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METALCRAFT CELEBRATES A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

Metalcraft, a global leader in the design and manufacture of state-of-the-art fire detection and suppression equipment, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The company serves a broad range of industries, including marine, auto racing, defense and aerospace, where its extinguishers have flown on numerous NASA missions.

Beginning as a machine shop in the mid-60s with two owners and a secretary, the company served a localized Baltimore, Maryland, USA customer base. Within 10 years, it began supplying fire extinguishers to the US government and defense agencies. By 1997, Metalcraft had become an international company. It currently has a staff of over 50 employees, with an extensive global sales and distribution network.

"From its early days in a humble tool shop, the company has grown to become an international player in the fire and safety arena," said Ernie Ellis, Metalcraft president. "We focus on responding to technological developments, and building worldwide strategic relationships to enhance our product offerings and market capabilities."

Over the years, Ellis has garnered numerous accolades in acknowledgement of his personal dedication to business. He was presented a Maryland International Business Award for entrepreneurial spirit and determination in a global marketplace. Metalcraft's maritime arm, Sea-Fire

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Marine, was recognized with the Presidential E-Award, the highest honor the American government can bestow upon an exporting company. In 2006, he met with US President George W. Bush and a small group of business owners to discuss job growth and the economy, with a focus on entrepreneurship and international commerce.

Metalcraft is widely known for being an industry leader in next-generation fire detection and suppression equipment. Its innovative products have protected the lives and property of people worldwide.

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