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Grant R. Neal is one of two vice presidents of **VIPOND FIRE PROTECTION**, a division of Vipond Inc.; he assumed this role in 2001.

Neal joined Vipond in 1974 as a designer and moved to contract sales in 1980. In 1996 Neal became the branch general manager of the Mississauga, Ontario office and opened two satellite offices – in Toronto and Barrie, Ontario, Canada. In 2001 he was promoted to manager of the National Fire Group, in this position Neal oversaw Vipond's Fire Group activities across Canada.

Neal is currently the chairman of the Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association's Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. He is an active member of the Ontario Regional Group, the O.R.G. Residential Committee, and the C.A.S.A. National Negotiating Committee.

In addition, Neal sits on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Construction Association, is a member of the CCA Executive Committee, the chairman of the CCA Trade Contractors Council, and is an active member of the CCA e-Construction Council.

Neal has been proactive in regards to residential fire sprinklers since 1999 and was very involved in the development of the new National Residential Agreement between C.A.S.A. and the U.A. He is a director of the non-profit Ontario Corporation "Fire Sprinkler Alliance for Everyone (FireSafe) Inc.," which lobbies for mandatory residential fire sprinklers in all new residential construction.

Neal is married and has a daughter and a son. His interests include softball, photography, carpentry, mechanics, and motorcycles.♣