

EXECUTIVE LEADER



RYAN JOHNSTON
CEO and President



VFP Fire Systems
Viking Automatic Sprinkler
301 York Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55130

Tel: (800) 229.6263
Fax: (651) 558.3310
VFPFIRE.COM
VIKINGSPRINKLER.COM

Ryan Johnston is the CEO and president of **VFP FIRE SYSTEMS** and **VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER** headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.

Since 1999, Johnston has been responsible for the leadership and vision of both companies which collectively have been known in the fire protection industry for more than 165 years.

In 1984, upon graduation from Iowa State University with a degree in mechanical engineering, he joined Northstar Fire Protection Co., located in Dallas, Texas, as a designer and project manager of fire sprinkler systems. In 1987, Johnston became the senior project manager of the Western States Fire Protection's branch in Dallas, Texas.

Johnston became part of APi Group when Western States was purchased in 1989. In 1991 he was promoted to vice president of the Dallas branch, which quickly grew by adding locations in Austin, San Antonio and Fort Worth, Texas. The Dallas branch also acquired Universal Fire, a special hazards division, with offices in Austin, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

In 1999, Johnston was asked to lead Viking Automatic Sprinkler and VFP Fire Systems as the president and CEO. He is responsible for overseeing the 16 branch offices in the Upper Midwest and the Gulf Coast.

Johnston is a member of the NFSA (National Fire Sprinkler Association) and serves on the Contractor Labor Advisory Committee – Sprinkler Fitters Local 669. In addition, he is a member of the NFSA Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee – Sprinkler Fitters Local 417 (Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.)

He shares his household with his wife, daughter and son. He enjoys coaching youth baseball and softball, hunting, and water sports.🌀