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Melisa Rodriguez, PE, SET, is Sr. Manager, Industry Relations with Johnson Controls. She is a licensed Fire Protection Professional Engineer with 22 years of experience in the industry and has held various roles including Project Manager, Designer, Lead Fire Protection Engineer, and Senior Business Development Manager. She is NICET certified Level IV in Water Based Systems Layout. She earned her Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering and MBA from the University of Minnesota located in Minneapolis, MN. Melisa serves on the MN board of licensure for engineering and other related professions (AELSLAGID), is Vice-Chair of the MN Governor's Council for Fire Prevention and Control, a principal member of NFPA 14, 13R/13D, and 88A Technical Committees, alternate member of the NFPA 13 Discharge, Respiratory Protection Equipment (FAE-RPE) and Smoke Management Systems (SMO-AAA) Committees, NFSA Future Leadership Committee Chair, SFPE Virtual Learning Subcommittee Chair, and Past President of the MN Chapter Society of Fire Protection Engineers.
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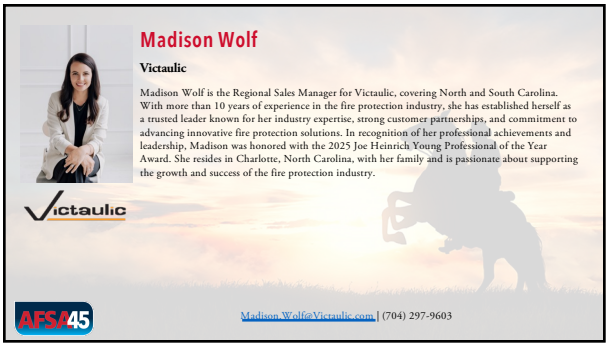
Madison Wolf
Victaulic
Madison Wolf is the Regional Sales Manager for Victaulic, covering North and South Carolina. With more than 10 years of experience in the fire protection industry, she has established herself as a trusted leader known for her industry expertise, strong customer partnerships, and commitment to advancing innovative fire protection solutions. In recognition of her professional achievements and leadership, Madison was honored with the 2025 Joe Heinrich Young Professional of the Year Award. She resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her family and is passionate about supporting the growth and success of the fire protection industry.
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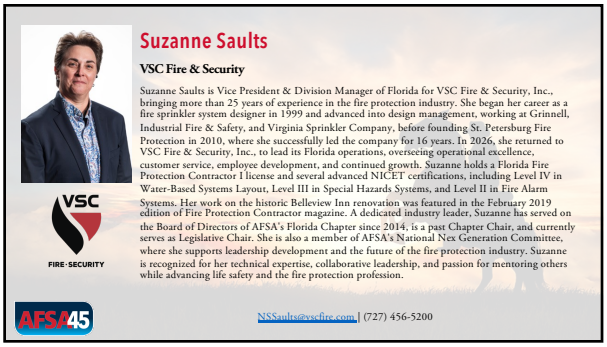
Suzanne Saults
VSC Fire & Security
Suzanne Saults is Vice President & Division Manager of Florida for VSC Fire & Security, Inc., bringing more than 25 years of experience in the fire protection industry. She began her career as a fire sprinkler system designer in 1999 and advanced into design management, working at Grinnell, Industrial Fire & Safety, and Virginia Sprinkler Company, before founding St. Petersburg Fire Protection in 2010, where she successfully led the company for 16 years. In 2026, she returned to VSC Fire & Security, Inc., to lead its Florida operations, overseeing operational excellence, customer service, employee development, and continued growth. Suzanne holds a Florida Fire Protection Contractor I license and several advanced NICET certifications, including Level IV in Water-Based Systems Layout, Level III in Special Hazards Systems, and Level II in Fire Alarm Systems. Her work on the historic Belleview Inn renovation was featured in the February 2019 edition of Fire Protection Contractor magazine. A dedicated industry leader, Suzanne has served on the Board of Directors of AFSA's Florida Chapter since 2014, is a past Chapter Chair, and currently serves as Legislative Chair. She is also a member of AFSA's National Nex Generation Committee, where she supports leadership development and the future of the fire protection industry. Suzanne is recognized for her technical expertise, collaborative leadership, and passion for mentoring others while advancing life safety and the fire protection profession.
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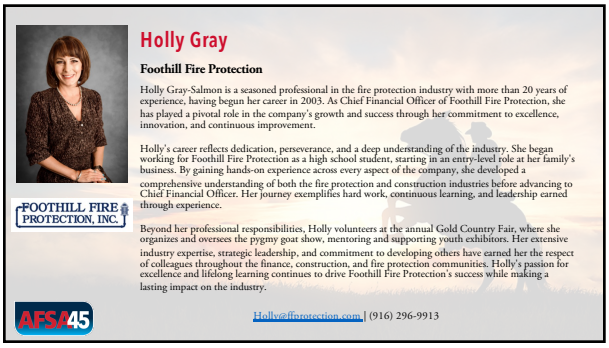
Holly Gray
Foothill Fire Protection
Holly Gray-Salmon is a seasoned professional in the fire protection industry with more than 20 years of experience, having begun her career in 2003. As Chief Financial Officer of Foothill Fire Protection, she has played a pivotal role in the company's growth and success through her commitment to excellence, innovation, and continuous improvement.
Holly's career reflects dedication, perseverance, and a deep understanding of the industry. She began working for Foothill Fire Protection as a high school student, starting in an entry-level role at her family's business. By gaining hands-on experience across every aspect of the company, she developed a comprehensive understanding of both the fire protection and construction industries before advancing to Chief Financial Officer. Her journey exemplifies hard work, continuous learning, and leadership earned through experience.
Beyond her professional responsibilities, Holly volunteers at the annual Gold Country Fair, where she organizes and oversees the pygmy goat show, mentoring and supporting youth exhibitors. Her extensive industry expertise, strategic leadership, and commitment to developing others have earned her the respect of colleagues throughout the finance, construction, and fire protection communities. Holly's passion for excellence and lifelong learning continues to drive Foothill Fire Protection's success while making a lasting impact on the industry.
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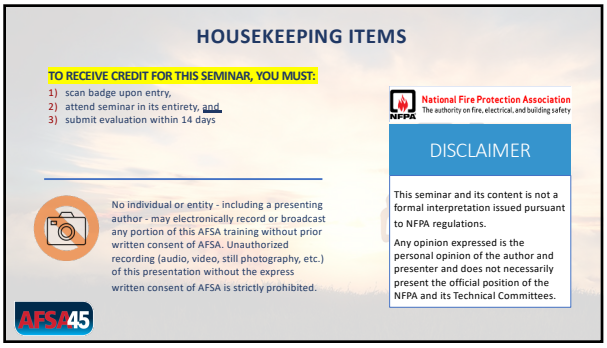
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