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LEEDA JOINS RxPATROL INITIATIVE TO COMBAT PHARMACY THEFT

Partnership Provides New Resource to Law Enforcement Leadership

Blue Bell, PA – October 10, 2003 – The F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) today announced its partnership with RxPATROL™, an information clearinghouse designed to collect, analyze and share information on pharmacy robberies, burglaries and theft of controlled substances. RxPATROL (Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies and Other Losses) is intended to help protect pharmacists, guard against potential robberies and burglaries, and assist law enforcement efforts to apprehend and prosecute pharmacy robbers. RxPATROL was conceived, developed and funded by Purdue Pharma L.P., a pharmaceutical company based in Stamford, CT.

RxPATROL allows pharmacy personnel to quickly and easily complete and submit a comprehensive theft report to a secure Internet Web site. The report form is designed to capture a wide range of relevant information; from crime type (e.g., robbery, burglary or fraud) to suspect description, modus operandi and security resources in place to deter theft, such as closed circuit cameras, guards, alarms, reinforced doors and locks.

“RxPATROL is a terrific tool to help stem the tide of pharmaceutical diversion and theft,” said Tom Stone, Executive Director, FBI-LEEDA. “It’s a service that this organization embraces because it brings law enforcement and community leaders together to solve a problem,” he added.

Using a state-of-the-art software program, RxPATROL will collect, collate and analyze information from pharmacy theft reports across the country. The data and analyses, which can incorporate streaming video and closed circuit television photos, will be disseminated to law enforcement agencies for action as they deem appropriate. Additionally, RxPATROL will conduct vulnerability assessments using the information

gathered on pharmacy theft patterns to identify potential weaknesses and provide suggestions as to what pharmacies can do to minimize their risk to theft-related crime. The data will also reveal what types of security devices (e.g., alarms, closed circuit television cameras, public monitors, reinforced doors, etc.) are most effective in deterring burglaries and robberies.

“FBI-LEEDA membership represents the Chief Executive Officers of the vast majority of America’s law enforcement community,” said Aaron Graham, Vice President, Corporate Security, Purdue Pharma. “RxPATROL provides another resource to law enforcement’s arsenal to fight illicit drug abuse and help protect their citizens and communities.”

RxPATROL was launched in June 2003, through a partnership that included the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) and the Pharmaceutical Security Institute. LEEDA now joins these organizations in posting the RxPATROL Pharmacy Theft Report on their Web site (www.leedafbi.org), as well as the RxPATROL Web site (www.rxpatrol.org).

The Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) program was first conceptualized to fill a void in the F.B.I. executive training programs for Municipal, State, and Federal leaders of law enforcement agencies having between 50 and 500 personnel. The Management Science and Leadership Unit at Quantico, led by SSA Robert McCarthy, in collaboration with faculty from the University of Virginia, began a two-week training program at the F.B.I. Academy at Quantico on January 18, 1981, to meet this need. The response by the law enforcement community to the LEEDS programs, both regionally and at the F.B.I. Academy, has been overwhelming, and its success can be measured by its significant growth since 1981. The LEEDS network continues to graduate in excess of 800 law enforcement executives annually.

In 1991, a group of LEEDS graduates, along with SSA Robert McCarthy, formed FBI/LEEDA, Inc., better known as the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, a non-profit corporation, to provide graduates with a vehicle for continued networking and educational opportunities. Today, LEEDA’s membership includes more than 2,000 law enforcement officials in the United States and 10 foreign countries.

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