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## **BLACKHAWK LAW ENFORCEMENT™ SERPA AUTO LOCK™ LEVEL 3 DUTY HOLSTER** **Approved for Duty by the San Diego Police Department**



NORFOLK, VA (October 10, 2006) BlackHawk Products Group™ introduced the revolutionary CQC® holster with the SERPA Technology™ Active Retention System in 2004. Now, as part of the company's philosophy of continuous product evolution, BlackHawk Law Enforcement is not only proud to introduce the SERPA Auto Lock™ Level 3 Duty Holster but to announce the approval of the Level 3 Duty Holster by the San Diego Police Department.

William M. Landsdowne, the Chief of Police of the San Diego Police Department, announced that the SERPA Level 3 Duty Holster has been approved for duty gear and tactical use. Landsdowne's announcement to the 2,000 officers of the SDPD read:

"After extensive research and testing, the **BlackHawk LE Duty Gear Level 3 SERPA Duty Holster** is approved for duty and tactical use.

The SERPA Auto Lock system provides a quick, natural draw with immediate security upon re-holstering to increase officer safety. The holster is lightweight and the injection molded carbon fiber composite construction provides incredible strength.

The testing was conducted at the San Diego Police Range and completed at the San Diego Regional Police Academy."

"The approval from one of our nations' premier law enforcement agencies confirms our belief that the Level 3 SERPA™ Duty Holster offers law enforcement officer the security they require but with the assurance the holster performs well under normal duty conditions and high stress tactical operations," Mike Noell, President and CEO of BlackHawk Products Group commented.

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Level 3 holsters have long been the standard holster for everyday law enforcement duty use, but often present problems by preventing a quick draw for the officer under stressful combative conditions. The BlackHawk™ SERPA Auto Lock™ Level 3 features a Pivot Guard™ that keeps the weapon secured until the officer chooses to draw. There are no snaps or hoods to accidentally open.

The combination of the SERPA Auto Lock™ and the Pivot Guard™ offers the officer the ultimate in weapon retention in the event of a struggle. The SERPA Auto Lock™ Level 3 duty holster uses the natural drawing motion and finger alignment to release the Pivot Guard as the index finger presses against the SERPA Auto Lock™. To remove the weapon, simply draw the handgun like you should train, with the trigger finger alongside the holster, so that it indexes on the frame of the pistol when it is drawn. Your finger naturally rests on the SERPA™ release mechanism and a simple push is all you need to release the gun. The Pivot Guard™ will not lock your weapon out of the holster and once reholstered, the weapon is immediately secured, increasing officer safety.

The Level 3 SERPA™ Duty Holster's extremely light weight injection molded carbon fiber composite construction provides incredible strength coupled with security. The SERPA Auto Lock™ Level 3 duty holster's modular design works with multiple platforms including Belt Loop, Thigh Platform, Shoulder Harness and MOLLE-compatible, S.T.R.I.K.E.® systems. Currently available for the GLOCK 17/19/22/23, with other models, including the Tactical version, due later in 2006. Suggested retail price is \$99.95.

**About BlackHawk™ :**

BlackHawk Products Group™, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, with manufacturing, tooling and design facilities worldwide, was founded in 1993 by President and CEO Mike Noell. As the world leader in supplying tactical equipment to the military and law enforcement, and now hunting-specific gear to outdoor enthusiasts, BlackHawk continues to introduce new best-in-class products through intensive internal R&D initiatives and selective acquisitions. BlackHawk's brands include: BlackHawk Armor™, BlackHawk! Blades™, BlackHawk! Law Enforcement™, BlackHawk Tactical™™ and Hydration, M.O.D.®, CQC®, SERPA™, Night-Ops®, Dynamic Entry®, Warrior Wear™, and Wildfire Warrior™.

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