

News Release

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LifeGuard SmartDock™ Now Available for Use on All Fire Apparatus

Westfield, Indiana – April 19, 2007 – LifeGuard Technologies, a division of IMMI, introduces LifeGuard SmartDock™, the first hands-free SCBA holder for fire apparatus. SmartDock is currently available exclusively on Pierce fire apparatus and in the after market *for use on any apparatus* through Pierce Aftermarket Parts.

Current SCBA holders require firefighters to operate release levers and cumbersome straps that can become entangled with seat belts and firefighting gear. The innovatively designed SmartDock is a strap-free docking station that offers single-motion SCBA insertion and hands-free release when the firefighter rises out of the seat. In the event of a collision, inertial forces cause the top jaws to lock around the SCBA, retaining the cylinder and preventing it from becoming a dangerous projectile.

SmartDock adjusts to accommodate the majority of SCBA models on the market, and, like all products bearing the LifeGuard Technologies name, has undergone extensive testing to meet or exceed industry standards. When evaluated to the NFPA 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, SmartDock retained both the cylinder and the pack when tested dynamically at 30 g's, more than three times the minimum required 9 g specification.

SmartDock is one of the latest innovations from LifeGuard Technologies – the leading provider of advanced safety systems for fire apparatus. LifeGuard Technologies engineers work alongside the most trusted fire apparatus manufacturers, delivering advanced occupant protection products that are tough, dependable, and designed to perform even in harsh environments. LifeGuard Technologies has earned the reputation of being the world leader in occupant protection for commercial vehicles.

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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