



BLUE SPEAR SOLUTIONS IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH ABB, INC., CORAL SPRINGS, FL

*By Greg Tony, CEO Blue Spear Solutions**

In the United States there are more than 12 million Americans who work in the manufacturing industry. One of those industry leaders is ABB, Inc. For more than 10 years their organization has worked to develop process control systems, communications solutions, sensors and software. While the company's ability to interconnect things, services and people via the internet is what makes them an industry leader, it is their commitment to their personnel that makes them a sought after employer.

ABB, Inc. has laid out their expectations in the Code of Conduct for employees and stakeholders; it is based on the company's business principles: responsibility, respect and determination. To further that mission, ABB, Inc. in Coral Springs, FL has teamed with Blue Spear Solutions to provide Community Active Shooter Survivability Improvement Strategy Training (Co. A.S.S.I.S.T.®). This 4-hour program is designed to educate and train private and public sector stakeholders on nationally developed standards for Active Shooter preparedness/ response strategies and train individuals on lifesaving Bleeding Control (B-Con) techniques. Blue Spear Solutions is proud to offer the Co. A.S.S.I.S.T.® program, which is the nation's first all-encompassing Active Shooter Preparedness program designed specifically to meet the recommendations developed by the United States Department of Homeland Security, The Hartford Consensus III, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT).



When police officers arrive on scene, their responsibility is to track down and eliminate the threat. To reduce additional casualties, responding officers will not provide immediate medical aid to injured victims until only after the suspect or suspects are neutralized. This policing practice is designed to reduce additional casualties. Sadly, over 40% of all Active Shooter victims die from otherwise survivable injuries. These deaths may be eliminated if the victims are treated by their fellow colleagues, using basic Bleeding Control Techniques (B-Con) with affordable life-saving equipment.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. To limit liability and protect employees, ABB, Inc. in Coral Springs, FL is leading the way with providing valuable life safety training and equipment for its employees. Training and equipment purchases were coordinated by Frank Waters, Jr., Safety/Environmental/Facilities Manager who said, "Unfortunately, recent statistics prove that gun violence resulted in nearly 80% of the workplace homicides in our country. I want to ensure the personnel who work at our facility have the greatest chance to survive should we ever encounter such an incident." He continued, "The safety of our personnel is my greatest priority, the training provided and equipment purchased from Blue Spear Solutions is one step in ensuring that safety."



ABB, Inc. in Coral Springs, FL purchased two Advanced Public Access Bleeding Control Stations, which are strategically mounted in two separate areas of the facility. The training for personnel is ongoing through a systematic implementation strategy until October 2016.

To learn more about Blue Spear Solutions, Inc., visit our website www.bluespearsolutions.com. If you would like to schedule Co. A.S.S.I.S.T.® training for your company or organization, please contact us at info@bluespearsolutions.com.

Frank Waters, Jr. practices bleeding control techniques. Each participant also receives classroom instruction from Blue Spear Solutions CEO, Greg Tony. At the end of each Co. A.S.S.I.S.T.® training, students are required to take a written exam and then receive their certificate of completion.



** **About the Author:** Blue Spear Solutions CEO, Greg Tony, is a nationally-certified public safety professional with more than 10 years of experience in advanced life-saving techniques including Active Shooter Threat Instruction, Basic Tactical Medical Response and is a recognized State of Florida Emergency Medical Responder. With active shooter situations and mass bombings on the rise in our nation and world-wide, Greg researched best practices to preserve and sustain life, empowering individuals to protect themselves and help others. His research and passion to save lives led to the development of the Co. A.S.S.I.S.T.® program and creation of Blue Spear Solutions.*