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APSP TEAMS UP WITH FBI TO EDUCATE INDUSTRY ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Pool, Spa, and Hot Tub Industry has Critical Role in Protecting Americans

(ALEXANDRIA, VA) – The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP) announces a joint presentation with the FBI titled “Pool & Spa’s Role in Assisting the FBI: What the Bad Guys Won’t Tell You About Bulk Chemical Sales,” at the International Pool | Spa | Patio Expo, in Las Vegas, Wed., Nov. 2, 4 pm.

The session will be presented by Intelligence Analyst Justin Kita, PhD, Supervisory Special Agent Victoria Alioto, and Carvin DiGiovanni, APSP senior director, technical & standards.

As the world’s largest trade association representing the pool, spa and hot tub industry, APSP been able to work with the FBI to increase the awareness of the chemicals sought by terrorists. This session will help industry professionals identify suspicious behavior and activities which may indicate nefarious intent.

“Pool & Spa’s Role in Assisting the FBI: What the Bad Guys Won’t Tell You About Bulk Chemical Sales,” will explain how terrorists are aware of the commercially available chemicals that can be used to produce homemade explosives and other devices that may cause harm; however many retailers selling these chemicals are not aware of this fact.

Attendees will get a first-hand glimpse of the FBI’s recommended countermeasures to assist in the recognition of suspicious customer behaviors. “Retailers can be our eyes and ears in the field,” Kita said.

“Our industry and its professionals are proud to work cooperatively with the FBI,” said DiGiovanni, “The APSP/FBI joint model serves as an example of the way a partnership between professional society and law enforcement can be mutually beneficial.”

To learn more about the pool, spa and hot tub industry's role in protecting homeland security, register for the International Pool | Spa | Patio Expo at poolspapatio.com and visit APSP.org for information on APSP and the FBI's Chemical Weapons Awareness Campaign.

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APSP is the world's largest international trade association representing the swimming pool, spa, and hot tub industry. Its mission is to promote consumer safety, and enhance the business success of its members. Members adhere to a code of business ethics and share a commitment to public health and safety in the use of pools, spas and hot tubs. Since 1985, APSP has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute as the recognized Standards Developing Organization to produce the nation's swimming pool, spa and hot tub standards. APSP member companies include manufacturers, distributors, manufacturers' agents, designers, builders, installers, suppliers, retailers and service professionals. For more information about the APSP please visit APSP.org.