

## Professional Proactive Protection

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## Protegis Fire & Safety Acquires Florida Fire Service Adding Further Coverage in the Florida Market

Louisville, KY / Cleveland, OH – Protegis Fire & Safety ("Protegis"), announced today that it has completed the acquisition of Tampa-based Florida Fire Service, Inc. ("Florida Fire"). Like Protegis, Florida Fire provides fire safety service and repair, inspection and installation services for commercial customers in a variety of end markets. On a combined basis, Protegis now does business in 45 states and employs over 350 fire protection professionals across the country.

A long-standing family-owned and operated business, Florida Fire offers complete fire protection services for various types of commercial and municipal facilities throughout the west coast of Florida and surrounding markets. "We've known the Florida Fire team for several years and are excited to welcome them to our growing company," said Protegis President/COO Steve DeJohn. "Given their reputation for service quality and technical expertise, they are a natural extension of our brand and allow us to bring Protegis into the Florida market."

"The partnership with Protegis is an exciting new chapter for Florida Fire employees and customers. We have great pride in the service we have provided to our customers over the decades. As we evaluated many options for our next phase of growth, Protegis stood out to us as a leader in the industry and a partner who will support continued best-in-class service to our customers," said Florida Fire Service Owner Doug Higgs.

Protegis is actively seeking fire and life safety companies across the United States who are interested in exploring their next phase of growth. Companies of all size could be a potential fit as Protegis continues to expand our footprint and service capabilities.

"We don't have a one-size fits all approach in our acquisition process. We work to create alignment between the owner's and company's needs to create a successful transaction for all," said Steve Smith, VP of Mergers & Acquisitions for Protegis.

Please contact VP of Business Development Steve Smith at <a href="mailto:ssmith@protegis.com">ssmith@protegis.com</a> to discuss further.

## About Protegis

Protegis (the "Company") provides inspection, maintenance, installation, and repair services and sells new, repaired, and remanufactured parts for fire and security systems and equipment. The Company's team of professional engineers/designers and NICET-certified technicians design, install, and program a wide variety of fire and security alarm brands. The Company's national footprint and one-stop solution attract customers seeking to simplify their fire safety services spend and increase service quality through vendor consolidation. For more information, visit <u>www.protegis.com</u>.