the Foundation, at (704) 837-2521 or gene.smith@losspreventionfoundation.org

For more information about the Foundation and its membership and certification programs please visit our website at www.losspreventionfoundation.org

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The Loss Prevention Foundation is organized as a 501c(6) not-for-profit organization (IRS approval pending). For more information about The Loss Prevention Foundation, please contact Rhett Asher at Rhett.Asher@LossPreventionFoundation.org or Gene Smith at Gene.Smith@LossPreventionFoundation.org.