

## Press Release

### **Crotega Safety Solutions Honored with 2023 'ASTORS' Homeland Security Award -Gold Award Winner For "Best Personal/Protective Equipment Product" Category- -SentriPak™ Backpack Using Crotega's Next Generation REPULS® Deterrent Spray-**

**New York City, ISC East, November 17, 2023** – Crotega Safety Solutions announced today it is the recipient of a 2023 "ASTORS' Homeland Security Award from American Security Today (AST) for its SentriPak Backpack Using REPULS Deterrent Spray solution. The Gold Award was for the "Best Personal/Protective Equipment Product" category.

American Security Today's Annual 'ASTORS' Awards, is the preeminent U.S. Homeland Security Awards Program and, now in its Eight Year, continues to recognize industry leaders of Physical and Border Security, Cybersecurity, Emergency Preparedness- Management Response, Law Enforcement, First Responders, as well as federal, state, and municipal government agencies in the acknowledgement of their outstanding efforts to Keep Our Nation Secure.

The 'ASTORS' Homeland Security Awards Program is specifically designed to honor distinguished government and vendor solutions that deliver enhanced value, benefit, and intelligence to end users in a variety of government, homeland security and public safety vertical markets.

"As the nation continues to respond to escalating threats from home and abroad, the innovative solutions being implemented to meet those threats has led to tremendous growth in the field of Homeland Security," said Michael Madsen, co-founder and publisher of American Security Today.

"ASTORS' nominations are evaluated on their technical innovation, interoperability, specific impact within the category, overall impact to the industry, relatability to other technologies, and application feasibility outside of the industry," according to Tammy Waitt, co-founder and editorial director of American Security Today.

Crotega Safety Solutions' SentriPak was selected as an effective method to deploy its award-winning REPULS irritant spray when security personnel are faced with personal or crowd-control threats of violence. REPULS is a new generation of bio-friendly irritant spray that is replacing OC/Pepper spray as a safer and more humane non-lethal use of force. REPULS was the 2020 "ASTORS' Platinum Award winner for "Best Less Lethal Tactical Equipment" category.

"We are honored to be recognized in the "Best Personal/Protective Equipment Product" category in American Security Today's distinguished 2023 "ASTORS' Awards Program for advances in our Deter, Disrupt, Delay™ security platform. This award is a clear indication that REPULS and our various deployment product solutions help enable security leaders to have the best non-lethal tools available to safely gain control over various threats of violence," said Jody Allen Crowe, Founder & CEO.

About Crotega Safety Solutions – Deters, Disrupts, and Delays™ Active Assailants & Threats of Violence  
Crotega was formed as a result of an educator’s vision. The national tragedies of Sandy Hook and other school shootings impelled Founder & CEO Jody Allen Crowe, a long-time educational administrator and author of *The Fatal Link*, to find a more effective solution to reduce loss of life in all present-day active shooter situations and threatening confrontations. He brought together experts from several fields to develop and patent a next generation water-based chemical irritant spray called REPULS to replace the dangerous health and cross-contamination issues surrounding the use of OC/pepper spray for deterrent protection.

REPULS is deployed in a variety of effective less than lethal use of force options:

SentriZone™ REPULS can be packaged and used as an innovative building intruder defense shield for protecting building occupants. Concealed within the ceiling of a building, SentriZone has the potential to change building infrastructure safety in the same manner that fire sprinklers did for building fire control.

SentriLaunch™ A discreet unmanned remote vehicle (URV) is ready to take back control of a building’s floor space. Its docking station is disguised as a digital signage where the URV is hiding in plain sight.

SentriPak™ Ruggedized backpack holding up to 64oz of REPULS. Spray range of 36 feet.

Public Safety Three cannister sizes for Law Enforcement – Public & Private Security. No cross contamination or blowback. Can quickly mitigate with water.

To learn more, visit [www.crotega.com](http://www.crotega.com) or contact us at [contact@crotega.com](mailto:contact@crotega.com) .

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