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## **VSC Fire & Security, Inc. Mourns the Loss of Company Chairman, Martin L. “Marty” Giles**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ashland, VA -- It is with great sadness that VSC Fire & Security, Inc. announces the passing of our Chairman, Martin L. “Marty” Giles. Marty passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Marty began his career in the fire sprinkler industry while in high school and college working for his father, Roland Giles, who co-founded Virginia Sprinkler Company in 1958. Marty served in the United States Army in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968 and was awarded the Purple Heart. He returned to Virginia Sprinkler Company eventually purchasing his father’s shares of the company and becoming President in 1971. Through 2001, Marty served as President of Virginia Sprinkler Company. In 2009, Virginia Sprinkler Company became VSC Fire & Security, Inc. Until his passing, Marty served as Chairman of the Board for VSC Fire & Security, Inc.

With Marty’s vision and leadership, VSC Fire & Security, Inc. grew from a local company with annual sales of \$3 million to one of the nation’s leading fire protection and security companies. Today, VSC Fire & Security, Inc. employs more than 800 people and has annual revenue exceeding \$100 million.

“Marty built the company, which now has offices from Maryland to Florida, on a foundation of quality craftsmanship, exceptional customer service and the company values of integrity and reliability. Those founding principles and values continue as the core strengths of VSC Fire & Security, Inc.,” said John C. McDonald, president of VSC Fire & Security, Inc.

“Marty was a true visionary for the fire protection and security industry. His leadership and courage, as well as his generosity and compassion, were extraordinary. Our sympathy goes out to Marty’s family and all who were touched by this wonderful man and leader. We are grateful to have had the genius of Marty Giles in our lives,” said McDonald.

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Marty was actively involved in the support and growth of the entire fire protection industry. He served on the American Fire Sprinkler Association (AFSA) Board of Directors for 15 years, including serving as Chairman of the Board. Marty was also Past President of the Virginia Chapter of the AFSA. In 2010, he was honored to receive AFSA's national Henry S. Parmelee Award, which is annually awarded to an individual who has dedicated himself to the professional advancement of the fire sprinkler industry.

"All employees of VSC Fire & Security are deeply saddened by the passing of Marty and our collective thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. He will be greatly missed by all," said McDonald.

VSC Fire & Security, Inc., established in 1958, is a privately held company based in Ashland, Virginia, and provides integrated fire protection, life safety and security solutions for and inspection of fire suppression, fire detection, fire sprinklers, alarms and security systems. Offices are based in Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Richmond, VA; Virginia Beach, VA; Salem, VA; Raleigh, NC; Charlotte, NC; Myrtle Beach, SC; Charleston, SC; Atlanta, GA; Orlando, FL; Tampa, FL; Mobile, AL; and Orange Beach, AL.

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