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Wrap Technologies Appoints Former Police Commissioners To Lead Public Safety Relations Team

TEMPE, AZ / ACCESSWIRE / January 7, 2019 / Wrap Technologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "Wrap") (NASDAQ:WRTC), an innovator of modern policing solutions, announced the appointment of Richard Ross Jr., retired Commissioner of Philadelphia Police Department, and Edmund Harnett, retired Commissioner of Yonkers Police Department, to lead the Company's public safety relations efforts.



Mr. Ross Jr. and Mr. Harnett will be responsible for outreach and liaison with law enforcement police executives and community stakeholders across the country.

"After LAPD's decision to train more than 1,000 officers, the demand from larger police departments domestically and internationally has increased," said Mike Rothans, Chief Operating Officer at Wrap Technologies. "The addition of these two individuals, with decades of public safety service and executive experience with large police departments, will help carry out our mission for the BolaWrap to become a standard less-lethal option for law enforcement around the world."

As Commissioner of Philadelphia Police Department, Richard Ross Jr. led the fourth largest police department in the nation with more than 6,500 sworn and 800 civilian members.

Prior to his appointment to Commissioner, Mr. Ross Jr. served as Philadelphia Police Department's first Deputy Commissioner. In both positions, Mr. Ross Jr. helped lead the department's commitment to reform and accountability while championing community policing, community partnerships and the use of technology and data to support smart, effective and respectful policing.

Mr. Ross Jr. worked and commanded various units, ranging from Patrol, Special Operations and the Detective Bureau to Homicide and Internal Affairs. As First Deputy Commissioner of

Field Operations, his command included Patrol Operations, Homeland Security & Domestic Preparedness, Special Operations, Detective Bureau, Labor Relations, Community Relations, Criminal Intelligence, Command Inspections Bureau, and the Mayor's Security Detail.

Mr. Ross Jr. is the recipient of numerous awards and citations, including the Gary P. Hayes Award for Excellence in Policing and the Dawn's Place Champion Award for his work to abolish human trafficking. He has an undergraduate degree in Labor & Industrial Relations from Penn State University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Joseph's University. Mr. Ross Jr. is a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, the F.B.I. National Academy, the National Executive Institute, and the Police Executive Leadership Institute, and has also earned a leadership certificate from the Harvard Kennedy School.

"With almost 31 years of service in law enforcement, I've seen first-hand the challenges faced when dealing with non-compliant subjects, especially those in mental crisis," said Mr. Ross Jr. "The law enforcement community is looking for new ways to de-escalate potentially violent encounters, and the BolaWrap is an important step in the right direction."

Edmund Hartnett served 27 years in the NYPD, retiring as a Deputy Chief. He commanded several NYPD units including the Drug Enforcement Task Force, the Quality Assurance Division and the Intelligence Division.

Upon retirement from the NYPD, Mr. Harnett served as Police Commissioner of Yonkers, the fourth largest city in New York State, from 2006 through 2011. After leaving the Yonkers Police Department, Mr. Harnett worked with former NYPD Police Commissioner Bill Bratton as part of the Bratton Group on police consulting projects in Los Angeles, Oakland CA, Detroit and Baltimore.

Mr. Harnett holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University, a master's degree in Public Administration from Marist College and a Certificate in Police Management from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute and the Executive Leaders Program of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security of the Naval Postgraduate School.

"To me, the most appealing aspect of the BolaWrap is that it does not rely on pain to gain compliance," said Mr. Harnett. "The device is a game-changer for law enforcement, and I am excited to assist in bringing the BolaWrap to law enforcement executives around the world."

About Wrap Technologies (Nasdaq: WRTC)

Wrap Technologies is an innovator of modern policing solutions. The Company's BolaWrap 100 product is a patented, hand-held remote restraint device that discharges an eight-foot bola style Kevlar® tether to entangle an individual at a range of 10-25 feet. Developed by award-winning inventor Elwood Norris, the Company's Chief Technology Officer, the small but powerful BolaWrap 100 assists law enforcement to safely and effectively control encounters, especially those involving an individual experiencing a mental crisis. For information on the Company please visit www.wraptechnologies.com. Examples of recent media coverage are available as links under the "Media" tab of the website.

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