

News Release

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LifeGuard Introduces SmartDock Gen 2 Hands-Free SCBA Holder

Denver, Colorado – August 14, 2008 – Today, at the Fire Rescue International (FRI) show, LifeGuard Technologies®, a division of IMMI, introduced the seat-based SmartDock™ Gen 2. SmartDock is an innovative SCBA holder that enables single-motion insertion of the SCBA and hands-free release, without straps or levers.

SmartDock is designed to help protect firefighters by containing the SCBA and preventing it from becoming a projectile in the event of a collision. The Gen 2 design has one model number and is engineered so it fits with the majority of SCBAs used in today's North American fire departments. With its low profile, SmartDock interfaces effectively with a wide variety of fire apparatus seats.

LifeGuard Sales Director Steve Eickenroht explained how the product has evolved to increase the number of firefighters it can help protect. "SmartDock was successfully launched in September of 2006, and it has been well received by the fire industry," he said. "During the course of developing the Gen 2 product, we listened to firefighters and collected field data that enabled us to meet the needs of even more fire departments with this ground-breaking design concept."

When evaluated to the NFPA 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, SmartDock Gen 2 met requirements for retaining both the cylinder and the pack in dynamic testing.

SmartDock Gen 2 will be available for purchase in the fall of 2008. For information on availability, contact LifeGuard Technologies® at 866-765-5835 or visit lifeguardtechnologies.com.

About LifeGuard Technologies

LifeGuard Technologies is a division of IMMI. For more than four decades IMMI has been bringing safety to people through designing, testing and manufacturing safety restraint systems. IMMI provides hundreds of products for various sectors including the commercial vehicle, power sports, child seating and school bus industries. The Center for Advanced Product Evaluation (CAPE) at IMMI headquarters in Westfield, Indiana, conducts fire apparatus crash tests, rollover tests and cab integrity tests, as well as offering analysis services to the fire apparatus industry.

IMMI is a privately held, international company that tests to U.S., European and Australian standards and is ISO 9001:2000 certified. For more information, visit lifeguardtechnologies.com.

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