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ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE – WOULD AN EARLY WARNING HAVE HELPED?

Earthquake Early Warning Technology Now Available

SCOTTS VALLEY, California (April 8, 2009) -- Seismic Warning Systems, the world's leading provider of commercial, off the shelf earthquake early warning systems, says that their QuakeGuard™ systems can help save lives and lessen property damage in earthquakes like Sunday's 6.3 temblor in L'Aquila, Italy. California has an even greater risk of a devastating earthquake, but automated earthquake early warning technology is ready to be deployed now. When the next big seismic event strikes California, QuakeGuard systems in our schools will alert the students and staff before the main quake waves strike, instructing them to "drop, cover, and hold." QuakeGuard will also alert firefighters and automatically open fire station doors, minimizing potential delays due to jammed doors.

"It's only a matter of time before an earthquake of this magnitude strikes in the Bay Area or Southern California," said George Dickson III, CEO of Seismic Warning Systems. "Schools, fire stations and hospitals can all benefit from just a few extra seconds of warning, ensuring they can protect our children and our families."

QuakeGuard is already installed and responding to quakes at the following California sites:

- Fire stations across the Bay Area, including Vallejo and Albany
- Fire stations across Southern California, including Palm Springs and Temecula
- El Camino Hospital in Mountain View
- Baymonte (Scotts Valley) and Milpitas Christian schools

"With the prospects of a Statewide, government-run Earthquake Early Warning system still some time off, Seismic Warning Systems is protecting California communities right now," said Dickson. "Schools could be protecting their students today for the same price as a seismic evaluation."

Designed by Seismic Warning Systems, Inc., QuakeGuard™ detects a quake's P-wave that comes before the dangerous shaking waves arrive. If the device's patented technology calculates from the P-wave that the quake is potentially dangerous, it immediately sounds an alarm and activates safety systems, such as opening doors or parking elevators, before the destructive shaking starts, reducing injuries, saving lives, and protecting property.

About Seismic Warning Systems, Inc.

Seismic Warning Systems has been providing systems and services for early seismic detection and automated system response to commercial, industrial and government customers for ten years. During this time many potentially dangerous quakes have been detected and acted upon, saving lives and protecting against injury, without a single false alarm. The company designs and manufactures the patented QuakeGuard™ family of seismic detection systems, which help avert human injury, mitigate damage to property and other assets, and contribute to business continuity. Seismic Warning Systems is headquartered in Scotts Valley, California. More information about the company, its products and services is available at www.seismicwarning.com.

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