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FBI HONORS ATLANTIC HEALTH SECURITY CHIEF AWARD RECOGNIZES WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

MORRISTOWN, NJ DECEMBER 10, 2008 - Alan Robinson, Director of Protection and Security Services for Atlantic Health, recently received the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Community Leadership Award in recognition of his efforts to work with parents, teachers and law enforcement agencies to keep children and communities safe.

This award, presented on behalf of the Director of the FBI, was created in 1990 as a way to honor individuals and organizations for their efforts in combating crime, terrorism, drugs, and violence in America. Weysan Dun, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Newark office, presented the award to Robinson at a ceremony on December 5, 2008, at Atlantic Health's Headquarters on South Street in Morristown.

Since 1996, Robinson has been at the helm of Atlantic Health's security, overseeing the safety of thousands of patients and visitors each year, as well as the company's now nearly 9,000 employees at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Overlook Hospital and the company's other facilities. In that time, Robinson has worked tirelessly outside of Atlantic Health to educate parents and teachers and to lend his expertise to law enforcement to protect children from abduction and pedophiles.

Since December 1997, Robinson has been the New Jersey representative for Project ALERT (America's Law Enforcement Retiree Team), a division of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Project ALERT consists of former law enforcement officials and federal employees who are experienced in abduction or pedophilia cases. He volunteers to speak to parents, teachers and law enforcement officials throughout the state on the topic of child abduction, teaching them how pedophiles and child abductors think and operate, and how to safeguard their children against them.

On average, Robinson has been making these presentations once every two weeks for the past 11 years, part of his effort to stem the tide of an unfortunately widespread problem. More than 2,100 children are reported missing or abducted every day in the United States, and one in five girls and one in 10 boys will be sexually molested between infancy and 18 years old, he said.

"The sheer volume of these horrific crimes against children is something that we should all take notice of, and it makes educating parents, law enforcement agencies and anyone else involved with keeping our kids safe a paramount responsibility," Robinson said.

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Robinson's work with Project ALERT has earned him praise from the numerous parents and teachers he has educated throughout the state, as well as numerous notable figures such as former Acting Governor Richard Codey, and U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie.

Robinson also regularly presents a three hour block of training called, "Methods and Techniques Employed by the Pedophile to Lure, Exploit and Abduct Children", for the FBI Newark's Advanced Criminal Investigations in-service training to local law enforcement officers. He also gives similar presentations to police recruits at the Morris County Public Safety Academy where he also is an instructor on combatives training and presides over the Morris County NCMEC exhibit at the annual National Night Out. He is also a Crimestoppers Commissioner with both the Morris County and Essex County Sheriff's Crimestoppers Programs, respectively.

In addition to making these educational presentations, Robinson volunteers his expertise and assists law enforcement agencies throughout the state on breaking cases of missing children and assists them with unresolved, long-term investigations where assistance is needed. Robinson has also coordinated the donation of a bomb technician's suit to the Morris County Sheriff's Office and sponsored educational programs for law enforcement agencies throughout the state on hostage negotiation and recovery, workplace violence, and terrorism.

At Atlantic Health, Robinson has also applied his skills to protecting children receiving care, according to Walter Rosenfeld, MD, chairman of pediatrics, Goryeb Children's Hospital, Atlantic Health. Robinson created protective protocols and techniques for users of TeenHealthFX.com, Atlantic Health's award-winning web site for teens, and its related obesity prevention-focused site, TeenFitFX.com. Robinson is also credited with initiatives at Goryeb Children's Hospital to prevent child abduction and other serious issues, as well as training not only the hospitals' security staff, but also medical personnel in preventative measures and conflict resolution.

"Thankfully, we cannot even determine the number of problems prevented due to Alan's initiatives," Dr. Rosenfeld said. "We have understood for some time that we are very fortunate to have someone of his stature, knowledge and experience. It is gratifying to see that he is being recognized by the FBI for his substantial contributions in the area of child health and child protection."

This is not the first time Robinson has been honored for his efforts:

- U.S. Secret Service's Director's Award for Executive Protection Protocols, as well as the Morris County Prosecutor's Command Citation for his work protecting children.
- Campus Safety Magazine [Director of the Year for Healthcare in 2007](#)
- Also in 2007, the Morris Township Police Department honored Robinson for his support through Atlantic Health for the Police Unity Tour, which honors police officers killed in the line of duty and raises money for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C.

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