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### George Kerr Receives the COSA Lifetime of Dedication Award



The Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COSA) is pleased to announce that George E. Kerr of CO – Experts has won the “Lifetime of Dedication” award for his tireless efforts in the field of Carbon Monoxide Safety.

“Everywhere we travel and interact with people in our carbon monoxide safety programs we encounter those who have been affected by the efforts of George Kerr. We hear personal testimonies how his Low Level Health Monitor has saved many lives and has prevented illness from the poisoning effects carbon monoxide can have.” said Bob Dwyer, COSA Director of Training.

“Low level concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO) has pretty much been ignored by the rest of the detection industry and it shouldn’t be” added Dwyer who has been involved with CO Safety training since 1989. “Too many people of vulnerable health are affected by levels of CO not detected by the most commonly used and promoted systems manufactured under the Underwriters Laboratory Standard # 2034. There is somewhat of a false sense of security with having a U.L. 2034 listed alarm in your home. These systems are not required nor built to go off until at least 70 parts per million (PPM) of CO is present for periods of time ranging from 60 to 240 minutes. This means that CO may be in chronic concentrations under 70 PPM and people with heart problems and other ailments may never know oxygen is being displaced in their blood with CO and slowly contributing to their ailments.”

On December 01, 2007, George introduced his new copyrighted, Patent Pending Model 1070 C O – Experts Low Level C O “Health” Monitor. George stated then that this is the “best C O detection product ever offered in the residential market” providing immediate warnings at 10, 25, 35, 50 & 70PPM, with “HUSH” and automatic “Hush” over-rides at all levels; as well as data storage of the C O exposure “Time Lines” and which is completely self-monitored including sensor accuracy and true “End of Life” monitoring, not just a timer only.

COSA instructors have engaged over 100,000 attendees in their awareness and solution based CO Safety seminar program and value the low level health monitor as a truly life saving and altering device. "We are not all of the same good health and in our efforts to educate people and raise their awareness to the hazards of carbon monoxide COSA is grateful this solution based product is available to the consumer."

George is President and Founder of G. E. Kerr Companies, Inc., [CO-Experts and Fire Prevention Plus] and recognized as an International "Life-Safety" expert, and is the holder of four patents on fire protection products. On April 13, 2008, George celebrated his 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the early warning detection industry. On April 24th, 2008 he also celebrated his 75th birthday.

George has served as an advisor to the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American Gas Assoc., the Canadian Gas Assoc., and is one of two Americans to be a Voting Member of the C S A - 6.19 Technical Committee on CO Alarms, as well as serving on the UL-2034 and UL-2075 STP on Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Gas Detectors. George is involved with many Utilities, HVAC Companies and Fire Departments throughout North America, promoting Carbon Monoxide and "Life-Safety" Programs. Mr. Kerr is a firm believer in the: "Train the Trainers & Teach the Teachers" philosophy, and has given over 1,500 Presentations / Seminars on Early Warning Detection and "Life-Safety".

George's 55 years experience in the "Early Warning Detection" Industry includes several landmark activities and accomplishments. On Nov. 01, 1973, George and his team obtained FM Approval, [for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in North America], on the totally new TGS Gas Sensor, in the form of a Combination CO/Gas/Smoke Detector. From 1995 to 2000, George was VP of Sales & Field Operations for AIM Safety, and led the introduction of the electrochemical sensor technology into the residential marketplace. George is considered one of the Industry's leading sensor technology experts. George is a frequent guest on Radio and TV; as well as being active in the print media.

For over thirty years, George has served as an advisor to many industry groups including the California Building Industry Association(CBIA), the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA), and is a member of many safety related organizations, including CSA, the National Fire Protection Association, and serves on UL Industry Advisory Conferences, and two UL, STP, ANSI Committees. George has also consulted with other CO alarm manufacturers; as well as other life-safety product manufacturers. "It was unanimous. George Kerr has spent his working lifetime tirelessly dedicated to saving lives and is truly thanked for his efforts" Dwyer added. "George's CO Low Level CO Health Monitor can alert the consumer at home or in the workplace to levels of CO before it ever has a chance of impacting their health in any way. COSA is thankful and honored to present this award to Mr. Kerr."

More and valuable information about George Kerr can be found at [www.coexperts.com](http://www.coexperts.com) COSA is a not-for profit organization dedicated to safety through awareness, training and testing. For more information visit [www.cosafety.org](http://www.cosafety.org) or call 800-394-5253.