

**EY announces Fireline Corporation President Anna Gavin
is an EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2015 Award finalist in the Maryland Region**

Baltimore, MD (April 27, 2015) – EY today announced that Anna Gavin, President of Fireline Corporation, is a finalist for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2015 Award in the Maryland Region. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Ms. Gavin was selected as a finalist by a panel of independent judges. Award winners will be announced at a special gala event on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. Now in its 29th year, the program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities in more than 60 countries throughout the world.

“Being selected as a finalist for this program is an incredible honor. We have put a ton of work in to Fireline the past five years to get us transitioned to the next generation for our company and this recognition is proof that we are making the right moves.” - Anna Gavin, President of Fireline.

Fireline Corporation was founded in 1947 as one of the first companies in the nation to specialize in the fire equipment distribution and service business. Now in its third generation of leadership, Fireline continues to be a name for quality life safety systems. Fireline is headquartered in Baltimore and operates an office in Leesburg, Va.

Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National program. Award winners in several national categories, as well as the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year National Overall Award winner, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California, on November 14, 2015. The awards are the culminating event of the EY Strategic Growth Forum®, the nation’s most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

Sponsors

Founded and produced by EY, the Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards are nationally sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and SAP America. In Maryland, regional program sponsors also include the Baltimore Business Journal, DLA Piper, PNC Bank and Smart CEO. Maryland reception sponsors include DTZ, Kelly Benefit Strategies and Randstad.

About EY Entrepreneur Of The Year®

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