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## **TMA Awards Outstanding Contributions of Two of its Members**

**Dec. 1, 2022, McLean, Va.** – The Monitoring Association's (TMA) President Morgan Hertel honored two of TMA's long-serving volunteer members with the Mel Mahler Award, formerly known as the President's Award on Mon., Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> during its General Business Meeting at the 2022 Annual Meeting on Marco Island, FL. The Mel Mahler Award is presented at the discretion of the TMA president in recognition of outstanding contributions within his/her tenure. The 2022 Mel Mahler Award recipients are Anita Ostrowski, Vector Security, and John Brady, TRG Associates, Inc.

In presenting the first 2022 Mel Mahler Awards to Ostrowski, President Hertel called attention to the dramatic shifts that took place in our industry as a result of the COVID pandemic. "When monitoring center employees could not get to work, many people worked heroically to find a way for them to deliver life-saving services," stated President Hertel. "My first honoree was one of them. I've worked with this person since I began in the security industry. She's always stood out in my mind. In the past three years, this person has worked tirelessly as the chair of TMA's UL Committee. It is not an easy job, by any means."

"I really appreciate this award," stated Ostrowski in her acceptance remarks. "As Morgan stated, we experienced a dramatic shift not only in our industry, but as a culture as well. I've had the great fortune to work with a wonderful team of professionals comprised of both TMA members and UL Solutions."

The second 2022 Mel Mahler Award was presented to Brady who has long served as TMA's Education Committee Chair. "I've had the pleasure of working with this honoree for 10 years. In that time, I witnessed his extraordinary dedication to TMA and its members, as well as the industry at-large. He is always at-the-ready to assist and support when called upon. And he gets things done!"

"Having known and worked with Mel Mahler for many years, it is my privilege to receive an award named in his honor," stated Brady, adding, "It has also been a privilege to be able to work with the TMA team and organization over the years to provide and improve the Educational Agenda."

For more information on this award, including past honorees, please visit TMA's website.

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## **About The Monitoring Association**

The Monitoring Association (TMA), formerly the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA), is an internationally-recognized non-profit trade association that represents professional monitoring companies, security systems integrators, and providers of products and services to the industry. Incorporated in 1950, TMA is legally entitled to represent its members before Congress and regulatory agencies on the local, state and federal levels, and other authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs) over the industry. Learn more online at <a href="https://tma.us/about-tma/">https://tma.us/about-tma/</a>.