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Selection of PPE Ensembles

Jeff Stull has several articles in Fire Rescue magazine concerning ensembles for firefighters. Look for Jeff's articles at this link: <http://www.firerescue1.com/Columnists/Jeffrey-O-Stull/>

Welcome to Safety and Technical Products, IFAI

Welcome to **Safety and Technical Products**, the website designed to help you find links and information about textiles used for safety, protective, interactive, medical and other high-tech applications. S+TP member companies will be important resources for your business, so consider joining this market segment of the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI).



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IFAI Expo Americas showcases Advanced Textiles Conference

The **7th International Conference on Safety & Protective Fabrics** is part of the 2-day AT Orlando programming at the IFAI Expo Americas event, October 26 - 29 in Orlando, FL.

See www.ifaexpo.com for full schedule, opportunities, and registration.

The Safety conference spotlights highly-engineered materials for use in extreme conditions. Speakers include Dr. Stan Swallow (Intelligent Textiles), Dr. Ron DeMeo (Radiation Shield Technologies), Dr. Roger Barker (NCSSU), Steve Richardson (Patagonia), David O'Keefe (Advanced Fabric Technologies) and many other notables.



2010 Student Design Challenge Winners



Second place winner

(Roseville, MN-10 Sept 2010) - The seventh annual Safety Products Student Design Challenge winners were announced by Safety and Technical Products, a division of the Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI). The annual contest is developed and supported by two divisions of IFAI, Safety and Technical Products and the Narrow Fabrics Institute, and encourages post-secondary functional design training and the use of technical textiles in protective and safety applications. Students were challenged to design original projects which protect people or property from hazards.

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Texas Tech Nonwovens Lab Hosts International Textiles Industry Leaders

During the week of September 20-24, the Nonwovens & Advanced Materials Laboratory at TIEHH, Texas Tech University, USA hosted a number of industry leaders from India, Pakistan, Australia and USA to discuss research collaborations and showcase the nonwovens and advanced materials laboratory capabilities. Dr. Seshadri Ramkumar, Associate Professor and Manager of the nonwovens laboratory hosted the international visitors.

Dignitaries included, Mr. V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary and Mr. A. B. Joshi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Dr. K. C. Jain, Assistant Director General of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Mr. Dhiren Sheth, President of the Cotton Association of India and Mr. Nayan Mirani, Vice President of the Cotton Association of India, Mr. Subhash Grover, Chairman and Managing Director of Cotton Corporation of India, Mr. Suresh Kotak, Chairman of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement and Chairman of Kotak & Company, Ltd, India, Mr. Sunil Bajaj, Executive Director, Mr. Luv Bajaj, Business Executive and Mr. M. K. Sharma, President of Bajaj Steel Industries, Ltd, India (Ginning machinery maker), Mr. Bharat Desai, Reliance Industries, Ltd., India, Dr. Paul Sawhney, Lead Scientist, ARS-USDA, New Orleans, USA, Mr. Muhammad Atif Dada, Dada Sons Pvt. Ltd., and the Chairman of Karachi Cotton Association, Pakistan, Alfred Deakin Professor Xungai Wang, Director, Center for Material and Fiber Innovation, Deakin University, Australia and Dr. Rangam Rajkhowa of Deakin University, Australia. These dignitaries visited the nonwovens laboratory and interacted with students on research and product development.

Protective armor for female mountain bike riders, designed by David De Courcy



Photo Caption:

Mr. V. Srinivas, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, India and Mr. Suresh Kotak, Chairman of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement visiting the nonwovens laboratory

Third place winners



The Flyer, a high-rise escape garment, designed by Kurt Anderson, Jessica Bjorgum and Brooke Burch

2010 FDIC Show Impressive



The 2010 FDIC event is the largest conference and exposition in the fire industry. It includes major equipment manufacturers (hook and ladder trucks, emergency vehicles, extraction equipment) as well as PPE, hoses, breathing apparatus, and promotional products like stuffed Dalmatians, toy fire engines, and imprinted t-shirts.

Attendees range from procurement personnel from military bases who are searching for fire equipment to volunteer firefighters who come,

some with their families, to meet friends and take training classes. And kick fire engine tires. About 30,000 people are in Indianapolis for the 6-day event.

Probably the most fun part of the show (besides the bagpipers) was the Fashion Show presented by Safety Components. The fashions were made from Safety's line of fabrics, normally used in turnout outer gear and thermal liners. Safety Components also hosted an evening of music and entertainment with proceeds going to the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation.

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