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HSI Announces Medical Director and Chair, Medical Advisory Board: Dr. Gregory Ciottone, MD.

April 14, 2010 – EUGENE, OR - Health & Safety Institute (HSI) and its family of brands, comprised of American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), MEDIC First Aid, 24-7 EMS, 24-7 Fire, EMP Canada, and First Safety Institute (FSI), is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Gregory Ciottone as Medical Director and Chair of the HSI Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. Ciottone is a Board-Certified Emergency Physician and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, where he currently is the Chair of the Disaster Medicine Section, and the former Chair of the International Section. He has served as Director of the Division of International Disaster and Emergency Medicine, and Medical Director for Emergency Management at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he works clinically in the Department of Emergency Medicine. In addition, Dr. Ciottone holds a Visiting Professorship in Disaster Medicine at Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium and the Universita del Piemonte Orientale in Italy. He is the Chief Medical Officer for the American Hospital Management Corporation and has served as the Medical Director for the Office of Security and Investigations, United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Washington D.C. Throughout the 1990's, while working with the American International Health Alliance and USAID, Dr. Ciottone led the development of 22 EMS training centers throughout the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe that trained over 50,000 personnel.

"Dr. Ciottone brings over 17 years experience in academic and clinical Emergency Medicine to Health & Safety Institute's Medical Advisory Board" explains Bill Clendenen, HSI CEO. "We are thrilled to incorporate his experience and credentials in helping develop the next generation of HSI training materials as we approach the new medical guidelines update."

As Medical Director for HSI, Dr. Ciottone provides medical leadership, oversight, and access to best practices to ensure HSI training programs are safe, effective, and of the highest quality. In advising and consulting with HSI, Dr. Ciottone will help set and preserve the parameters by which the medical accuracy and quality of training materials is defined, including the evaluation and approval of training materials based on those parameters.

The Medical Board is one of three advisory boards that provide recommendations to the management and board of directors of HSI. The goal of the Medical Board is to ensure training program content is based on evidence where available, consistent with widely-accepted medical, legal, and educational guidelines, simple, and teachable. The responsibilities of the Medical Board include providing scientific evidence, expert opinion, recommendation and review of HSI program content, publications, and statements and providing advice and counsel to other HSI program advisory groups.

“Being named as Medical Director and Chair of the HSI Medical Advisory Board as the guideline changes approach is a great honor.” said Dr. Gregory Ciottone. “I am excited about the opportunity to work with HSI on new program development and assist in the continuation in upholding their high standard of excellence for training materials.”

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