

Vandenberg Air Force Base personnel are currently helping out while Santa Maria makes the transition.

## EMERGENCY ONE ACQUIRED BY AIP

OCALA, FLORIDA (USA) - American Industrial Partners Capital Fund IV, L.P. ("AIP") today announced that it has acquired E-ONE, Inc. ("E-ONE" or the "Company"), a subsidiary of Federal Signal Corporation. E-ONE is a leading supplier of fire rescue vehicles including aerials, pumpers, rescues, mobile command centers and aircraft rescue fire fighting (ARFF) vehicles.

E-ONE was founded in 1974 and is headquartered in Ocala, Florida. The Company has one of the largest installed bases in the industry and sells one of the broadest product lines covering nearly every type of fire rescue apparatus. Throughout its history, the Company's name has been synonymous with quality and innovation and its products are distributed by one of the industry's leading dealer networks.



Dino Cusumano, a managing partner of American Industrial Partners, said, "We believe in the leadership of Peter Guile and the depth and experience of the E-ONE management team and employee base. We are confident that our partnership with E-One management will create an industry leading company. E-ONE is a premier brand name in the fire rescue market and has a tremendous franchise that we can build on. Our operating resources will allow the Company to achieve its full potential as an industry leader."

Peter Guile, Chief Executive Officer of E-ONE, said, "Under our new ownership, we are implementing a comprehensive agenda of operating initiatives targeted at achieving industry leadership in areas such as quality, delivery, cost, product performance, and aftermarket support. We believe the unique resources and expertise of AIP will help E-ONE achieve significant success as an independent company."

E-ONE's Board of Directors will include Gene Goodson and Donn Viola who each have substantial experience in the fire rescue and heavy truck industries. Gene Goodson is the former Chairman and CEO of Oshkosh Truck. Donn Viola is the former Chief Operating Officer of Mack Trucks.

Gene Goodson stated, "It is exciting to be involved with a company with such high potential as E-ONE. The challenges and opportunities in the fire appa-

rus industry have changed dramatically in the past ten years and I look forward to being part of such a dynamic industry."

## FORMER OTTAWA AIRPORT FIRE CHIEF, NEW YORK STATE TROOPER ELECTROCUTED FIXING FLAT TIRE ON FIRE TRUCK

OGDENSBURG, New York (USA) - A former Ottawa Airport fire chief and a New York state trooper were electrocuted August 3rd afternoon while fixing flat tires on an antique fire truck on the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge, about an hour south of Ottawa, Canada.

According to New York state police, Pierre Surprenant was driving an antique fire truck and towing a trailer containing an antique fire chief's vehicle across the border when he stopped on the bridge to repair the larger truck's right rear tires.

Mr. Surprenant asked Trooper Shawn W. Snow, 47, to assist him, and the two men raised the fire truck's ladder in order to redistribute the weight away from the back of the truck.

The ladder came in contact with a high voltage power line, which carried the current through the truck, killing the two men instantly.

New York state police said Mr. Surprenant was 51, but friends of said he was 53.

Mr. Surprenant, the former fire chief at the Ottawa International Airport, was returning to his home in Terrebonne, Quebec, just outside of Montreal, following a weekend gathering in Syracuse, New York, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America.

He had been teaching firefighting at the Firefighters Academy in Mirabel, Quebec., for the past several months.

Friends of Mr. Surprenant were shocked by his sudden death.

"We're all still catching our breaths," said Peter Ryan, president of the Bytown Fire Brigade, a non-profit historical society of Ottawa firefighting, of which Mr. Surprenant was a member.

"He was a fun guy to be with, but he also had a serious side," Mr. Ryan said. "When push came to shove, and there was something that had to be done, Pierre did what he had to do to make it happen."