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SWEDE Cooling Vest –Cooling Vest Developed to Prevent Heat Stress

Washington, D.C. – August 2, 2004 – First Line Technology, LLC, and Swedish Emergency Disaster Equipment, AB (SWEDE), have developed a Cooling Vest that encompasses Phase Change Technology to absorb heat and cool key parts of the body.

Heat stress is a recognized hazard first responders face when completing tasks while wearing Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Heat stress can cause heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, fainting, and heat rash and has been designated as a safety hazard by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Although our range of PPE has been designed to provide first responders with an excellent level of protection, durability and comfort, the primary purpose of the PPE is to be an impenetrable layer of protection. When the wearer begins their physical activities the body heats up producing excess heat energy that is trapped inside the PPE. The PPE prevents the release of the excess heat, which in turn can result in heat stress. Overheating remains a problem...that is until now. First Line Technology now provides a solution – the SWEDE Cooling Vest.

The SWEDE Cooling Vest requires no batteries, no ice or air pumps and can be recharged without the aid of any external cooling device such as a refrigerator. The SWEDE Cooling Vest provides a cooling effect of the body core by heat absorption thus reducing the heat stress hazard. It is simple, easy and safe.

First Line Technology, LLC, offers first responders protective and decontamination equipment which includes: protective suits, cooling vests, NBC escape hoods, respirators, decontamination trailers, tents and heaters and a variety of equipment used for response to nuclear, biological, and chemical events. Find more information at our website <http://www.firstlinetechnology.com>.

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