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National Rifle Association President Sandra Froman Visits Smith & Wesson Headquarters

Company to Introduce "Women of the NRA" Gun

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (December 7, 2006) –Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 154-year old firearms maker, announced today that Sandra Froman, President of the National Rifle Association (NRA), recently visited the company's Springfield, Massachusetts headquarters to meet the Smith & Wesson executive staff and employees and to tour the facility grounds.

During her visit to the Smith & Wesson factory, Froman spoke to Springfield employees about her experience as the current NRA President and commended the company on its support of the NRA and Second Amendment rights. Froman, who is currently serving the second year of her two-year term as president of the NRA, addressed with employees and management the responsibilities shared by the NRA and the firearms industry. Froman also visited with local shooters and NRA supporters while touring the Smith & Wesson Shooting Sports Center.

"The right to bear firearms is one of the things that keeps this country free," said Froman. "As one of the oldest and largest civil rights organizations in the history of the United States, it is the duty of the NRA to make sure people can continue to own firearms and that companies including Smith & Wesson can continue to manufacture products that meet that need. Only by working together will we be able to preserve the Second Amendment rights of future generations."

As part of the company's ongoing efforts to support the NRA and in honor of Froman's visit, Smith & Wesson extended a special offer to all of its 854 employees to receive a one-year, company paid NRA membership. The company also announced that it will debut a limited-edition 'Women of the NRA' revolver in January at the 2007 SHOT Show in Orlando, Florida. The designated revolver, a Smith & Wesson Model 442, is the same revolver carried by Sandra Froman when at home in Arizona. A portion of the proceeds from each 'Women of the NRA' revolver will support a Smith & Wesson sponsored – NRA endowment.

The 'Women of the NRA' gun is machined-engraved with the NRA logo on the sideplate and on the cylinder flutes. An inscription on the carbon steel cylinder reads "Original Defender of Freedom 2nd Amendment" and a backstrap inscription reads 'Women of the NRA'. The five round .38 Special revolver features an aluminum alloy frame with a blue finish. The hammerless revolver is standard with bonded ivory grips, a black blade front sight and a fixed rear sight. Each revolver features decorative engraving along the barrel and will bear a special serial number starting with NRA0001. The 'Women of the NRA' gun will be shipped in a glass-top, wooden presentation case.

Michael F. Golden, President and CEO of Smith & Wesson said, "The NRA has always filled and will continue to fill a critical role in the protection of our Second Amendment rights in the United States, and the preservation of the firearms industry. By working together, focusing on the same goals and utilizing all of our resources, we will be able to preserve the shooting sports, a tradition

that is deeply rooted in the foundation of this country. Our commitment to provide each of our employees with a paid, one-year membership to the NRA is intended to demonstrate our Company's overall support of NRA initiatives, and to encourage each of our employees to join in that support by becoming long-term NRA members. On behalf of Smith & Wesson, we would like to extend our gratitude to Sandra Froman and to the NRA. We look forward to working together in the future."

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson is a global provider of products and services for the safety, security, protection and sport markets. The Company manufactures firearms and handcuffs and is home to America's longest-running firearms training facilities for America's public servants. The Company also markets a variety of products for sport shooters including firearm safety/security devices, shooter protective gear, knives, apparel, footwear and other accessory lines. The Company is based in Springfield, Mass., with manufacturing facilities in Springfield and Houlton, Maine. Contact (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com