

# WRAP Appoints Tom Smith as Chief Executive Officer

# New Governance Enhancements to Include the Future Appointment of Two New Independent Directors

TEMPE, Ariz., March 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- WRAP Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WRAP) ("WRAP" or the "Company"), a global leader in innovative public safety technologies and services, today announced that Tom Smith has been appointed as the Company's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Smith had been serving as WRAP's interim Chief Executive since October 27, 2020. He joined WRAP in March 2019 as the Company's President and increased sales by 460% in 2020, selling WRAP's remote restraint public safety device to 36 countries to date.

WRAP also announced that the Company plans to appoint two new independent directors to the Board within 45 days.

Scot Cohen, WRAP's co-founder and Executive Chairman, commented: "With nearly 30 years serving law enforcement and public safety, we feel Tom's experience as an industry veteran and proven leader position him for success in serving as WRAP's Chief Executive Officer. As the co-founder and former President and Chairman of TASER International, Tom has demonstrated the ability to lead an organization through rapid growth."

"I am excited to continue leading this company and by the opportunity this exceptional team has in front of them to make lasting changes to public safety," said CEO Tom Smith. "We are a global company dedicated to improving safety in our communities through descalation and the avoidance of excessive use of force. In continuing to work closely with law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders, I am optimistic that WRAP will help create a new era of policing and crisis response."

Today's announcements stem from the Board's discussions and ongoing engagement with WRAP's stockholders. This includes significant support from Elwood "Woody" G. Norris, who is also the Company's co-founder and Chief Technology Officer. The Company and Mr. Norris have reached an agreement, which, among other things, sets forth the management change and future appointment of two new independent directors to the Board and includes customary standstill and voting provisions that will be filed on a Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Norris added: "I look forward to seeing WRAP move forward to meet its full potential. Tom is an energetic visionary with a unique ability to lead and inspire rigorous growth, as evidenced by the level of talent he's been able to attract since joining WRAP. Having worked with Tom since his appointment as President in 2019, I have complete confidence in his ability to lead WRAP while maintaining alignment with our core mission of providing solutions that enable safer outcomes for both police and the communities they serve."

#### **About Wrap Technologies**

WRAP Technologies (Nasdaq: WRAP) is a global leader in innovating public safety technologies and services that deliver advanced solutions focused on avoiding escalation. The BolaWrap® Remote Restraint device, WRAP's first product, is a patented, hand-held device that discharges a Kevlar® tether to temporarily restrain from a safe distance. Through many field uses and growing adoption by agencies across the globe, BolaWrap is proving to be an effective tool to safely detain persons without injury. WRAP Reality, the Company's virtual reality training system, is an immersive training simulator and comprehensive public safety training platform designed to empower first responders with the necessary knowledge to perform in the field. WRAP's headquarters are located in Tempe, Arizona. For more information, please visit *wrap.com*.

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