Mass shooting prompts ADS donation of robot and tactical jackets to Aurora Police

AURORA, IL -- At 1:24 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2019, Aurora Police Department dispatchers began receiving reports of an active shooter at the Henry Pratt Company. Callers said they saw a man carrying a handgun with a green laser light attached.

Multiple agencies responded, but it was Aurora police personnel who arrived within four minutes of the first call. The shooter, having already killed five of his coworkers and injuring one more, turned his fire on officers. Five of six injured officers sustained gunshot wounds, but all survived.

After a painstaking 90-minute search of the Pratt manufacturing facility, officers reported that the gunman was dead.

“In response to the Henry Pratt shooting in Aurora, Alarm Detection Systems reached out to the Aurora Police Department to see how we could help,” said ADS owner Ed Bonifas. “We are happy to report that, in consultation with the APD, we are donating a tactical robot that can be used by the SWAT Team, as well as 24 tactical jackets.”

*The press is invited to a demonstration of the Tactical Robot.*

Time and Date: 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10

Place: Alarm Detection Systems Headquarters, 1111 Church Road, Aurora, IL
About ADS:
Recently passing its 50th year in business, Alarm Detection Systems is ranked within the top 25 U.S. alarm companies by SDM Magazine. ADS has more than 100 trained and certified technicians and a Five-Diamond Certified central monitoring station.

The Robot:

The Throwbot® 2 (TB2) robot is a throwable micro-robot platform that enables operators to obtain instantaneous video and audio reconnaissance. Designed to withstand repeated drops of up to 30 feet onto concrete, the Throwbot® 2 can be thrown into hazardous situations in order to allow operators to quickly make informed decisions when seconds count. This micro-robot is designed to be able to crawl over a variety of terrain.

The Jackets:

Tactical Men’s Valiant Duty Jackets feature a modular design with zip-off sleeves and a vest option, allowing the wearer to adapt to his environment. Elasticized cuffs offer a comfortable and secure fit, while the patented Quixip™ System ensures quick, reliable, and unhindered access to one’s firearm at all times. Additional features are a blood-borne pathogen resistant liner and a roll-away hood.