

News Release

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Montgomery Insurance™ Helps School Districts Strengthen Safety Protocols *Creating safer learning environments with comprehensive safety training from SafeSchools®*

Charlotte, N.C (July 12, 2011) – Montgomery Insurance, a Liberty Mutual Agency Corporation regional company, is partnering with SafeSchools to create safer learning environments for their insured schools throughout Georgia and Tennessee. Schools insured through the Montgomery Insurance School Program will have access to SafeSchools, the leading web-based safety training and compliance management system designed specifically for K thru 12 school employees.

Recurring incidents of bullying, school violence and sexual misconduct are at the forefront of concern for school administrators. School staff members need to be properly trained to prevent and respond to these scenarios as well as more common day-to-day school safety concerns including playground, transportation and shop or lab hazards, and medical or facility emergencies. With decreasing budgets, finding ways to provide staff proper training can be difficult for school officials.

“We know the districts we insure are increasingly facing challenges that come with budget cuts. Providing high-quality staff training from SafeSchools is something we can do to reduce losses and help districts keep costs in check – and at the same time, improve safety,” said Mike Plavnicky, president and chief executive officer, Montgomery Insurance.

The SafeSchools system includes a comprehensive library of more than 175 online courses covering a wide variety of essential school safety topics. Each SafeSchools course is completely school-focused and written by a leading authority on school safety. SafeSchools training is available online, saving districts time and money. Each course completion is automatically tracked and recorded by SafeSchools’ compliance management system and a variety of real-time reports are available on-demand for administrators. Using SafeSchools, school districts can comply with certain state requirements and develop a sound risk management culture to help mitigate exposure and losses.

“Montgomery Insurance is looking at how it can best serve its insured districts. Providing our system to school policyholders in Georgia and Tennessee speaks to the commitment Montgomery Insurance has made to school safety and we’re honored to work with such an outstanding company,” said Brian Taylor, president and chief executive officer, Scenario Learning.

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SafeSchools has helped more than 2,500 school districts nationwide reduce costs and increase safety through proper staff training. Districts that have most successfully implemented the online training program have experienced a 51 percent decrease in the severity of property and liability claims and a 58 percent decrease in workers' compensation claims – saving thousands of educational dollars annually.

Montgomery Insurance appointed agents in Georgia and Tennessee who would like to learn more about SafeSchools may contact Jim Nulsen, National Accounts Director, Scenario Learning at (800) 434 - 0154, ext. 7009 or e-mail jnulsen@safeschools.com.

About Montgomery Insurance

With underwriting companies dating back to 1848, Montgomery Insurance offers a comprehensive set of commercial property and casualty products and coverages distributed only through appointed independent agents. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Montgomery Insurance operates in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Montgomery Insurance is part of Liberty Mutual Agency Corporation, a business unit of Liberty Mutual Group, consisting of property and casualty and specialty insurance carriers that distribute their products and services primarily through independent agents and brokers. Liberty Mutual Group ranks 82nd on the Fortune 100 list of the largest U.S. corporations based on 2010 revenue. The company has financial strength ratings of A (Excellent) from the A.M. Best Company, A2 (Good) from Moody's Investors Service, and A- (Strong) from Standard & Poor's.

About SafeSchools

SafeSchools is the leading web-based staff training system specifically designed for the education market. SafeSchools courses are 100% school-focused and written by the country's foremost school safety experts. Training is administered and completed through one convenient online system, saving a district valuable time and money. The program is currently used in over 2,500 districts nationwide and was developed by Scenario Learning in Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information, please visit www.safeschools.com.

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