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## **TVI Corporation Receives \$1.75 Million National Guard Contract**

*Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) Will Protect the National Guard Rapid Reaction Force (RRF) During Homeland Defense/Homeland Security Missions*

**GLENN DALE, MD** – April 24, 2008 – TVI Corporation (NASDAQ: TVIN), an international supplier of military and civilian emergency first responder and first receiver products, personal protection products, quick-erect shelter systems and event shelter and equipment rentals, today announced that the National Guard has awarded a \$1.75 million order for C420 Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) to the Company's subsidiary, SafetyTech International. These PAPRs include SafetyTech's NIOSH approved hydration system, which enables Guardsmen to drink water without compromising their respiratory protection.

The PAPRs will be used by the National Guard Rapid Reaction Force (RRF) to perform Homeland Defense/Homeland Security missions, including support of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) teams, which also use the C420 PAPRs as standard equipment for respiratory protection.

“These PAPRs are a critical asset to our National Guard as they protect and serve our country, both at home and abroad,” said Lt. General Harley A. Hughes, USAF (Ret.), President and CEO of TVI. “We are gratified that our Company can play a role in supporting the work of the men and women of the Guard. We would also like to commend U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, (D-MD) and U.S. Representative Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) for the critical support they provided in connection with this PAPR initiative.”

“The National Guard contract award represents an ideal win for TVI,” Hughes added. “We are gratified that the Guard continues to place its confidence in us. Our strategy is to continue to target stable, long-term customer relationships like the one we are building with the National Guard. We see this order as further validation that our turnaround plan remains on track.”

### **About TVI Corporation**

TVI Corporation, headquartered in Glenn Dale, Maryland, is an international supplier of military and civilian emergency first responder and first receiver products, personal protection products and quick-erect shelter systems. These products include powered air-purifying respirators, respiratory filters and quick-erect shelter systems used for decontamination, hospital surge systems and command and control. The users of these products include military and homeland defense/homeland security customers. Through its Signature Special Event Services business, TVI is a leading full-service shelter and equipment rental company serving the government and defense, corporate, sporting and hospitality industries.

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