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ARC Products Launches Med Sled as Disaster Preparedness Transport Solution

Institutions nationwide view emergency evacuation product as viable, cost-effective alternative.

/24-7PressRelease/ - DARDENNE PRAIRIE, MO, April 19, 2008 - In the wake of disasters such as September 11 and Hurricane Katrina, hospitals and nursing homes across the country are reviewing their disaster preparedness plans, including emergency procedures for evacuating non-ambulatory patients.

In response to this growing need and demand for viable, cost-effective and efficient transport solutions, St. Louis-based ARC Products developed the Med Sled to ensure no one is left behind. "When timing is critical," said president Clifford Adkins, "Med Sled enables employees to transport patients down a stairwell in order to exit a multi-floor building. Simplicity of design lets you move quickly to secure patients and evacuate them faster and safer than with other available methods or devices."

The beauty of the Med Sled is it uses the 'roll and drag' method, which ensures heavy lifting is not required. "Anyone can use this product," Adkins continued, "with a minimal amount of training. And size is immaterial; for example, a 120-pound person can effectively transport a 250-pound person with relative ease."

The key benefits of Med Sled include:

- Offers a stairwell braking system allowing for safe and controlled descents.
- Enables utilization of all available personnel for quick and timely evacuation.
- Allows lightweight staff to transport heavier patients without lifting.
- Provides stabilization as the product is made from a rigid plastic that limits flexing when moving a patient.

"The unit is compact and durable," said Adkins. "Med Sled helps protect the patient during transport and also holds IV bags, oxygen and other small medical devices. In addition, the product comes with efficient storage options for easy access, and also safely transports infants and toddlers via special foam inserts."

According to Adkins, Med Sled is affordably priced and is significantly more efficient and cost-effective than other evacuation products on the market. "When timing is of the essence," he concluded, "Med Sled enables you to safely transport a person in a difficult rescue or emergency evacuation situation, while simultaneously providing stable protection."

Founded in 2004, ARC Products is an innovative company that develops cost-effective products in support of disaster preparedness planning. The Med Sled offers a viable evacuation solution for hospitals, nursing homes, college campuses, government and corporate entities, military installations and any other facility or institution requiring emergency evacuation plans for non-ambulatory individuals. For more information about the Med Sled product, call 314-965-SLED (7533) or 866-207-5993 (toll-free); you can access complete product and order information on-line at www.medsled.com.