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Vector Security to Sponsor 5th Season of the PARA J3 Ski Derby Competition

Event to take place at Seven Springs Mountain Resort – February 18th through the 20th

PITTSBURGH, PA (February 10, 2011): Vector Security, Inc., in coordination with the Western chapter of the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association (PARA), will host the J3 Derby at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, beginning on Friday, February 18th and continuing through Sunday, February 20th. The three day event includes Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Super G.

The Vector Security-sponsored event will involve over eighty competitors from across the State of Pennsylvania who qualified in the J3 age group of 13 -14 years of age. According to Vector Security Executive Vice President Michael T. Grady, this will be Vector's 5th season sponsoring this event. "While the PARA ski groups begin at age 7, the J3 competitors, in particular, are at the age where they can determine to what extent they can take their sport. They've gained the physical and technical maturity to ski at greater levels; and that makes for some great competition." Grady also remarks that "Seven Springs offers these kids the opportunity to ski at a truly unique PA ski facility that provides conditions normally experienced in New England and the Rocky Mountain States. It's a chance for these outstanding Pennsylvania-based kids to ski at one of Pennsylvania's premier locations." This is the second WPRC event Vector has sponsored this ski season. The first was conducted on December 26, 2010 and involved both J1 and J3 competition.

Fred Wright, one of the many parents and coaches who help coordinate this event on behalf of the Western Pennsylvania Race Club (WPRC), says this event spells a big advancement for these young competitors. "These kids have trained and competed in regional events on their home slopes thus far. Now they have made it to the finals at Seven Springs and to an even higher level of competition. Now it's crunch time! Those who emerge as the winners will set their sites on the Eastern J3 Olympics: Okemo Mtn, VT, March 11-13, 2011; Eastern J3 Finals: Sunday River, ME, March 4-6, 2011; or the Francis Piche Invitational Championships: Gunstock, NH, March 19, 2011.

When asked why kids of this age should be involved in this level of competition, Grady responds by saying it's all about personal and character growth. "Whether or not these kids make it to a higher level is secondary to the specific opportunity to grow. They get to play an even greater role in a sport they love and meet others from across Pennsylvania who share that love. It teaches them about making a commitment to a goal, and passion for achieving higher levels of excellence. Those are life lessons that will help them throughout their entire lives. That's what we strive for."

Wright thanks Vector Security for helping make this event possible for everyone involved. "The individual clubs these kids belong to, their parents, friends and skiing coaches represent the backbone of support they need. But it also takes the commitment of companies like Vector Security who are truly interested in the well being of children to pull this off."

For more information about this upcoming event, please contact (fredw@ohiopyleprints.com).

About Vector Security: Vector Security is a leading provider of residential and commercial electronic security services. It operates branch offices throughout the East Coast and southern California; and three specialized business groups: National Accounts, Authorized Dealer Services, and Vector Security Patrol, which provides guard and patrol services. Vector Security is owned by The Philadelphia Contributionship, a private insurance company founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1752. Three of its founding directors – Benjamin Franklin, John Morton and Robert Morris – were also signers of the Declaration of Independence. Vector has captured many prestigious industry recognitions, to include the following:

- Received the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials – International's (APCO) highest honor, The President's Award, in 2009 for its outstanding contributions to the improvement of alarm dispatching communications methods in 911 centers
- Chosen as Frost & Sullivan's 2008 North American Commercial Alarm Monitoring Company of the Year
- Became the industry's *first* U.S- based central station facility to earn Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certification in 2008
- Captured the first Police Dispatch Quality (PDQ) Award in 2006
- Honored as the False Alarm Reduction Association (FARA) Associate of the Year in 2006
- Rose to a position as the *SDM Magazine*/Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA) Central Station of the Year in 2006
- Named *SDM Magazine* Dealer of the Year in 2003

About Seven Springs Mountain Resort: Since 2004, Seven Springs has been committed to developing and growing its [Terrain Parks](#), halfpipes and superpipe. Now, Seven Springs has five terrain parks of varying difficulty and progression and more than 50 features in all. The resort's hard work and dedication towards these efforts have been nationally recognized for two consecutive years including the 2010-2011 selection as the #1 parks and #1 pipe on the East Coast. Seven Springs is conveniently located just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike, located within 200 miles of Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Cleveland and Columbus. With more than 60,000 square feet of meeting space available, Seven Springs hosts more than 1,000 [Meetings](#), conferences and banquet groups each year. Seven Springs Mountain Resort can accommodate more than 5,000 overnight guests in its perfectly appointed 416-room, 10-story high-rise [Hotel](#), nearly 1,200 [Condominiums](#) and townhomes, eight cottages and 15 chalets.

About the WPRC: Western Pennsylvania Race Club is a successfully run ski-racing program based at Seven Springs. The club has been in operation for over 30 years. WPRC promotes the development of youth athletics through alpine ski racing. Young racers ages seven to nineteen are eligible to participate in the club. We schedule training sessions for the racers every Saturday and Sunday from the start of the winter season until approximately the middle of March. Additionally, the club conducts a Christmas Camp for the week between Christmas and New Year's for more focused training.

The club provides organized training and coaching at a reasonable cost. The program addresses a wide range of skill levels from intense training of advanced racers preparing for state and national level competition, to a developmental program for young skiers interested in alpine racing and improving their freestyle skiing. WPRC members have the opportunity to participate in approximately ten races held at Seven Springs each year. These races are all sanctioned by the national governing body, United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA). The club is also part of the Western chapter of the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association (PARA).