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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ENGINEERED PROTECTON SYSTEMS, INC. APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT**

*Just Third Person to Hold Title for 53-Year-Old Grand Rapids-Based Company*

**Grand Rapids, Mich., June 17, 2008**—Grand Rapids-based Engineered Protection Systems, Inc. (EPS), a leading national security system company, has appointed Kevin Carlson as president. He takes over for his father, Allan Carlson, who has served as president for the past 38 years. The younger Carlson assumes his new role immediately, and is charged with continued expansion and growth of the business that currently ranks in the top 30 nationwide in sales.

Kevin Carlson has more than 20 years of security system experience, the last five of which as vice president of EPS. During his tenure in that role the Company achieved unprecedented sales milestones, nearly doubling its number of accounts from 7,500 to nearly 15,000 subscribers. Today, EPS ranks as among the top one percent in revenue out of more than 10,000 security companies competing nationwide.

When Allan Carlson purchased EPS in 1970, it had just five employees and approximately \$100,000 in revenue. At the time, he had three young children at home and a strong desire to leave the hectic travel schedule his employer required. His idea was to bring the services that the national security companies were providing to the local level, to better service regional communities. His vision soon paid off, and by 1980 EPS had become West Michigan's leading provider. At the time, Carlson couldn't have imagined then that one of his children would grow up to lead what has become a \$20 million company.

"The first job we gave Kevin was in the stockroom," said Allan Carlson, "He has earned it every step of the way. His desire and passion have equated to success at every level—whether that was as installer, controller or manager—and so I'm confident we've made the best choice to lead our growing team."

EPS headquarters remain in downtown Grand Rapids, just blocks from where the Company first opened its doors in 1955. Today, it is the largest independent security provider in West Michigan, with satellite offices in Traverse City, Petoskey, Holland, Gaylord and Kalamazoo. The Company currently services accounts in six states: Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Allan Carlson plans to lighten his day-to-day activity at EPS, but will continue serving the Company as chairman of the board and advisor to the executive team.

#### **About Engineered Protection Systems (EPS)**

Grand Rapids, Mich.-based Engineered Protection Systems (EPS) is a nationwide leader in security systems services. The Company provides state-of-the-art solutions, including burglar alarms, fire alarms, card access systems, video surveillance, monitoring and integrated systems, to more than 15,000 commercial and residential clients in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

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