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BLACKHAWK® S.T.R.I.K.E.™ CYCLONE™ WINS NTOA MEMBER APPROVAL

NORFOLK, VA (August 22, 2006) BlackHawk Products Group™, the world leader in tactical gear, is proud to announce that the HydraStorm® S.T.R.I.K.E Cyclone pack was field tested by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) and received an overall rating of 4.51 out of a possible 5 points. The NTOA Member Tested Program is designed to provide law enforcement product manufacturers with a means to have their products tested in the field by the law enforcement community. The program provides valuable feedback to the manufacturers as well as product recommendations by their law enforcement peers.

“This is not your daddy’s daypack,” wrote one of the reviewers. “It is hard to believe anyone could come up with something unique, but BlackHawk successfully approached it from the generic angle. In addition to quality construction, the best part about this pack is the versatility.”

Two S.T.R.I.K.E. Cyclone packs were sent for testing in thirteen possible test categories which include: design, performance, ease-of-use, size, quality, durability, storage, versatility, convenience, and application for law enforcement, comfort, cleaning /maintenance, and accuracy. The Cyclone pack features a large compartment with an internal pouch for radio packs and three antenna ports with flaps. The IVS™ back panel is molded providing superior comfort, stability and airflow. Built rugged for extreme environments and tough handling the Cyclone is not without its creature comforts such as contoured, padded shoulder straps and sternum strap and a reinforced waist belt with additional attachment points. Highly versatile, the Cyclone is compatible with 3-Day accessory pouches by the anodized D-rings and quick-cinch buckles. The Cyclone’s biggest benefit to the soldier, officer or outdoorsman is plenty of room for gear and a HydraStorm reservoir drink system protected by Microban® antimicrobial technology. Featuring a patent pending quick-disconnect system and the best bite valve on the market today, the Cyclone is also compatible with HydraStorm’s disposable reservoir system. Available in black, olive drab, coyote tan and the new ARPAT, the BlackHawk HydraStorm S.T.R.I.K.E. Cyclone retails between \$169.95 to \$174.95 at your local retailer or online at www.blackhawk.com.

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Other BlackHawk products to have passed the NTOA stringent testing include the HydraStorm Barracuda, Night-Ops' Gladius, the S.T.R.I.K.E. Elite Vest, the 3-Day Assault Pack and the CQB belt.

About BlackHawk:

BlackHawk Industries Inc. founded in 1993 by President and CEO Mike Noell, is recognized as the world leader in supplying tactical equipment to the military and law enforcement markets. Mike was trained as a US Navy SEAL and incorporated that experience and discipline in building a company dedicated to designing equipment for the preservation of life under the worst extremes.

BlackHawk Products Group was formed in 2003 to accelerate the pace of introducing new best-in-class products to the performance oriented tactical market through intensive internal R&D initiatives and selective acquisitions. Since 2003, BlackHawk™ has acquired Masters of Defense® Knife Company (MOD), Delta Design Group, Jungst Scientific, Dynamic Entry®, All Season's Apparel, and Wildfire Warrior™. Acquisitions in R&D and manufacturing capabilities resulted in BlackHawk's groundbreaking launch of the CQC™ holster line and SERPA Auto Lock™ technology, an all new HydraStorm® line and MOD's new line of BlackHawk Blades™. BlackHawk created new divisions for new product groups such as Night-Ops™ for illumination tools, Warrior Wear™ for apparel, and BlackHawk Law Enforcement for duty gear. In 2006, BlackHawk entered the shooting sports and hunting markets employing the skills and the knowledge learned from over a decade of successfully supplying the law enforcement and military markets.

BlackHawk is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia U.S.A. For more information on BlackHawk and BlackHawk products, log on to www.blackhawk.com or call 800-694-5263.

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