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It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of Marv Charney's recent passing. Marv was a trailblazer and innovator in the fire protection industry and was admired and respected by colleagues, peers and competitors alike.

Marv joined Fenwal, Inc. as a co-op student while attending Northeastern University and upon graduation in 1962 joined the company as a full-time employee. Marv would spend his entire career at Fenwal which later became Kidde-Fenwal, Inc. During his 42-year tenure here, he excelled at the organization in a variety of impactful roles including Systems Engineering Manager, Regional Sales Manager, National Sales Manager and Director of Sales. He published a steady stream of technical papers related to combustion phenomenon and fire suppression research.

Marv introduced ground-breaking fire suppression systems in the late 60's and was closely associated with the development of the Fenwal Spherical storage containers that were sold under the Fenwal Protection Systems brand until 2016. After Halon systems were taken off the market, Marv successfully led the Fenwal team through the transition of fire suppression systems with new chemical agents in 1994 and deftly positioned Fenwal to take advantage of the growing special hazards market.

The Fenwal distributors which he personally identified, cultivated, and promoted became the "Gold Standard" in the special hazards fire suppression industry and were considered the *crème de la crème* of the industry.

In 1982 Marv played a key role in the creation and development of the Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA), where manufacturers and installers would work together to share ideas and strategies that allow members to this day to deliver the highest level of service and reliability to the market.

Prior to his January 2005 retirement, Marv was presented the Kidde PLC Lifetime Achievement Award by Michael Harper, the Managing Director of Kidde PLC and former owner of Kidde-Fenwal, for his significant contributions to the business and the special hazards fire protection industry.

Marv will be remembered fondly by all he touched. His humor, charisma, genuine caring and love of life, drew so many to him. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside Marv for so many years.

