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### **MACNY ANNOUNCES TINO AMODEI OF ARMoured ONE AS 2021 INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR**

**Syracuse, New York** - MACNY, The Manufacturers Association, has announced Tino Amodei, Co-Founder and Chief Technical Officer of Armoured One, as the 2021 Innovator of the Year. Amodei was nominated by the team at Armoured One for his innovative developments in the security/safety film and glass industry.

Giambattista (Tino) Amodei co-founded Armoured One with Tom Czyz in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012. Together, Tino and Tom immediately researched the industry of security/safety film and glass to create a better product that would save lives. Armoured One quickly gained attention from various SWAT teams that handle active shooter situations, and they began to work with the FBI to gather statistics to educate teachers and school resource officers on how to protect their schools.

Being the lead researcher and developer of all of Armoured One's glass products has allowed Tino to break down barriers and set new standards in the shooter attack certified glass and film market. Fueled by his passion to save lives, Tino has led a team of chemists, active shooter experts, and glass and film experts to create the thinnest bullet resistant glass by creating a new interlayer that outperforms other companies in ballistics and blast applications. His ability to understand architectural needs and challenges paired with tactical obligations is the driving force behind Armoured One's product development. His innovative approaches have allowed him to work with top brands such as Best Buy Mobile, U.S. Army, Lockheed Martin, not-for-profits, and major colleges and universities.

Soon after Armoured One's inception, Tino, as Chief Technical Officer, challenged the UL standard for shooter attack glass and film. He continued to work with subject matter experts from the FBI, Homeland Security, various police members, and SWAT teams to create the shooter attack testing classification that mimics a real school attack. He worked diligently to get his new standard nationally recognized. After years of hardwork, he succeeded and UL accepted the testing standard.

"From all of us at MACNY, I would like to congratulate Tino and Armoured One on their incredibly meaningful innovative accomplishments and receiving this well-deserved honor," stated MACNY President & CEO Randy Wolken. "Tino's commitment to innovation and his unrelenting motivation to protect others is an inspiration to us all. On behalf of the MACNY membership, we look forward to recognizing Tino as MACNY's Innovator of the Year at MACNY's Annual Celebration of Manufacturing."

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