



**ABCO Fire Protection, Inc. Realigns Business to Improve Customer Focus & Long Term Growth**  
**New Organizational Structure welcomes Steve DeJohn to President & CFO**

**Cleveland, OH, December, 2013** – ABCO Fire Protection, Inc., headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, the regional providers of fire protection equipment, services, and products, has recently promoted Steve DeJohn to newly created role of President and Chief Financial Officer, expanding his current responsibilities. In Steve’s year and half with ABCO, he has worked to bring new and higher-levels of analysis to ABCO. Steve is well positioned to help ABCO deliver on long-term goals. “It’s a really exciting time at ABCO”, said DeJohn. “I look forward to contributing to the continued growth and success of ABCO in my new and expanded role.”

Effective January 1, 2014, ABCO will create two unique strategic business units, one that is focused on Install and Repair and one that is focused on Service, Inspection and Resale. ABCO is realigning the business to continue to improve customer focus and, from an internal perspective, create a more definitive organizational and reporting structure that is perfectly aligned with ABCO’s vision and guiding principles. Having more specific focus in our business through more narrowly-defined business units will serve to improve efficiency, reduce operational overlap and waste, and provide a platform to expand our service offerings and replicate those across the markets we do business in. A new alignment also better positions ABCO to continue to grow sales and profitability both organically and via acquisition; and most importantly, allow the organization to maintain it’s primary focus – Setting the Industry Standard at Customer Service.

Steve DeJohn will continue to report to chairman and chief executive officer, Bob Titmas. “Steve is well positioned to help us deliver on our long-term strategic goals. I am proud of our accomplishments, and appreciate Steve's new leadership role at ABCO”, mentioned Bob Titmas. DeJohn brings two decades of leadership experience to his new role as President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining the company, Steve worked in various finance roles of increasing responsibilities at American Greetings, VF Corp, Barnes Distribution and was most recently Transportation Controller at GCA Services. “Steve's track record in accounting principals, financial analysis and company operational management make him the obvious choice to assume a larger executive management role at ABCO, providing me with more time to focus on long-term strategy,” said Bob Titmas.

For more information, please visit ABCO Fire Protection online at: [www.abcofire.com](http://www.abcofire.com).

**About ABCO:** Established in 1975, ABCO supplies fire protection and prevention needs for nearly 50,000 customers in the manufacturing, retail, government, and marine industries. They provide portable and fixed systems and compliment these products with inspection, maintenance, and certification services; and 24-hour emergency services are available. Their list of products include: fire extinguishers, kitchen equipment, fire suppression systems, alarm & detection systems, first aid & safety equipment, exit & emergency lighting, and power washing equipment. ABCO offers extensive repair and cleaning services for kitchen exhaust systems and hoods including power washing. ABCO is an authorized distributor for ANSUL, CHEMETRON, FIKE, FIRETRACE, KIDDE, NOTIFIER, FIRELITE, VESDA AND PYROCHEM. ABCO’s reputation has been built by supplying quality products combined with superior installation and inspection performance.

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