



TSSI Melds Security Procedures

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SILVER SPRING, Md. — Macfadden in August announced formation of a new wholly owned subsidiary Total Security Services International, which will be led by renowned homeland security expert Don L. Rondeau.

The new division will provide strategic, operational and planning support and training with specialized expertise in transportation security. The primary focus of TSSI will be identifying security vulnerabilities, creating and implementing security plans, and training key personnel to reduce vulnerability and improve mitigation.

Rondeau, who serves as senior vice president of critical infrastructure for Macfadden in addition to his role as president and CEO of TSSI, said TSSI represents more than a consulting firm; rather it “represents a paradigm shift in the way we view security.”

“We’ve learned during disasters and emergencies like 9/11 and Katrina that emergency management isn’t just an administrative function and isn’t something that you can’t manage behind a desk in Washington,” Rondeau said. “Here in the United States, we have siloed emergency management and operational security - I don’t think the cooperation exists to the degree that it needs to.”

For decades Macfadden has assisted the U.S. Agency for International Development in administering and managing programs that deliver global humanitarian relief. The company’s experience includes the provision of security support to the International Civilian Office in Kosovo as part of its work on behalf of the U.S. Department of State’s Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia. “We’ve responded and supported our government in responding to more than 700 disasters under difficult circumstances and complex environments,” Rondeau said.

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He said TSSI is in a position “to uniquely integrate humanitarian aid, disaster response and high-level operational security.”

TSSI was recently awarded a subcontract by the HMS Company to support a multi-year contract from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to manage the Trucking Security Grant Program as part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Infrastructure Protection Activities.

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