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Press Release

IADLEST and VirTra Award Atoka Police Department with a Free Simulator as Part of Taskforce Santa Project

December 14, 2023, The International Association of Directors in Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) and VirTra (Nasdaq: VTSI) have announced the selection for the Taskforce Santa project, which provides a public safety training simulator to a deserving agency free of charge. On December 13, Atoka Police Department in Tennessee received its V-100® training simulator after being selected from over one hundred applicants nationwide.

After installing the simulator, a press conference was held at the police department. Atoka Mayor Barry Akin, Atoka Police Chief Anthony Rudolph, and VirTra CEO John Givens spoke to the dozens of attendees. Each expressed gratitude for the partnership and overwhelming support for the police and community of Atoka. When speeches and addresses concluded, scenarios were demonstrated for attendees to view.

All VirTra's simulators include coursework that is NCP certified by IADLEST, ensuring that the best training value is gleaned from the content. Throughout the event, each person from the police department and the city of Atoka placed great value on training. "Training for all of our staff is so important, we put a great emphasis on it" said Mayor Akin. "This is truly a historic event for Atoka."

Stories and nominations were sent in from law enforcement agencies and civilians from around the country, showing the vast need for training and funding. Atoka Police Department's story stood out as they listed heartfelt reasons why they could use the VirTra system: community engagement and education, enhancing officer safety and wellness and mutual aid/collaboration with other small local agencies.

CEO John Givens echoed these sentiments, expressing his hope that the gift will enhance the town's safety and: "In the true spirit of Christmas, we hope this gift will keep this community and its great officers safer than they are today through realistic training."

Atoka Police Department received the V-100 simulator, its training software, NCP-certified coursework, less lethal tools, and a full year of service and warranty. Additionally, shipping company Pilot offered to ship the system from Chandler, Arizona to Atoka for free after hearing the story in the spirit of giving.

IADLEST is a nonprofit and is looking forward to partnering with VirTra in the future for similar events to bring effective training to agencies in need.

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IADLEST's mission is to support the innovative development of professional standards in public safety through research, development, collaboration and sharing of information, to assist states and international partners with establishing effective and defensible standards for the employment and training of public safety personnel.

About VirTra

VirTra (Nasdaq: VTSI) is a global provider of judgmental use of force training simulators and firearms training simulators for the law enforcement, military, educational and commercial markets. The company's patented technologies, software, and scenarios provide intense training for de-escalation, judgmental use-of-force, marksmanship, and related training that mimics real-world situations. VirTra's mission is to save and improve lives worldwide through practical and highly effective virtual reality and simulator technology. Learn more about the company at www.VirTra.com.

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