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NCG Addresses Security Threat Factors at International System Safety Conference

Portland, Maine, August 15, 2012 - Northcross Group (NCG) President, Christopher Bender, spoke at the 30th International System Safety (ISSC) Conference in Atlanta, Georgia August 6 – 10, 2012.   Mr. Bender addressed security threat factors for safety of critical infrastructures, as well as discussed vulnerabilities and hazards in health and control systems affecting safety in a conference named "Thinking outside the box". In addition, Mr. Bender was the chair for a Hazard and Risk Management track focused on Understanding and Applying System Risk Summing.

"The scope of system interfaces between disparate operating units, third parties, and incident response infrastructures has introduced a new dynamic of security threats that affect safety. Network configurations and interconnectivity provide access and monitoring imperative to operations, but are also avenues for the introduction of hazards such as unauthorized access and compromise of data integrity in chemical, energy, and emergency response industries," Christopher Bender says.

Two major safety tracks have been added to the conference this year - the first is the interaction between software safety and software security, the second - chemical remediation. In addition to these two new tracks, varieties of topics were presented in aerospace, medical, and weapons development fields.

The ISSC Annual Conference brings system safety practitioners and the foremost thinkers together for an exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences. To learn more about The System Safety Society, a non-profit organization, organizer of this conference, please visit www.system-safety.org

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