

# BUSINESS NEAR YOU: Southfield firm helps prepare for homeland emergencies

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**Company:** **Patriot Services Corp.**, 2000 Town Center, Suite 1900, Southfield.

**Owners:** Steve Potter of South Lyon, Tom Quisenberry of Clarkston and Scott Hiipakka of Milford.

**Background:** The company was started in 2004 with a goal of providing clients -- which include state and local governments, schools and hospitals -- effective ways of dealing with homeland security issues.

Potter is in the Army National Guard and has dealt with chemical and bioterrorism issues. Hiipakka also is in the Army National Guard, and Quisenberry has worked for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

**Its niche:** Patriot Services has a myriad of National Threat Assessment certifications. The company also is certified in Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation programs.

**Flu prep:** Potter said the company held a mock exercise Aug. 22 in dealing with pandemic flu to help providers in Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties prepare for such a situation.

"We spent seven months planning it and then had 50 evaluators on hand determine where things could be improved," Potter said.

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