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NORTH AMERICAN RESCUE AWARDED NINE PATENTS FOR ARS DESIGN

Greer, SC (February 3, 2010) – Nine patents for domestic and international designs of the ARS® Needle Decompression Kit have been awarded to North American Rescue®, LLC. The patents cover the necessary product casing variations that prevent the hypodermic needle from being bent or compromised during transport.

The ARS Needle Decompression is the result of a two-year collaboration with tactical healthcare professionals worldwide. Through this effort, North American Rescue has been able to identify, develop, test, and deliver a product that has become an invaluable tool for the treatment of tension pneumothorax, currently the third leading cause of preventable combat death according to real-time data on the battlefield.

The various iterations of the product comprise a smooth cap (US patent # D584,409 S; Canadian patent #127820; European patent #001002372-0001), a ridged cap (US patent # D595,847 S; Canadian patent # 127822; European patent # 001013940-0001), and a ridged cap with a pocket clip (US patent # D584,410 S; Canadian patent # 127823; European patent # 001013940-0002).

“The ARS is an important evolution in the treatment of casualties presenting with a tension pneumothorax,” said NAR Director of Marketing Lonnie Johnson. “Having the right equipment is important, but getting it into the field and having it in the condition to perform as needed is critical. The patented packaging protection that the ARS features gives tactical medical personnel the confidence of knowing that their equipment will not be compromised in the most austere of environments.”

North American Rescue®, LLC, based in Greer, South Carolina, has enjoyed the honor of serving their country, community, and customers for over a decade. By providing innovative casualty care solutions to first responders, health care professionals, and security forces at home and abroad, NAR is leading the fray to decrease preventable death on the battlefield, whether it be a foreign combat zone or the streets of America.

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