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## **Local Security Firm Demonstrates Commitment to Higher Standard**

*First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. becomes first CALSAGA Certified Security Services Provider*

SACRAMENTO – The California Association of Licensed Security Agencies, Guards and Associates (CALSAGA) announced today that First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. of Aptos, California is the first Private Patrol Operator (PPO) in California to become a CALSAGA Certified Security Services Provider. First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. is a mid-sized regional uniformed security services firm employing approximately 550 security officers within five (5) branches.

Established in 2006, the Certified Security Services Provider Program is designed to provide a comprehensive evaluation that demonstrates a security firm's commitment to a higher standard of service – the best of the best. In order for a security firm to become certified, they are required to undergo an audited, independent review against standards that exceed state requirements. The review includes an on-site evaluation to determine compliance with best practices.

First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. was evaluated by an independent auditor who looked at general policy and procedures, ethical, financial and business practices and information and record management. Additionally, the audit entailed a public records check and credit check. In the audit, First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. exceeded all requirements.

“The certification of First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. affirms their commitment to providing a higher standard of service and quality,” said Jeff Flint, CALSAGA Association Manager. “On behalf of our entire membership, I would like to congratulate them on this monumental achievement.”

CALSAGA has invested a considerable amount of time developing this comprehensive program and hope that it will continue to elevate the security industry by providing consumers with premier service. Subsequently, CALSAGA plans to certify other PPO member companies in 2007, as well as roll out a marketing campaign aimed at educating consumers and the public on the benefits of hiring a Certified Security Services Provider.

“We are honored to be recognized by CALSAGA and believe our success is a testament to our employees who make First Alarm Security & Patrol, Inc. a leader in the private security industry,” said Cal Horton, Vice President/General Manager of First Alarm.

### **About CALSAGA**

CALSAGA represents the contract private security industry in the State of California, including private security firms, private security training facilities, security management, security training instructors, security officers, and related industries.

Private security plays a crucial role in protecting personal safety and property, and an increasingly important role in homeland defense. California contract private security standards are the highest in the nation for licensing, training and background checks.

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