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SACRAMENTO AIRSHOW PROMISES TO BE A BREATHTAKING DISPLAY OF AERIAL FIREFIGHTING PROWESS

Tangent Link's Aerial Firefighting Airshow and Conference which promises to be a breathtaking spectacle of Aerial Firefighting prowess is now less than a week away.

A first for a Tangent Link event is the live aerial demonstrations. Aircraft that will be showcasing their aerial dexterity include the Isolair Bell 205 and a Croman SH-3H. These demonstrations will take place at the McClellan Airfield (next to CALFIRE Aviation HQ) which is the perfect platform from which to show case these aircraft – as one million square feet of space has been made available for these demonstrations.

There will also be a presence of the following impressive and imposing aircraft in the form of a static display: the US Air Forces' C130 Hercules, the NASA/US Forestry Services' B200, the California National Guards' UH-72 and the UH-60 Black Hawk, the United States Marine Corps CH-53 Super Stallion and Conair & Aeroflite will have the Convair 580 & Fireboss 802. CALFIRE will also have a number of aircraft on display including the S-2T, OV-10 and the UH-1.

This two-day event features a conference on day one – the 25th January and the live aerial flying demonstrations and static display on the second day - 26th January. Conference attendees will hear from a collection of distinguished experts drawn from the international Firefighting community including the opening address by Ken Pimlott – Director of CALFIRE and the Keynote address by Tom Harbour – Director of Fire & Aviation at the USDA Forest Service.

Confirmed attendance from the following worldwide government delegations include: the USA, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Spain, the UK and Turkey.

Phil Guy, Managing Director of Tangent Link Ltd - the event organiser, says: "This event will be a landmark occasion, bringing together the world's largest ever gathering of Aerial Firefighting Aircraft. There will be a distinguished group of Stakeholders in attendance from across the globe to view this breathtaking display, as well as to debate the challenges facing the Aerial Firefighting community today".

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**For further information about how to participate in this event please contact
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Note to editors:

Established in 2003, Tangent Link has created an enviable market niche, primarily in the Aerospace, Defence and Security industries, with its unique approach to customer-focussed International conferences. It has pioneered the art of Connecting Businesses through International Events and Targeted Networking and through exclusive Client Support programmes and Strategic Partnerships.

We make it our business to constantly deliver thought provoking, relevant conference content and speakers, coupled with supporting exhibitions and networking opportunities, which fulfil the increasing demands of our clients in these ever-developing markets. **Our aim** – Connecting Business through International Events and Targeted Networking.

Aerial Firefighting Airshow & Conference

Wednesday 25th January 2012

0800 - 0900 Registration & Coffee

- 0900 Chairman's Opening Address**
Rear Admiral Terry Loughran CB FRAeS, Royal Navy, UK
- 0915 Opening Address**
Ken Pimlott, Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE), USA
- 0945 Keynote Address**
Tom Harbour, Director Fire & Aviation, USDA Forest Service, USA

1000 to 1030 Refreshment Break & Networking

- 1030 The Broad Economic Values and Benefits of GA to Americas Local Communities**
Jim Coyne, Former Congressman & President of National Air Transportation Association, USA
- 1100 Brazilian System of Prevention & Firefighting**
Ana Maria Canut Cunha, Coordinator of Operations and Combat Department of Prevfogo/Ibama & Everton Almada Pimentel - Coordinator of Environmental Monitoring - Ibama, Brazil
- 1130 Aerial Firefighting in Israel - Past, Present & Future**
Col (Res.- IAF) Yoram Ilan-Lipovsky, Israel

1200 to 1330 Buffet Lunch & Networking

- 1330 Bi-Lateral Aviation Agreements**
Randall Stephens, Aviation Consultant, USA
- 1400 Night Vision Goggles**
John Finnerty, Pilot (Ret'd) Los Angeles County Air Operations, USA
- 1430 International Fire Aviation Working Group**
Richard Alder, General Manager, National Aerial Firefighting Centre, Australia

1500 to 1530 Refreshment Break & Networking

- 1530 Paper Title TBC**
Russian Helicopters, Russia
- 1600 Integration of Military Aviation Assets: Lessons learned of the 2003/07 Fire Siege's**
Ray Chaney, Battalion Chief, CAL FIRE, USA
- 1630 MV-22 Osprey- Aerial Firefighting Capabilities**
Capt Justin McKinney, United States Marine Corps, USA
- 1700 Panel Session- Emerging Technologies for Aerial Firefighting**
Associated Aerial Firefighters, USA
- 1745 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

1800 Drinks Reception

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Aerial Firefighting Airshow & Conference

Thursday 26th January 2012

0830 - 1000
Registration & Breakfast at Garden Pavilion

0930 - 1000
Shuttle Bus service to McClellan Air Field

Static & Hangar Display

- 1015 General overview of Static Display Aircraft including:
- California National Guard UH72 and UH60 Black Hawk
 - US Marines CH53
 - NASA/USFS B200
 - USAF C130
 - Conair & Aeroflite Convair 580 & Fireboss 802
 - CALFIRE aircraft fleet
 - Isolair Bell 205
 - Croman SH-3H

1030 - 1200 Static & Hangar Display & CALFIRE facility tour

1200 to 1230
Refreshment Break at McClellan Air Field

1230 Isolair Bell 205 live flying demonstration

1300 Croman SH-3H live flying demonstration

1330 - 1400
Shuttle Bus service to McClellan Air Field

1400 to 1530
Buffet Lunch & Networking at Garden Pavilion

1530 Close of Event

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