



### **Fireline President Named Honored with Brava! Women Business Achievement Award**

BALTIMORE, Md. (July 14, 2011) – Anna W. Gavin, president of The Fireline Corporation, a Baltimore-based fire protection equipment contractor, distributor and service company, received the Brava! Women Business Achievement Award at a gala ceremony Tuesday evening at the American Visionary Museum.

The award, sponsored by SmartCEO, celebrates women business leaders who combine their irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit with a passion for giving back to the community. “I am honored for this recognition and know that I would not be here without the support of my wonderful staff and their constant drive for achieving our goals. We are changing so much here and everyone has been nothing but supportive.” says Gavin. One of 25 women recognized, Gavin joins an impressive list of other local female business leaders and VIP’s.

The Brava! Women in Business Achievement Award is the second time in less than a month that Gavin has been recognized for her leadership and commitment. In June she was named a winner of "20 in their 20's" sponsored by the Maryland Daily Record that celebrates the best and brightest people under the age of 30 whose creativity and spirit are already contributing to a new energy in Maryland.

Gavin, a graduate of the University of Maryland, was named president of the family firm in late 2009. She is the third generation of the firm's leadership including its founder and president, John S. Waters and Stephen Waters who succeeded his father as president beginning in 1982. He died in December 2009. Gavin credits all Fireline’s successes to her father and grandfather’s wonderful guidance throughout the years.

#### **About The Fireline Corporation**

The Fireline Corporation was founded in 1947 by John S. Waters as one of the first companies in the nation to specialize in the fire equipment distribution and service business. Now one of the largest portables and special systems distributors in the country with more than 170 employees, Fireline is headquartered in Baltimore and operates an office in Leesburg, Va. Instrumental in the development of the industry nationally, John Waters helped to create the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) and was elected as the organization’s third president in 1965; his son Stephen, Fireline’s president from 1982 to 2009, served as NAFED president from 1985 to 1987. Fireline is also a member of the Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). For more information, call 410-247-1422 or visit [www.fireline.com](http://www.fireline.com)

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