WRAP Taps Former NYPD Chief Behind Narcan Rollout to Scale BolaWrap and Operationalize De-Escalation

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Former NYPD Deputy Commissioner Edward Delatorre Jr. brings 46 years of law enforcement leadership and proven experience turning lifesaving interventions into department-wide operational capabilities

MIAMI, Nov. 02, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wrap Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WRAP) ("WRAP" or the "Company"), a provider of non-lethal response technologies and public safety solutions, today announced the appointment of former New York City Police Department Deputy Commissioner Edward Delatorre Jr. to its Board of Directors, effective October 20, 2026.

Delatorre brings more than four decades of law enforcement leadership and a particularly relevant achievement: helping introduce Narcan into NYPD patrol operations, demonstrating how a lifesaving intervention could move from a local pilot to citywide adoption.

Now, WRAP is looking to apply lessons from that experience to a new challenge: operationalizing de-escalation.

From Emergency Medical Intervention to Proactive De-Escalation

While commanding NYPD Patrol Borough Staten Island, Delatorre worked alongside community organizations, elected officials, and public safety stakeholders to develop and launch a program training and equipping police officers with Narcan, a medication capable of reversing opioid overdoses.

The initiative was subsequently adopted citywide, helping establish Narcan as an additional emergency response capability for NYPD officers.

The significance extended beyond the medication itself. Its implementation required agency leadership, standardized training, operational policy, and institutional acceptance.

"Under my command, Ed Delatorre demonstrated the kind of leadership it takes to turn a promising idea into meaningful, lasting change. He helped take the NYPD's Narcan program from a local pilot to citywide implementation, and I later sent him to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to help other departments adopt similar programs. What began locally became a model shared nationally and internationally, reflecting Ed's ability to bring people together, turn ideas into practice, and share lessons that could benefit communities far beyond New York," said **William J. Bratton, Former NYPD Police Commissioner.**

WRAP sees an important parallel in its mission to make non-lethal response technologies, including BolaWrap®, practical and sustainable capabilities for law enforcement agencies.

Just as Narcan expanded what officers could do when encountering a life-threatening medical emergency, BolaWrap is designed to provide officers with an additional intervention option during certain encounters, potentially reducing the need for more injurious force.

The common principle is early intervention: equipping officers with additional tools, training, and clearly defined procedures to protect lives before emergencies escalate.

Operationalizing De-Escalation: Beyond the Device

WRAP's strategy extends beyond equipment sales to an integrated approach combining non-lethal technology, constitutional policing principles, agency policy, instructor development, digital learning, and operational readiness.

Delatorre's experience provides a valuable perspective on how agencies evaluate, introduce, train on, and ultimately institutionalize new response capabilities.

"With the launch of our operationalized de-escalation program, WRAP is finally in a position to support major cities with an integrated approach that brings together policy, training, and non-lethal technology," said **Scot Cohen, Chief Executive Officer of WRAP**. "Ed understands what it takes to put new capabilities into practice at scale. His experience will be invaluable as we help departments give officers more options to resolve difficult encounters while protecting the people on both sides of the badge."

A Career Built on Turning Innovation into Operational Practice

During his 46-year NYPD career, Delatorre served as Deputy Commissioner of Labor Relations, Chief of Transit, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island, and Commanding Officer of the NYPD Police Academy.

As Chief of Transit, he oversaw approximately 2,600 uniformed officers, secured nearly $40 million in federal counterterrorism grants, and helped establish an agreement with federal authorities to use the New York City transit system as a testing environment for emerging security technologies.

His experience leading the Police Academy provides additional expertise in the institutional requirements of training, certification, instructor development, and sustained readiness.

“Throughout my career, I’ve seen how much preparation goes into giving officers an option they can confidently use in the field,” said **Delatorre**. “Equipment, policy, training, and leadership all have to work together. I look forward to bringing that perspective to WRAP’s Board and supporting the Company’s work to help agencies prepare their officers for difficult encounters.”

The Next Chapter in First Responder Readiness

WRAP believes the historical adoption of Narcan offers a valuable lesson for the future of law enforcement innovation: a new technology achieves its greatest potential when it becomes part of an agency’s established operational framework.

Through its BolaWrap technology, Non-Lethal Response™ strategy, and expanding training infrastructure, WRAP is working to provide agencies with additional options intended to support earlier intervention, better decision-making, and improved public safety outcomes.

Delatorre’s appointment brings experience navigating the institutional challenges of introducing new capabilities into one of the world’s largest police departments.

The opportunity is not simply to introduce another device into policing. It is to help make lawful, proactive de-escalation a trained, repeatable, and operationally supported capability.

About Wrap Technologies, Inc.

Wrap Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WRAP) is a public safety technology company focused on non-lethal response solutions, training, and integrated technologies designed to support law enforcement and security professionals. Through its BolaWrap® family of remote restraint devices, training programs, and expanding technology portfolio, WRAP seeks to provide officers and agencies with additional options to manage encounters, support de-escalation, and improve public safety outcomes. For more information, visit www.wrap.com.

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