



## **Ahura Scientific Honored with GSN: Government Security News Homeland Security Award**

*FirstDefender Named Best in Explosives and Hazmat Detection in Awards Recognizing Excellence and Innovation*

WILMINGTON, Mass. – October 29, 2009 – [Ahura Scientific, Inc.](http://www.ahurascientific.com), the leader in field-deployed analytical instruments for human health and public safety, today announced that [FirstDefender](#) has been selected as the Best Explosives/Hazmat Detection Product in [GSN: Government Security News'](#) First Annual Homeland Security Awards. The winners were presented their honors at an awards dinner in New York City on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

“We are extremely gratified that the GSN team has recognized the critical role that field deployable analytical solutions such as FirstDefender can play in helping ensure the safety of our nation,” said Duane Sword, vice president at Ahura Scientific. “We are committed to delivering instruments that help our military and civilian first responders better complete their incident response, while minimizing their exposure to risk.”

FirstDefender is a lightweight, rugged instrument designed to rapidly identify unknown solid and liquids chemicals, including narcotics, toxic industrial chemicals, explosives, chemical warfare agents, white powders and more, all in just seconds. FirstDefender can be brought directly to an incident to provide rapid, reliable, and accurate analysis results to better inform the response and mitigation process. To date, Ahura Scientific has deployed several thousand instruments worldwide to agencies including homeland security, military, law enforcement, hazmat and forensic personnel.

Organized by *GSN: Government Security News*, the First Annual Homeland Security Awards were created to honor the dedicated government officials at the federal, state and local levels who have created and executed effective security programs across the country, along with leading vendors in IT and physical security who have researched, developed and supplied innovative security solutions during the past year.

For more information about Ahura Scientific's full line of chemical identification products, please contact [sales@ahurascientific.com](mailto:sales@ahurascientific.com).

### **About Ahura Scientific, Inc.**

Ahura Scientific is dedicated to bringing lab-accurate analysis directly to the point of need. The company's field-deployed analytical instruments consistently deliver precise and actionable intelligence to human health and public safety specialists. Founded in 2002, Ahura Scientific is headquartered in Wilmington, MA. For more information, visit [www.ahurascientific.com](http://www.ahurascientific.com).