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**PRECISION PREPARATIONS, INC. MOTORSPORTS (PPIM) IS FIRST TO  
USE NEW FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM ON THE NASCAR CIRCUIT**

*FIRE Panels Protect Race Car From Potential Fire*

October 28, 2003 — Scottsdale, AZ — FIRE Panel LLC, a Scottsdale based fire suppression systems manufacturer, has expanded their product application to include not only police cars but racecars as well. The Precision Preparations, Inc. Motorsports (PPIM) team is currently using FIRE Panels inside the trunk compartment of its No. 32 Pontiac, driven by Ricky Craven on the NASCAR circuit. PPIM is the first NASCAR team to evaluate and employ this new fire suppression technology.

A FIRE Panel is a breakable “shell” filled with dry chemical fire suppressing powder. Designed to shatter during a significant impact and “inert” the space around the fuel cell, FIRE Panel prevents the ignition of the fuel and/or fuel vapors. The FIRE Panel is the latest in fuel cell fire protection technology. Coming from a military application background, the FIRE Panel patented product provides the same fire protection for vehicle fuel cells that it does for the fuel tanks of some of the most sophisticated military aircraft and helicopters in the world.

“We at PPI Motorsports work hard to be on the forefront of driver and car safety. In fact, our team designed the first composite seat specifically for NASCAR use,” stated Craig Mayes, PPIM’s Research and Development Engineer. “Evaluating the FIRE Panel technology that can prevent a fuel fire during a severe crash is an extension of our commitment to that effort.”

The FIRE Panel technology is an unobtrusive safety enhancement to a racecar. PPIM’s No.32 Pontiac car is equipped with two FIRE Panels, each measuring 8” x 17”. Attaching seamlessly inside the rear crush panel of the racecar, the FIRE Panels add just a couple of pounds to the total vehicle weight.

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## **PPI OUTFITS RICKY CRAVEN'S CAR WITH FIRE PANELS**

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FIRE Panel LLC produces a custom version of the FIRE Panel for passenger vehicle fuel tank fire protection. Currently, there are over 2,000 FIRE Panels on the fuel tanks of Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) across the country. To date, nearly 100 law enforcement agencies nationwide have adopted the FIRE Panel technology as an increased safety measure to prevent fires caused by high-speed rear-end collisions.

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