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HD Electric Company® Brings Life Saving Technology to First Responders at FDIC International

Offering two innovative products to warn rescue workers of dangerous high voltage electrocution risks.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., (April 25, 2018) – HD Electric Company (HDE), a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, a leading provider of products serving the needs of the electrical utility industry, will give attendees of the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) International the opportunity to experience the V-Watch® Personal Voltage Detector and V-Detect™ AC Voltage Detector in booth 10064 and the emerging technologies exhibit. Trusted by the electric utility industry, HDE's line of voltage detection devices is based on proven technology that alerts users to potentially dangerous high voltage in their work area.

"HDE brings more than 80 years of experience to first responders," said Denis Hanna, Director of Sales and Marketing. "We are committed to keeping rescue workers safe from downed power lines while they help others after devastating natural disasters. The V-Watch and V-Detect solutions are ideal for first responders, alerting users to dangerous high voltage electric fields."

HDE is proud to support first responders as disasters strike. Many storm recovery crews have seen lifesaving success with the V-Watch during the critical hours of Hurricane Irma. Members of the Coral Gables Fire Rescue Department experienced firsthand how the V-Watch can be trusted to alert first responders to life-threatening electric fields.

"The crews were so thankful for the fact they had it," said Kenny Anderson, Coral Gables EMS Captain. "The officer on the truck confided in me and said 'Listen, we probably wouldn't be having this conversation today if it wasn't for the V-Watch.' This is a critical piece of equipment to keep your guys safe."

V-Watch Personal Voltage Detector

The V-Watch Personal Voltage Detector provides an extra level of safety by detecting and alerting to the presence of electrical fields or energized electrical equipment. It is worn on the outside of a turnout jacket and features an audible and visual warning to high voltage. It alerts when at least 2.4kV of voltage is detected. Audible and visual alarms increase in frequency the closer the user gets to energized equipment. The compact design allows for free movement, while the water-resistant nature makes for a reliable detector in any environment.



V-Detect AC Voltage Detector

The V-Detect AC Voltage Detector provides first responders with a safety tool that will alert them to potentially dangerous high voltage in their work area. The water-resistant handheld device weighs less than a pound and an extension stick allows distance between the user and high voltage for added safety. With two standard voltage ranges, a visual and audible alarm warns the user to high voltage that increases in frequency the closer the user gets to dangerous high voltage. The weather resistant touch pad features large buttons for ease of use.

First responders can request a demonstration of the V-Watch and V-Detect by visiting HDEFIRSTRESPONDER.COM.

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