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### **SONITROL DONATES SECURITY SYSTEM TO FORT WORTH SCHOOL** *Introduces 'Safe Schools' Program to Help Improve Security at K-12 Schools*

**Westlake, TX, Jan. 12, 2006** - Sonitrol, the leading provider of verified electronic security solutions for businesses and schools nationwide, today announced it has donated surveillance equipment, service and other resources to the Maude I. Logan Elementary School in Fort Worth as part of its Safe Schools program to help schools combat crime, maximize overall security and promote the safest possible learning environment.

Under the Sonitrol Safe Schools program, the Maude I. Logan Elementary School has been equipped with free audio detection surveillance and managed access control security services for a full school year. The program also includes a special resource guide, including recommended strategies for how school officials, working together with faculty, parents, students, law enforcement and community leaders can maximize school security.

The audio intrusion system is designed to make the elementary school even safer than before through the use of advanced audio sensors, strategically placed throughout the school to detect any unauthorized activity. The managed access control feature further enhances security with an automated door control system that provides a single access point of entrance for visitors.

"The Sonitrol Safe Schools program is a proactive response to potential acts of vandalism, theft or other forms of violence in schools by protecting students as well as the physical plant during daytime and evening hours," said Sonitrol President Alex Gellman. "Because a key characteristic of safe, effective schools is an environment that is positive and inclusive, the program also includes a toolkit with strategies for creating an overall safer school environment. We are proud to make these resources available to the Maude I. Logan Elementary School."

"The Fort Worth Independent School District has always taken safety and security very seriously, and we are pleased to accept the installation of this system at Maude I. Logan Elementary," said Walter Dansby, Deputy Superintendent. "We appreciate Sonitrol's help in ensuring a positive environment for teaching and learning."

"The Fort Worth Police Department has partnered with the Fort Worth Independent School District for years as part of our School Security Initiative, fostering safe and secure schools," said Captain Bryan Sudan, Fort Worth Police Department – East Division Commander. "As a police department, our mission is to work in partnership with the community and create a safe

environment for all. We appreciate Sonitrol for its interest in contributing to our ongoing efforts with the donation of their security system for the Maude I. Logan Elementary School.”

### **Why the Sonitrol System Works**

When Sonitrol’s unique audio detection system is activated, specially trained operators monitor the live transmissions and report any abnormal activity to the police, giving law enforcement the intelligence they need to make an apprehension. In 2004, 47% of all police apprehensions resulting from Sonitrol monitoring efforts occurred at schools, primarily outside of regular school hours.

With the company’s access control system, schools can limit access to the building as well as theft-prone areas such as computer rooms, science laboratories and administrative offices.

The Sonitrol Safe Schools program is designed to assist school administrators, school boards, parents, police, students and neighbors in promoting safety and security in K-12 schools nationwide. The program includes an alliance with Sonitrol, including free audio detection surveillance and access control security services for a school for a full school year, a Safe Schools Resource Guide, access to nationally recognized experts on school safety, as well as tools for performing a school security analysis.

### **About Sonitrol**

Sonitrol Corporation (Berwyn, PA), the leader in verified electronic security, has provided integrated commercial security solutions nationwide and abroad for over 40 years. Sonitrol offers the most unique, effective electronic security protection available today including verified audio intrusion detection, managed access control, video surveillance, fire detection, and web-enabled monitoring services. Sonitrol's one-of-a-kind audio verification capability is well known for its record of low false alarms, fast police response and the highest documented apprehension rate in the security industry. Since 1977, Sonitrol has assisted local law enforcement in the apprehension of more than 155,000 criminals. For more information on Sonitrol and its integrated security solutions, please visit the company's website at <http://www.sonitrol.com>.

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