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New Smith & Wesson® SDVE™ Pistols Available For Sale In California

*New 9mm and .40 S&W Pistols Grandfathered Prior to California Microstamping Mandate;
Non-Microstamped, Compliant and Approved for Sale in California*

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (**February 25, 2014**) --- Smith & Wesson Corp. announced today that the long awaited California compliant models of the increasingly popular SD9 VE™ and SD40 VE™ pistols have commenced shipping. Available in both 9mm and .40 S&W, the SDVE pistols were approved and added to the California Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale prior to the microstamping requirements. These compliant models provide California residents with reliable pistols at an affordable price.

The highly anticipated California compliant models of the 9mm and .40 S&W SDVE pistols feature a 10-round capacity magazine, tactile loaded chamber indicator and magazine safety. Compliant and approved for sale in California, the new self-defense pistols retain original design elements including a polymer frame with stainless steel slide, two-tone finish, striker-fired action and 4-inch barrel. Each pistol is standard with a white-dot front sight, a fixed two-dot rear sight and an unloaded weight of 22.7 ounces.

The SDVE pistols also have the reliable Self Defense Trigger (SDT™), which provides a smooth, consistent trigger pull and enhances accuracy while providing users with increased confidence. For optimal comfort and control, the SDVE pistols have been fitted with an 18° natural point of aim and an ergonomic grip with aggressive front and back strap texturing. The Smith & Wesson SD9 VE and SD40 VE have both been built with a textured finger locator, which is placed directly above the trigger guard on the left and right side of the frame. Underneath the barrel, a universal Picatinny-style equipment rail is standard for optional tactical lights, lasers and other popular accessories.

“The new SD9 VE and SD40 VE pistols combine the best of both price and functionality in a reliable, ergonomic firearm engineered for personal protection,” said Mario Pasantes, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Global Professional Sales. “Built to deliver dependability, accuracy, comfort and value, these California compliant SDVE models provide the peace of mind long associated with the Smith & Wesson name.”

A number of high-quality accessories are readily available for the SDVE series and each pistol is furnished with Smith & Wesson’s lifetime service policy.

For more information on the new California compliant SD9 VE and SD40 VE pistols from Smith & Wesson, visit www.smith-wesson.com or visit the company’s YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/SmithWessonCorp> for exciting new videos on the latest products.

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