

Press Release

SA Technologies Partners with F.L.E.T.C. to Develop Training Tool for Responders to Suspected Weapons of Mass Destruction.

MARIETTA, GA., February 12, 2007 – Law enforcement officers face the prospect of having to respond to suspected chemical, biological or radiological weapons at a moments notice. To ensure personnel are ready to react to these threatening situations, F.L.E.T.C. is creating a simulation tool to help train officers in the safe and timely handling of various hazardous materials. As part of the development of this training, F.L.E.T.C has partnered with SA Technologies, an innovator in situation awareness and human factors to build-up the situation awareness of responders in these critical incidents.

From behavioral research to the development of situation awareness oriented training, SA Technologies delivers the cutting-edge solutions for law enforcement agents and emergency responders who need to perform under dangerous conditions. Situation awareness provides people with the knowledge and understanding they need to grasp what is happening around them, what the knowledge means to their mission and how they can use the knowledge to make better decisions. In environments where actions must be performed quickly and accurately – the first time – situation awareness is crucial.

“F.L.E.T.C. is developing a training tool for law enforcement officers that will provide the high level of understanding during WMD response events that is needed for achieving the best outcomes in the field,” said Dr. Mica Endsley, SA Technologies President. “ They are on the forefront of integrating cognitive behavior and situation awareness research to build the technical skills required of first responders and other law officers.”

The benefits of integrating situation awareness training with simulations is that it will greatly enhance law enforcement’s ability to respond to emergency situations before personnel are faced with real scenarios. This training will help WMD incident responders better recognize and interpret critical cues, integrate disparate information, facilitate the sharing of information in real time, and develop proactive solutions to threats. “The handling of hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction is not the only area that will benefit from a thorough understanding of the environment. Situation awareness is important in training for all aspects of homeland security, military operations, and emergency and disaster management personnel.” said Dr. Endsley, “The better we train officers and agents in all capacities, the better the security and defense of our nation, and the better we are at directing resources effectively to those who need them.”

As the leader in the human factors and situation awareness field, SA Technologies collaborates with private industry, military organizations and law enforcement and security agencies on projects ripe for benefiting from this critical component.

Those interested in learning more about SA Technologies, and the projects the company has supported, should visit www.satechnologies.com or call Dr. Mica Endsley at 770.565.9859.

About SA Technologies

SA Technologies is the innovator and industry leader in cutting-edge cognitive engineering and situation awareness research, design, training and measurement. The firm provides top-of-class research and design for advanced systems for aviation, air traffic control, medical, power systems, government, industry and military operations. SA Technologies has built its business with a dedication to innovation and a commitment to each client’s success. The company has a strong record of excellence in the identification of critical human performance needs and the management of high-quality research programs and industry product development. NASA named SA Technologies The 2001 Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year.