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## *News Release*

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## **FIRE-LITE IP FIRE ALARM COMMUNICATOR RECOGNIZED BY SECURITY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

### *Unique Internet Communications Device Proves Functional and Economic Benefits*

NORTHFORD, Conn, April XX, 2009 — Fire-Lite Alarms' [FireWatch Series](#) upload/download fire alarm IP communicator was awarded top honors in the Fire and Life Safety category of the [Security Industry Association's](#) (SIA) 30<sup>th</sup> annual New Product Showcase competition.

The *FireWatch* upload/download IP communicator enables any commercial building's fire alarm system to communicate with central monitoring stations via the Internet. Its exclusive upload/download feature allows installers to interact with systems from any remote location. Whether uploading program updates, troubleshooting issues or performing virtual maintenance checks, these remote capabilities can lead to reduced expenses and false alarms.

In its presentation to SIA judges, Fire-Lite illustrated the ease of installation and multiple money-saving advantages this one-of-a-kind device offers both installers and building owners.

"Once the judges saw how easy this is to install and understood the increased reliability it offers, I think they were hooked," says Gene Pecora, Fire-Lite's director of marketing. "Plus the monthly expenses this device saves can be astounding."

Fire-Lite's IP communicator can utilize a building's existing IP line (i.e. LAN, WAN, DSL, cable, etc.) to digitally transmit information to central stations. Traditional phone lines utilized for alarm communications can be eliminated, saving the monthly expense of \$50-\$80 per line.

Internet alarm monitoring eliminates the many alarm communication issues that stem from the telecommunications industry's ongoing switch to fiber optic cable for digital signal transmissions. While enabling faster alarm transmissions, the FireWatch IP communicator also increases supervision of connectivity between the central station and alarm panel to every 90 seconds. Phone lines are typically supervised once every 24 hours.

The *FireWatch* IP communicator merely connects to a fire alarm panel's standard telephone ports, no changes to the panel's existing configuration are required. All alarm transmissions are secured with the industry's highest level of encryption (AES 512 bit). This module's fully-digital transmission method also eliminates common dropouts in modem communications caused by noise or other factors.

The *FireWatch* IP communicator is listed to UL 864 9<sup>th</sup> Edition standards as compatible with multiple new and legacy varieties of Fire-Lite alarm panels. All Fire-Lite products are non-proprietary, available through local security equipment distributor retail locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Visit [www.firelite.com](http://www.firelite.com) for more in-depth product information.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** High- and low- resolution images of the *FireWatch* IP communicator are available in the Fire-Lite press room for your publication to utilize in connection with this release. Please direct all Fire-Lite sales leads to Marissa Guillen at [marissa.guillen@honeywell.com](mailto:marissa.guillen@honeywell.com).

Fire-Lite Alarms, part of the Honeywell (NYSE: HON) Fire Systems group, manufactures fire alarm products for low to mid-size, commercial applications around the world. The wide range of addressable, conventional and voice evacuation systems designed by Fire-Lite comprise common features across all lines, making for easy installation, commissioning and maintenance.

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