SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger Sends Distress Signal and GPS Location to Emergency Rescue Coordination Center Which Notifies Emergency Responders

January 7, 2008 - SPOT Rescue Alert (SRA): Mike Brady, an outdoorsman working alone maintaining a seasonal lodge over winter, was rescued after using his SPOT™ Satellite Messenger to alert 9-1-1 of his predicament and location in a remote section of Alaska.

Brady collapsed in minus 30 degree temperatures while working in a remote outpost in the Wrangell St. Elias National Park, one of the largest and most isolated parks in the state.

This is the first documented rescue initiated by SPOT, coming only two months after the product's initial release.

"SPOT saved my life," said Brady. "If my brother hadn't given it to me before I left, I might not be here right now."

Worried about his safety while working in isolation, Brady's brother Terry Brady bought a SPOT Satellite Messenger for Mike who agreed to use the new device to send an "I'm OK" message twice a week. He had been doing so since November.

He had missed his second check this week when Terry received a call from GEOS International Emergency Call Center in Houston as the emergency contact for Mike Brady's 9-1-1 SPOT messages.

Upon receipt of his signal and GPS coordinates, GEOS dispatchers notified the Alaska National Guard in Anchorage, which immediately dispatched a helicopter to his location, and safely delivered him to a hospital in Anchorage for care.

"A year ago, devices like this were either impractical or unaffordable. Thanks to SPOT, I was able to give a life-saving gift that helped keep my brother alive," said Terry Brady.