



## **The Fireline Corporation Names Regional Suppression Sales Manager**

BALTIMORE, Md. (April 20, 2011) – The Fireline Corporation today announced that Robert Wakes has been named regional suppression sales manager of the company's Special Hazards and Suppression Group. The announcement was made by Anna W. Gavin, president of the Baltimore-based fire protection equipment contractor, distributor and service company.

Wakes brings more than 15 years of fire protection product experience, most recently as sales manager of Statewide Fire Protection, Fairfax County, Va. He has also held the position of regional sales manager with United Technologies Fire & Security Division, working for companies such as Fenwal Protection Systems, Chemetron Fire Systems and in the United Kingdom, Chubb Fire Ltd.

"We are especially excited about Rob's expertise with special hazard systems---one of the more complex fields in the fire protection industry and one that Fireline, along with other industry leaders, recognizes as an important niche in the market," said Gavin.

Wakes, a member of the Fire Suppression Systems Association, resides in McLean, Va.

### **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)