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The Loss Prevention Foundation Announces Five New Board Members

Matthews, **NC** (May 4, 2010) — The Loss Prevention Foundation announces the selection of its newest board members to assist in governing the Foundation. These industry leaders will also provide strategic direction for the organization.

The following individuals have accepted the nomination and have been approved by the board to serve on the Foundation's Board of Directors:

Lee Bland Director of Loss Prevention Stage Stores, Inc

David George, CFI, LPC Vice President of Asset Protection Harris Teeter Supermarkets, Inc.

Jeffrey S. Levitt Sr. Manager Asset Protection Panera Bread

William Napier, LPC Sr. Manager Corp. Asset Protection Cabela's

Kevin R. Wolfe Vice President of Loss Prevention Big Lots Stores, Inc.

"The Foundation continues to strive for a broad range of industry perspectives so we can serve the loss prevention industry in an informed and comprehensive manner," said Gene Smith, president of The Loss Prevention Foundation. "Each of these new board members has clearly demonstrated their support for industry-specific loss prevention certification. They have either personally obtained the LPC designation, are getting ready to test, have had it approved as tuition assistance and have had it approved as a preferred requirement for all job postings. It is clear that, each of them has a passion for improving our professional perception as an industry and feel professional certification is a critical step in achieving that goal."

"The Foundation continues to amass strong retail support for its mission – educating the loss prevention industry by providing challenging and convenient resources such as our LPQ and LPC certification programs," said Frank Johns, The Loss Prevention Foundation's Chairman. "Each of these professionals brings a unique perspective as a result of their extensive expertise in loss prevention and store operations."

"These leaders have proven that they have tremendous industry vision and have clearly demonstrated their commitment to improving the loss prevention industry through supporting education," said Paul Stone, vice president asset protection & risk management, Best Buy. "These board members will assist in governing the Foundation and providing strategic direction with the current team of board members."

The board also approved an audit committee charter and selected Kevin Valentine, Vice President Loss Prevention, Audit & Inventory Control; Sterling Inc. as the Chair.

For a complete list of board members, visit our site: <u>LPF Board of Directors</u>

About The Loss Prevention Foundation

The Loss Prevention Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 c (6) organization founded in 2006 by industry leading professionals to serve the loss prevention industry. Our mission is to advance the profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources. We support this mission through a variety of ever-expanding initiatives, including two certification programs, on-line educational resources, a career-oriented membership program, student scholarships and a college and university program.