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Edwards to Expand FireWorks[®] Control System to Offer Enhanced Multi-Functional Incident Management Platform

MEBANE, N.C., July 8, 2015 — [Edwards](#) was the first to receive the UL2572 Mass Notification System listing for its EST[®]3 and FireWorks control systems in 2009. Now, the brand is expanding the FireWorks control system to deliver comprehensive incident management and mass notification solutions for installations ranging from single-building systems to campuses to global enterprise networks. Edwards is a part of UTC Building & Industrial Systems, a unit of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX).

A new version of FireWorks available later this year will offer three different software versions for standalone workstations and non-redundant and redundant servers, which will allow end users to operate the platform on one or multiple workstations that automatically mirror all databases. The FireWorks platform can be installed on a dedicated life safety network or on a facility's network backbone to offer the tools needed to monitor, control and address emergency situations. Edwards technology securely gathers, consolidates, disseminates and displays data, and controls key points throughout a facility or campus. The system will color code and prioritize simultaneous emergencies and will support custom audio messaging to reinforce an emergency action plan. The platform will offer up to five customizable viewports that can display maps, images, event lists, event actions and browser options.

"FireWorks has a proven history as a leading incident management platform, and these enhancements will enable it to meet our customers' ongoing needs regarding mass notification, incident management, fire alarm and integration," said Jon Hughes, director of product management, Edwards.

Edwards designed FireWorks as a platform for colleges, universities, corporate campuses, hospitals, military bases and industrial sites to execute their emergency preparedness plans. The platform is compatible with third-party networks and employs top-of-the line products for mass notification and IT solutions, such as:

- **[HyperSpike® Series Speakers](#)**: High- and medium-power speaker arrays and portable loudspeaker systems that utilize patented HyperSpike technology to deliver powerful and intelligible audio signals and messages. These compact, lightweight speakers can be used for indoor and outdoor applications and provide crystal clear sound quality with up to a 360-degree projection. These speaker arrays and portable loudspeakers deliver audio intelligibility and flexibility to applications once thought impossible.
- **[Managed Ethernet Switches powered by Cisco®](#)**: Edwards is the exclusive provider of Cisco UL Listed Fire & Mass Notification Ethernet switches with Resilient Ethernet Protocol and fiber optic cable modules. The switches and modules deliver improved network configuration and more flexible, scalable interfaces. The switches are compatible with the powerful Cisco Network Assistant utility that simplifies network maintenance and control.

For more information, visit www.edwardsfiresafety.com.

About Edwards

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